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## **'THURSDAY ELECTION DINNER'** **SPEAKER MEETING**

- Date:** **Thursday, November 13, 2008**
- Time:** Check-in/Networking: 6:00 PM – 6:30 PM  
Dinner: 6:30 PM  
Speaker: 7:00 PM  
Adjourn: 8:00 PM
- RSVP:** **12 Noon, Monday November 10, 2008**
- Place:** Holiday Inn Select  
5793 Poplar Ave.  
Memphis, TN 38119  
**CHANGE OF SPEAKER INFO**
- Speaker:** Philip H. Boruszewski, Port Security Specialist,  
Dept. of Homeland Security, U. S. Coast Guard
- Topic:** The Transportation Worker Identification Credential  
(TWIC- explanation is listed below).
- Menu:** Buffet – Salad, 2 Entrées, 2 Vegetables, Dessert, Coffee,  
Iced Tea, and Water
- Tariff:** \$25.00 TCOM members and guests with reservations  
\$30.00 TCOM members and guests without reservations  
\$30.00 Nonmembers  
\$20.00 Educators and Students
- Door Prize:** **\$50.00 Gift Card to Germantown Country Club.**  
**Donated by Jim Chaltas of Cornerstone Systems.**

## **SPEAKER CHANGE -- ONLY 100 SEATS AVAILABLE!!**

We want to make special mention of this Election Day/Speaker meeting and a limit on the number of attendees. As you noticed, we have had a speaker change for this meeting. Sen. Mark Norris had a scheduling conflict and Mr. Boruszewski was gracious enough to step up from his scheduled January date and present information about the implementation of the new TWIC procedures. TWIC is the I.D. card that ALL transportation workers will be required to have before entry into any port areas in the United States. This includes many businesses on Presidents Island on a local level. The current proposed date for this to be in effect in Memphis is December 1, 2008 so this is a very timely program. We are limited to 100 reservations for this meeting, so don't delay in making reservations. We feel that seats will go fast!

### **Mission Statement:**

The fostering of professionalism of its members by providing a networking system and a forum for presentation of transportation, distribution, and logistic topics.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I am proud to hand over the reigns to Bob Glenn and the new Board. We have done a lot of positive things this year, and have a great base for continuing some of the great partnerships, traditions and some new programs that I know Bob and the new Board will do wonderfully. I thought I would recap my personal goals during the past year.

I started with 2 major goals in mind: Scholarship, and an investment strategy for our Educational Foundation. Scholarship matched the greatest amount we have given, and saved more money to add to the Educational Foundation than ever. We started a 'partnership' with UTK and U of M, and had more applicants than ever. There is dialogue with these institutions to insure that we always have great and deserving applicants. We should all be proud, as 3 of the deserving candidates came to the last meeting. Quite frankly, the investment strategy went out the window as dialogue was started, but the last few months have not been so kind in the market, as we are all aware. In retrospect, I am glad the investment goal was not met, as it is YOUR money that we should all watch very closely. Maybe next year....

The past year has been tough on everyone. We see crime rising, an economy that is terrible, an election that seems to have everyone voting for the candidate that is the lesser of two evils (regardless of beliefs), a stock market that has dropped significantly, and ruined many plans to retire, sky rocketing fuel, a housing crunch and unemployment, which is starting to rise. Personally, I have had better years. Mom died on July 6<sup>th</sup> but the thoughts and prayers of the members and Board of the Traffic Club, made me realize how blessed I am. Although I do not wish any tragedy to you and your family, to see the outpouring of support, made me realize how fortunate I am to be active in such an organization which is there for you in the good times and bad. I often think of how to get other people involved in a worthwhile organization like the Traffic Club. Although I cannot sign members, and force them to take an active role in the TCOM, the friendships through the organization will get you through both the good times and bad.

Proud to have served you,  
Dan Pallme  
President

## **ELECTION DAY**

Our annual election is Thursday November 13, 1007 at the Holiday Inn Select at Poplar and I-240. All election information is available on our website ([www.trafficclubofmemphis.com](http://www.trafficclubofmemphis.com)) under the club information tab on the left. It is listed in the by-laws. Remember your dues must be paid in order to participate in the election process.

