



## Calendar of Events

### CHAPTER 41 QUARTERLY PROGRAM AND MEETING

**PLACE** MARTIN MARIETTA, AMES & THE COTTAGE ON BROAD,  
STORY CITY (IMPORTANT DETAILS ON PAGE 8)  
**DATE & TIME** FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2006 9 A.M.

### REGION 3 SPRING FORUM

**PLACE** ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI  
**DATE** APRIL 27, 2007

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**NOVEMBER 15**, RESERVATIONS FOR DECEMBER 1  
MEETING

**DECEMBER** DONATIONS FOR TOYS FOR TOTS

**JANUARY 1, 2007** MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE

**MARCH 1, 2007** 10% DELINQUENCY CHARGE FOR LATE  
DUES

**APRIL 15, 2007** 10% DELINQUENCY + \$50 CHARGE  
FOR LATE DUES

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## President's Message

**President Bernard B. Banker, SR/WA, R/W-RC**

Another summer has flown by and we're all asking ourselves, "Where did the time go?" Now the challenge for us is to get all the leaves raked and hauled away before the first snowfall.

On Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Region 3 Fall Forum in Kansas City. On Thursday, Chapter 5, the host chapter, sponsored a trolley ride through the city. We drove past many landmarks and saw a number of beautiful fountains. Did you know Kansas City is known as "the city of fountains" and is second, in number, only to Rome, Italy? Our most important stop however, was our "necessary stop" at Union Station. An outstanding landmark indeed!

Our chapter was well represented at the Friday meeting, comprising 25% of the attendees. Thanks to all of you who attended! A number of topics were discussed and I will present my report at the December meeting in Story City.

Speaking of the December meeting...I've always thought it was important to engage our membership in activities that are interesting, timely, somewhat related to our industry and, most of all, be a memorable experience. I believe our December tour of the Martin-Marietta limestone mine north of Ames will be just that. Space is limited, so it's very important to get your reservation in early.

Yesterday, while browsing through the newspaper, I saw an article, entitled "Recruiting Retirees: Employees return to work, hassle-free", in which a retired member of our chapter, Ken Schwarz, was quoted. Ken, retired from MidAmerican Energy, has gone back to work for the past three summers under a program through Manpower, Inc. called Happy Returns. During the summer he was doing the type of work that he formerly oversaw as a manager for MidAmerican. Ken calls it, "a vacation from retirement". Nice going Ken!!

I liked the Andy Rooney quote from the last message that I want to end this with it again...**"If you smile when no one else is around, you really mean it."**

Bernie



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Because Nobody agreed to be in the Spotlight...

Who will be here next time?

## CHAPTER NEWS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

### TOYS FOR TOTS



To date our 2006 donation for Toys for Tots is \$328. (We collected \$93 in September!)

At our December 1 meeting we will have a final collection for 2006 Toys for Tots. Last year we collected \$315 for Toys for Tots at our December meeting – wouldn't it be great if we could DOUBLE that for 2006!

If you would like to send a check, please mail it to  
Vicki Elscott, 550 Parkwood Drive,  
Pleasant Hill, Iowa 50327

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

### Journey to the Center of the Earth

Make your reservations NOW (before November 15) to go 250' below ground at the Martin Marietta Mine in Ames.

Arrangements have been secured for 30 people to take this guided (bus) tour through the mine – traveling streets set up in grid-like fashion around stone pillars that support the earth above.

Please be at the "Cottage on Broad" at 410 Broad Street in Story City by 9 a.m. on December 1. We will board a bus which will take us to the Martin Marietta Mine for a tour.

Following the tour we will return to the Cottage on Broad for Lunch and a Chapter Meeting – and, yes the Luncheon will be paid for by the Chapter.

We will **not** be having an annual installation banquet this year.

Space is limited to 30 people – you must reserve your spot by Wednesday, November 15. Any unsecured spots will then be made available to non-members for a \$10 fee on a first come, first serve basis.

See page 8 for more details.

### BUDGET NEWS

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Nancy Halvorson,  
SR/WA, R/W-RAC

#### Third Quarter Report

Income	\$ 109.11
Expenses	<u>8,288.45</u>
<b>Net Loss</b>	<b>\$ 8,179.34</b>
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$ 12,540.38</b>
Long Term Obligations	<u>440.00</u>
<b>Cash on Hand</b>	<b>\$ 12,976.27</b>

#### Membership Report

Don Corrigan, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, Chair

New this year you can renew your IRWA membership on line. You will be receiving an e-mail on or before November 1, 2006, providing detailed instructions on how to use this option. Another reminder will be E-mailed around November 15 and a hardcopy renewal notice will be sent around December 1.

Renewals are due to Headquarters by January 1, 2007. Dues paid between March 1 and April 15 will be assessed a 10% delinquency fee. After April 15, in addition to the 10% delinquency fee there will also be a \$50 reinstatement fee.

