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Luncheon Speaker Meeting

- Date:** Tuesday, January 13, 2009
- RSVP:** 12 Noon, Friday, January 9th
- Place:** Racquet Club of Memphis, WALNUT ROOM
5111 Sanderlin Avenue
Memphis, TN 37117
- Time:** Check-in/Networking 11:15 AM – 11:45 AM
Lunch 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM
- Speaker:** Scott Jenkins, BNSF Railroad
- Topic:** Expansion of the BNSF Memphis Intermodal Facility
- Menu:** Garden Salad
Top Round of Beef and/or Baked Lasagna
Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Macaroni and Cheese,
Green Bean Casserole, Medley of Market Vegetables
Rolls, Butter, Iced Tea, Coffee, Water
- Tariff:** \$25.00 TCOM members and guests with reservations
\$30.00 TCOM members and guests without reservations
\$30.00 – Non-members

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.

RSVP's

Please RSVP via the club website for each meeting. This will ensure that we have the proper number planned for lunch, and that we do not incur additional costs for extra seating. If you are busy or running out of time and not able to rsvp via the website for some reason, please contact Bob Glenn, or Ken Opperman via email (listed at the end of this newsletter) to get added to the rsvp list.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Be sure your seat belts are buckled. Bailouts, buyouts, sellouts. By the time we can make ends meet, they're moving the ends. We began experiencing a few bumps in the road the last few weeks, and seems there might be a few more round the next curve. Our industry continues to experience pressure due to light freight, tightened credit conditions, and only modest retail sales reports. With our backs against the wall, we must remain optimistic and refuse to participate in the announced "economic down turn". Personally, my company is posting positive results year over year, and have designs for another positive year in 09. We are grateful, and cautiously optimistic.

Friday, Dec. 5th, the Racquet Club of Memphis welcomed our Club for a Celebration of the Season. We had a grand time, good food and cheer, had fun with an ornament exchange, and raised appx. \$600, along with a large box of gifts for Porter Leath Home.

Please take a few minutes to fill your 09 calendar with upcoming events of the Traffic Club. The second Tuesday of each month, we will have a Membership Luncheon at the Racquet Club of Memphis. Notate it now so you will have something to work around the months of January through April. May 11th our Spring Golf Tournament will be held at Memphis National's Legends Course. Also this year as you transfer birthdays, anniversaries, years of service and business recognitions, let us know too. I have challenged Ruby Burks to add some personal flavor to our regular scheduled meetings and news letters. We need your help!

The past few years we have had a broad variety of speakers and topics. What would you like to see and hear for future meetings? January 13th, Scott Jenkins will provide the club an update on the BNSF expansion plan. Plan to attend, as this will certainly have a positive impact on our local economy.

Our website is currently going through an update, and I'd like to know if you recognize any changes, and like what you've seen so far. Additional changes are coming so stay tuned and connected as we change the face of the site. I mentioned the new board members in last month's message but did not want to acknowledge their positions until I got their approval and support. Rather than me report them, take a look on the website. While you are there, please update your membership information as well. From time to time, we need to contact a member, and need proper email and phone numbers to make the connection. Help us stay in touch!

Finally, best wishes for the coming year. Most would agree it will be a challenging year for all of us, and another reason to stay connected and supportive of each other and our club. Let us know if we can help in anyway, and rest assured we will be calling on you for assistance and support when needed.

Happy New Year,

Bob Glenn

DUES REMINDER

Membership dues for the 2008-2009 term are now due. 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 of 2009!

2009 Event Calendar

Jan. 13 – Scott Jenkins, BNSF – Expansion of Memphis Facility, Racquet Club-Lunch
Feb. 10 - Derial Bivens, TDOT, Disaster Planning and Preparedness, Racquet Club-Lunch
Mar. 10 - James Smith, COO, UPS Mid South District, Racquet Club-Lunch
Apr. 14 –Jim House, Sr.VP Supply Chain-ACH Foods, Racquet Club-Lunch
May 12 - Spring Golf Tourney – Memphis National Legends Course
Sep. 15 - Fall Golf Tourney – Memphis National Champions Course
Oct. 13 - TBA- Speaker Meeting, Racquet Club-Lunch
Nov. 10 - Election Day/Speaker Meeting, Racquet Club
Dec. 4 - Christmas Party, Racquet Club

New Members

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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 outing. 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.

Member Relations

We encourage members to notify Ruby Burks regarding your company, and personal events so that we can share this information with the membership. We would like to include company changes, personal anniversaries, birthdays, births, deaths, graduations, etc., in the MTT. Please contact Ruby at the address/phone below.

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