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Dinner Speaker/Award Meeting

- Date:** Tuesday, October 13, 2009
- RSVP:** 12 Noon, Friday, October 9, 2009 via our website
www.trafficclubofmemphis.com
- Place:** The Racquet Club of Memphis
5111 Sanderlin Ave.
Memphis, TN 37117
- Time:** Check-in/Networking: 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Dinner: 6:45pm
Speaker: 7:10 pm
Award: 7:45pm (*see newsletter announcement*)
Adjourn: 8:00 pm
- Speaker:** Roy Slagle, Sr. VP Sales and Mktg. ABF
- Topic:** *The State of the LTL Industry*
- Tariff:** \$25.00 TCOM members and guests with reservations
\$30.00 TCOM members and guests without reservations
\$30.00 Non-members
\$20.00 Transportation Educators and Students
\$20.00 Life-time members and guests

RSVP's

Please RSVP via the website for each meeting. This will insure that we have the proper number planned for the meal and meeting, and that we do not incur costs for extra seating. If you cannot RSVP via the website, please contact Ken Opperman, or Bob Glenn via email listed at the end of this newsletter to get added to the list.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Appears our transition from Summer to Fall will mirror the business climate we are currently experiencing; an ever so slight shift from the dog days of summer to a more pleasant temperature range. The last few weeks have been a welcome change and wonderful start to the Season of Change; but I have had enough of the rain of late.

We continue to have some positive signals being reported on the National scene, and I am encouraged by the improvement in home sales, increase in mortgage applications but also thankful I don't have a home for sale in the current environment. Seems the CARS program did provide a degree of stimulus to the economy, and surprising Ford announced increase production demand during the program. Reports indicated the stimulus benefited more imported products than domestic but like most promotional programs, the residual effects for other divisions is difficult to measure.

Speaking of measuring, the Scholarship committee had a difficult task in August, reviewing and awarding tuition assistance. At days end, 8 outstanding applicants were awarded scholarships totaling \$4,000. I will not steal Sheri's thunder and allow her the honor of announcing the students and their institutions but it was certainly personally gratifying to me to participate in this process.

I know most of you are now enjoying the college football season. With all the coaching changes, preseason rankings, and old rivalries, it should be a memorable season. The Tigers and the Rebels have already offered a great deal of noise in the news regarding rankings, quality of play, and season opening records. Stay tuned, much more to come.

I want to also congratulate our own Jim Chaltas of Cornerstone Systems. Jim was recently inducted into the South Dade High School "Concourse of Champions" in Homestead, Fla. Way to go Jim, we are proud of you.

I hope you all enjoyed a tremendous Labor Day Holiday and also took a special moment to remember the events of 8 years ago that changed the face of our country and world regarding the terrorist attacks. Mother Nature threatened us during the Fall Golf event and although our turnout was lighter than usual, a fun time was had by all. The proceeds of all our golf tournaments are the fuel for our tuition assistance initiatives and your support is greatly appreciated. I will allow our Director, France Gasquet to identify the awarded teams and skill players.

Thanks for your membership and participation in the Traffic Club of Memphis. I look forward to the next few months, serving out my term with you.

Sincerely,

Bob Glenn
President

JIM STRICKER MEMORIAL SPEAKER AWARD PRESENTATION!

As most of you are aware, Jim passed away on May 7, 2009 very unexpectedly. The board met to decide how to honor Jim's memory for his years of dedication and service to the Traffic Club of Memphis. It was decided that after serving previously as President and almost all other board positions at one time or another during his many, many years with the club, that his most recent board position, Speaker Chair, would give us the opportunity to name our speaker award in Jim's memory. This will allow his legacy with our club to last forever. *We will begin this tradition at our Tuesday October 13, 2009 dinner meeting.* Please consider showing your support by attending this very important presentation. Jim's wife Roberta and son's Billy and Alex are planning to attend this very special evening.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED!

The following are recipients of the Traffic Club of Memphis Educational Foundation scholarship Awards:

From the [University of Memphis](#), \$500 each to:

Jennifer Nicole Smith
Scott Michael Garrett
Andrew Beachamp

From the [University of Tennessee](#), \$500 each to:

Cindy Tien-Shin Chiang
Anne Kathryn Blackburn
Guy Hustis Milnor
Samuel Lee Coyne
Sean Ryan Wood

Congratulations to these well-deserving applicants! Remember that our Spring and Fall Golf Outings support the efforts of The Traffic Club of Memphis in awarding scholarships to students in our community.