**Pay Early to Avoid Late Charges!**

## MEMBER NEWS & INFORMATION

### CONGRATULATIONS



\$50 Door Prize Winner

September Meeting

**Steve Chapman**

### TOYS FOR TOTS



If you are unable to attend the December meeting please send your Donation to  
Vicki Elscott, 550 Parkwood Drive,  
Pleasant Hill, Iowa 50327  
By December 1, 2006

### Chapter 41 Professional of the Year



Current President, Bernard B. Banker, SR/WA, R/W-RAC was unanimously selected as Chapter 41's Professional of the Year at the September 2006 meeting.

The following is some of the text from his nomination:

..." is most deserving of this honor for many reasons, not the least of which is his skill as a leader. Bernie was willing to step forward and again serve as President. He always places the growth and good of the Chapter foremost and is encouraging to others.

Bernie has been an active member for many years and attends Regional Forums and other functions, whether subsidized by the chapter financially or not. He is always willing to make the personal commitment necessary to be an active member.

He is an excellent role model for all members, constantly promoting professional growth through IRWA membership and activities."



**It's a Girl!**

Becky and Terry Kluesner welcomed a baby girl on October 13, 2006. Katherine "Katie" Kluesner was born at 3:46 p.m. weighing in at 6 lbs. 6 oz. Katie has an older brother and sister, Will and Ella. Congratulations to the Kluesner family!



## REGION NEWS

### REGIONAL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Nancy Halvorson, SR/WA, R/W-RAC

I have been invited to serve on the International Nominations and Elections Committee and would like to remind our Region to get nominations in for the various awards for chapters, individuals and newsletters.

Information can be found with deadlines, applications etc on the International Website. I would encourage everyone to consider who among us should be nominated – we have a very active Region with some outstanding volunteer leaders that certainly are worthy of recognition.

We will have election at Spring Forum for Regional officers for the 2007 – 2009 term. The slate so far is:

**Chair** - Craig Poorker, SR/WA, R/W-NEC

**Vice-Chair** - Rita Rasmussen, SR/WA

**Secretary –Treasurer Candidates**

Randy DeGeorge, SR/WA Chapter 78

Chris Pawloski, SR/WA Chapter 78



Randy De George & Chris Pawloski

Anyone else wishing to run for any of these positions may do so and nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Spring Forum.

Any questions, concerns or if you'd like to nominate someone and need some assistance, please feel free to contact Nancy Halvorson.

### GET ON THE BUS



Have you made your reservation to take the Martin Marietta Mine Tour? Call or Email Vicki Elscott before November 15 – space is limited to 30!

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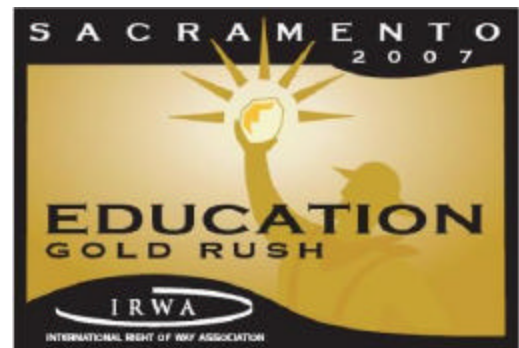
### REGION 3 NOMINEES PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR



Bernie Banker, Ashleigh Robison,  
Chris Pawloski & Mike Murray

Nominees for Region Professional of the Year are:

Chapter 5 - none  
Chapter 20 – Craig Knudsen  
Chapter 37 – Ashleigh Robison  
Chapter 41 – Bernard Banker  
Chapter 72 – Mike Murray  
Chapter 78 – Chris Pawloski



The 53rd Annual Education Conference is slated for Sacramento, California, June 17-20, 2007.

## International Right of Way Association

"Spirit of the Heartland" - Iowa Chapter 41



*Minutes of Business Meeting – September 15, 2006  
Mid American Energy, Des Moines, Iowa*

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. by Chapter President, Bernie Banker.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the June 2, 2006 business meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as published. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report indicated a total net balance of \$12,976.27. A motion to approve the report was made, seconded and approved. There was discussion regarding the fact that lunch has been included as part of the meeting costs for sometime and we might want to take a look to see if we need to amend this and charge a fee for the lunch, in the future. It was noted that lunches average about \$200 per meeting and could put a strain on the budget.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** We currently have 66 members, down from 68 at the end of 2005. While we have added 5 new members we also lost 8 members. Those dropping were Ray Callahan, Dennis Cronk, Tim Greenwood, Jana Jones, Jerry Kennedy, William Molison, Kevin Olson, and Rochell Wolfe. However, Jay Walton is now official on the membership roster, a little issue this past year, we are glad it has been resolved. Thanks to some great assistance from Shelly Whiteing, Don Corrigan has sent an updated roster to International with a number of corrections for the roster. Corporate Memberships and Smaller Government memberships may be offered in the future.

**Education:** The next course to be offered is Course 214 – Skills of Expert Testimony, Instructor, Robert Montgomery, October 23, 2006, Mid American Energy, Ruan Building 26<sup>th</sup> Floor, Assembly Hall Conference Room, Des Moines

Other courses are proposed for the future, Advanced Business Relocation and Advanced Residential Relocation, proposed for March or May of 2007.