**DUES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO VOTING!**

The following are those running for a board position:

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### **2008-2009 TRAFFIC CLUB OF MEMPHIS ELECTION BALLOT**

**President-** Bob Glenn, Diamond International

**Vice President-** (Vote for One)

\_\_\_\_\_ John Brewer- ACH Foods

\_\_\_\_\_ Larry Mays- Cleo

\_\_\_\_\_ Sherri Tipton- Cornerstone Systems

**Director Positions** (Vote for Six)

\_\_\_\_\_ John Brewer- ACH Foods

\_\_\_\_\_ Ruby Burks- National College

\_\_\_\_\_ France Gasquet- Mercer.com

\_\_\_\_\_ Larry Mays- Cleo

\_\_\_\_\_ Marty Morelli- Yellow Corp.

\_\_\_\_\_ Larry Rock- Rock Logistics/Landstar

\_\_\_\_\_ Jim Stricker- APL Logistics

\_\_\_\_\_ Sherri Tipton- Cornerstone Systems

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## **DUES/MEMBERSHIP REMINDER!**

Dues must be paid for the 2008-2009 period before voting in the November Election.

You may pay your \$25.00 dues in 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 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 3- Mail check to the Club's P. O. Box.

Please take a few minutes to ensure that your listing on our roster is up-to-date. Thanks for your continued support and membership for 2009!

## **PAYPAL EXPRESS LANE CHECK-IN!**

For those of you who used the Pay Pal option in previous meetings, you noticed that you were able to by-pass any check-in line and go directly to the end of the table, pick up your name badge and step right in to the meeting room. This is just another way that we are trying to make your meeting attendance more *attender-friendly*, and we encourage those of you who are able to do so, use the Pay Pal option when making your reservation and move to the head of the check-in line!

## **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 [marty.morelli@yellowcorp.com](mailto:marty.morelli@yellowcorp.com), and this information will be added to our website.

### **2008 Event Calendar**

Nov 13 – **(Thursday)**      **Election Dinner- Philip Boruszewski – HI Select**  
Dec 5 - **(Friday)**      **Christmas Party – Racquet Club**

### **2009 Event Calendar**

Jan. 13 - TBA- Speaker Meeting, Racquet Club  
Feb. 10 - Derial Bivens, TDOT, Disaster Planning and Preparedness, place tba  
Mar. 10 - James Smith, COO, UPS Mid South District, Racquet Club  
Apr. 14 - "Green Presentation" with Speaker(s) TBA, Racquet Club  
May 12 - **(tentative date)**      Spring Golf Tourney  
Sep. 15 - **(tentative date)**      Fall Golf Tourney  
Oct. 13 - TBA- Speaker Meeting, Racquet Club  
Nov. 10 - Election Day/Speaker Meeting, Racquet Club  
Dec. 4 - Christmas Party, Racquet Club

**2008 CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**FRIDAY DECEMBER 5, 2008**

Our annual Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange will be here before you realize. Please make your plans now to attend this end of year event as we reflect on the successes and the things each of us are thankful for as we get set to close out 2008! We will once again be in the Walnut Room at the Racquet Club of Memphis on Friday December 5, 2008. There will be check-in and networking with CASH BAR from 6pm-7pm, dinner at 7pm and then we will have our door prize and annual ornament exchange for those wishing to participate. The tariff is normally a little bit more than our \$25.00 speaker-meeting tariff but it is well worth it with the atmosphere, meal and the door prize give-a-ways. We will once again take donations for PORTER LEATH CHILDREN'S CENTER for guests to be eligible to participate in the door prize giveaway. You will have the option of a \$10.00 cash or check donation PER PERSON at the door (credit card pre-payment of the \$10.00 donation will be available via Pay Pal on our website) or bring an unwrapped gift from the wish list that will be listed in our December 2008 MTT. We will also recognize our 2007-2008 out-going President Dan Pallme and board. We look forward to your participation in this special end of year event.

**TERRY CARTER MEMORIAL FUND!**

Terry was a long time transportation person whose life, both professionally and personally, touched many in our industry. Several of his past workers and friends asked about making a donation to our scholarship fund in his name, and we were able to do that during our fall golf tourney. We have placed a link on our website via Pay Pal where anyone wishing to donate as a memorial to Terry can do so. You may also drop a check in the mail to the Club's P.O. Box. Please let us know if you have any questions concerning this cause.

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