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Meeting Announcement

Date: Tuesday November 12, 2002
Reservation by November 11, 2002

Place: Coor's Belle
5151 East Raines Road
Memphis, TN 38118

Time: Networking 6:00 PM
Dinner 6:30 PM

Menu: Garden Salad, Chicken or Beef Lasagna, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Desert, coffee and tea

Tariff: \$20.00 for Life members and students
\$25.00 for Members and Guests
\$30.00 for non-members

This month's speakers will be Shirley Kyles and Mel Howell of International paper. The meeting will feature I. P.'s Supply Chain Management. Use your Club's Information and Reservation Number, 901-794-6004 or the Club's web site trafficclubofmemphis.com to make your reservation.

Democracy is measured not by its leaders doing extraordinary things, but by its citizens doing ordinary things extraordinarily well. —John Gardner

President's Message

Thanks to the 48 members & guests that attended the October New Member Appreciation and Membership Drive with special thanks to:

Marty Morelli, New Member Board Director
Dana Workman, for presenting 2003 Ballot

The drive generated 6 new members.

By a majority vote of the members present at the October meeting, **Don Jones** was voted life membership.

The 2003 dues are still only \$25. The club's new year starts November 1st and the yearly dues are due by November 1, 2002. Also, to be eligible to vote or run for office, members must have their 2003 dues paid in full.

Please see the insert of the **slate of candidates** running for office and directors for 2003. The election shall be by ballot and absentee voting shall be permitted providing requests for said ballots are made to the Secretary-Treasurer at least two (2) weeks prior to election and the absentee ballots will be counted and processed with regular ballots on election night.

No other meeting is as important to the future of this organization as the election of candidates for the new term. The future of this fine organization should be determined by the entire membership instead of only a small percentage of those members that attend the November meeting. So please make special effort to attend and vote.

As I reflect back over the past twelve months, the Club has accomplished:

1. Nominee won the TCI Transportation Person of the Year.
2. Awarded 5 scholarships totaling \$4,500.
3. Established the Traffic Club of Memphis Educational Foundation, Inc., a 501©(6) nonprofit organization and funded it with \$14,000.
4. Granted 1 life membership.
5. Held 7 very interesting and industry related speaker meetings.
6. Held 2 very fun golf outings.
7. Expanded its Website and added:
 - a. automatic website reservation recording system
 - b. password protection for member information
 - c. internal member information sorting system
 - d. "mass" email system to all members
8. Held a Membership Drive.
9. Gained 36 new members.

Naturally, none of this could have been accomplished without the hard work and sacrifice of the **Officers and Board Directors**. Without their continued support and dedication to their functions & their caring about the overall well being of this organization, then none of the above could have been accomplished. **Thanks to each one of them for an outstanding, well done job. THANK YOU.**

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as the 82nd President of this fine organization. I encourage all members to please actively participate in this organization and serve wherever one can, whenever one can, and however one can. This organization has served and provided many interesting, worthwhile, and rewarding functions over the years and hopefully with everybody's help & support it will continue to do so in the future. Thank you.

The next meeting is Election Night on November 12th at the Coor's Belle. The speakers are **Shirley Kyles** and **Mel Howell** from **International Paper** and they will be speaking about IP and Supply Chain Management. Please use the website www.trafficclubofmemphis or call 794-6004 to make your reservations before the cutoff date.

Dues Reminder

We're coming up on election night. Time to renew your membership in the Traffic Club of Memphis. Its still a bargain at \$25. In order to vote in the upcoming November election or to run for a board position your dues must be paid prior to the election.

Coming Events

December Christmas Party Racquet Club of Memphis

January 2003 Speaker meeting Robert Anno, AutoZone

February Speaker meeting Bill Logue, FedEx Express

Welcome to the Following New Members

Fred Williams
Logistics Manager
Cummins Inc.
4155 Quest Way
Memphis, TN 38115
901-546-5587

Dave Young
Owner
Bennett-Memphis
4414 Highway 178W
Red Banks, MS 38661
662-252-3102

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Sales
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901-737-5175

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Vice President, Information Technology
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5100 Poplar Avenue, 15th Floor
Memphis, TN 38137
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Account Manager
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Memphis, TN 38111
901-795-2866

Philip Johnson
Vice President
Memphis Regional Chamber
P.O. Box 224
Memphis, TN 38101
901-543-3563

2003 Ballot

Officers

President

Ken Opperman

Vice President

Jerry Duncan or **Marty Morelli**

SIX (6) Board Directors

Sherrye Britt

Jerry Duncan

Jim Jacobs

Leslie James

Bill Lockwood

Rick Marino

Marty Morelli

Dan Pallme

Possible Newsletter Names

Memphis Traffic Talk

The Supply Chain Letter

Road, Rail and Con-trails

The Logistics and Transportation Newsletter

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Light Rail Planning for Tennessee

Another noteworthy event of interest to our membership:

The Tennessee Department of Transportation will conduct a public involvement meeting in Memphis on Tuesday, November 12, 2002, to present topics related to the Tennessee Rail System Plan. The meeting will be held in Meeting Room C of the Memphis/Shelby County Library located on 3030 Poplar Ave. Meeting time will from 6pm to 8:30pm.

The Department is developing a comprehensive rail plan to provide policy, procedural, and system management guidance defining a new role for the department in rail system projects.

Some of the topics that will be presented by TDOT's consultant team include an improved Bristol-Knoxville-Nashville-Memphis rail connection in Tennessee, a proposed Memphis rail bypass, potential rail system improvements in Tennessee, and the potential for intercity passenger rail service for Tennessee.

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