2009 FALL GOLF CLASSIC RESULTS

The 2009 Fall Golf Classic was held at Memphis National on Monday September 14. Even with on and off rain showers, there were no storms and play was able to continue without delays. We understand with the economic times as they are that some companies and individuals were not able to participate compared to previous events but we want to THANK VERY MUCH those that did. Another good time was had by all and we look forward to our 2010 Spring Classic as it is not far away!!

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VOLUNTEERS

Jim DeWeese-	ABF
Jon Duncan-	ALSAC/St. Jude
France Gasquet-	Mercer
Todd Moore-	Clark Frt. Lines
Patti Shannon-	ALSAC/St. Jude
Ken Opperman-	Eagle Systems
Curtis Vornes-	Clark Frt. Lines

TEAM AWARDS

1st Flight

1st Place- Titan Transfer

Dana Workman
Jeff Roberts
Kent Long
Craig Stauffer

2nd Place- JB Hunt/Hanjin

Mace Montgomery
Steve Clark
Steve Rogers
Joe Waldheim

3rd Place- Rock Logistics

Larry Rock
Steven Greer
Don Fox
David Mesner

2nd Flight

1st Place-Easley Transport

Phil Braden
Randy Case
Bill Goad
Terry Jobe

2nd Place-Cornerstone Systems

Jim Chaltas
Gregg Mitchell
Lisa Pair
Wayne Hamm

3rd Place- Diamond Int'l

Bob Glenn
Bill Pallme
Jim Kerschbaum
Denny Hammonds

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

CLOSEST TO PIN

#1- David Mesner
#9- Dana Workman
#11- Kent Long
#16- Mace Montgomery

MOST ACCURATE DRIVE

Woman- Lisa Pair
Man- David Mesner

DUES INFORMATION

Membership dues for the 2009-2010 term are now being accepted.
Please renew or join our club as soon as possible.

You may pay the \$25.00 dues via one of three ways:

- 1) Pay with a credit card at our website via Pay Pal. Credit card payments are only accepted via our website.
- 2) Pay with check or cash at our next meeting on November 30th.
- 3) Mail a check to the club's P.O. Box

Thanks much for your continued support and membership in 2009 and 2010!

2009 Event Calendar

Nov. 10 - Lunch - Election Day / Mason Wilson of Baker-Donelson,
Racquet Club

Dec. 4 - Dinner - Christmas Party, Racquet Club

2010 Event Calendar

Jan. 8 - Tommy Hodges, 2010 Chairman of the ATA

Feb. 12- Speaker meeting

Sep. ----- Fall Golf Classic

Mar. 11- Speaker meeting

Oct. 14- Speaker meeting

Apr. 8- Speaker meeting

Nov. 9- Elections/Speaker meeting

May ---- Spring Golf Classic

Dec. 3- Christmas Party

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Important Member Relation Announcements

Ruby Burks(contact info listed on next page), our Member Relations Director, would like to thank each member for sharing their birthday and anniversary information with us, and encourage you to also let us know of other events at work and at home, i.e. promotions, graduations, births, retirements, transitions, deaths, etc. that you would like to share with the club members.

Happy Birthday to:

Mindy Davis – Vantage Logistics – 9/13

Todd Moore – Clark Freight Lines – 9/30

John Brewer – Green Mountain Consulting

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

If you know of a TRANSPORTATION employer that has open positions, or you are seeking transportation employment, you may now send this information to mmorelli@abf.com, and this information will be added to our website.

2009-2010 CANDIDATES WANTED!!

The Traffic Club of Memphis is once again preparing for our annual election of board positions. The election will be held at our November 10, 2009 lunch meeting. These positions will serve for a one year period ending at our November 2010 election/meeting. If you have been a dues paying member of the Traffic Club of Memphis for at least 6 months, you are eligible to run for an elected office. Please contact Dan Pallme, Ken Opperman or Larry Mays to let them know of your intention. Their contact info is listed at the end of this newsletter.

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