There was discussion regarding the fact that we could offer Course 103 Ethics as part of the Fall Forum to be held in Iowa. It is a one day class and could be attractive to people from other Chapters in the Region.

**Program:** A tour of Martin Marietta, Ames facility is still being pursued for the December 2006 meeting. Vicki Elscott is working with representatives from Martin Marietta regarding final details. Lunch and business meeting will be held at the Cottage on Broad, Story City.

**Professional Development:** Ann King has earned her SR/WA designation, Congratulations Anne. Anne will receive her plaque at the December 2006 meeting. Nancy Halvorson and Ed Opstein have achieved recertification for SR/WA designations.

**Newsletter:** Shelly Whiteing requested the Chapter purchase Adobe Writer Program (PDF) to be used by the editor when preparing the Chapter Newsletter; the cost would be around \$100 for the software. A motion to purchase the software was made, seconded and approved. Shelly also requested that contributors to the newsletter be reminded to be conscientious of deadlines for the Newsletter, in order to get the information out to members in a timely manner, your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

### **Old Business:**

**IRWA Magazine Subscriptions:** With the assistance of contacts from three of Iowa's Universities, The University of Northern Iowa Library, The Iowa State University Library and The University of Iowa Law Library will receive subscriptions to the IRWA Magazine. This is something Chapter 41 has wanted to accomplish for a long time. Ray Callahan has donated his copy of the publication to Iowa State Library for many years, and now that tradition will

continue as well as adding the two additional libraries. A motion to fund the subscriptions to UNI, ISU and UI Law Library was made, seconded and approved.

**Region 3, 2006 Fall Forum, Kansas City:** The date is October 20, 2006, Kansas City, Missouri, at the Quarterage Hotel (in historic Westport District), 560 Westport Road, Kansas City, Mo., 816-931-0001, room rates will be \$89.00 plus tax. IRWA Course 901 will be offered on October 19, 2006. Additional information was sent to all members in the Region Report.

**Region 3, 2007 Fall Forum, Iowa to Host:** Shelly Whiteing has gathered information regarding the Hotel Pattee, Perry, Iowa as a possible site for the Region 3, 2007 Fall Forum. Shelly presented information from the Hotel regarding possible rates regarding guest rooms, hospitality room rate and food for the event. Shelly will contact the Hotel to reserve the facility for the second or third week in October 2007. We will want to get brochures and information out to people at this years fall forum to promote the Fall 2007 Forum so plans can be made. This early information will help other Chapters in the Region to be considerate of the Region Forum date to assist members in making plans to attend the Forum. It was suggested we offer IRWA course 103 Ethics as part of the Fall 2007 Forum, which might help members in deciding to attend the Forum as well as getting the class for certification or recertification as needed.

**IRWA Chapter Questionnaire:** Bernie prepared a report regarding the results obtained from members who responded to the questionnaire. It is anticipated the information gathered will be useful in future event planning.

**New Business:**

**Representative to Region 3 Utility Committee:** Jim Diemer will be retiring from the Utility Committee, which will result in a need for someone to volunteer to serve on the committee. Jim Diemer suggested that Paige Norris or Tim Bunkers might be interested. We have usually appointed a member who expresses interest; please let the Chapter or Region know if you are interested.

**Chapter 41 Professional of the Year:** Nominations for Professional of the Year were asked for. Nancy Halvorson nominated (on behalf of several Chapter Members) Bernie Banker, based on his willingness to serve and to be an active member of the organization for several years as well as many other positive attributes. A motion was made to accept the nomination, seconded and approved. Bernie Banker is Professional of the Year 2006! Mr. Banker graciously accepted his nomination! Thank you for your years of dedication Bernie!

**Other New Business:** Bob Dahlgren has made the Chapter aware of his pending retirement in December of this year.

**Door Prize Drawing:** Steve Chapman was the winner of the drawing for the \$50 door prize for September 2006. The names of the members attending today's meeting as well as any other meetings for 2006 will be included in the drawing for the \$1,000 Grand Prize and the "free membership" Second Prize at the December meeting.

**Toys for Tots Collection:** Today's total is \$93 which will be added to \$235 already collected for the year, which results in a total so far this year of \$ 328. Vicki will not have to turn in the money until after the December 1, 2006 meeting.

At 1:40 P.M. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Martens, R/W-RAC  
Vice President/Secretary  
Spirit of the Heartland-Chapter 41

# NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

**Friday, December 1, 2006**

**9:00 a.m. - 410 Broad Street, Story City**

***"The Cottage on Broad"***

**9:00 a.m. Meet at the Cottage on Broad, 410 Broad Street, Story City  
We will board a bus that will take us to Martin Marietta in Ames**

## ***Martin Marietta Mine Tour***

**Bill Podrazik**

**11:00 a.m. Lunch and Chapter Meeting at The Cottage on Broad**

**Lunch Choice:**

**Cottage Burger**

**Blackened Chicken Pasta**

**Pork Loin Sandwich**

**All served with choice of iced tea, lemonade or coffee  
and a house salad with ranch dressing.**

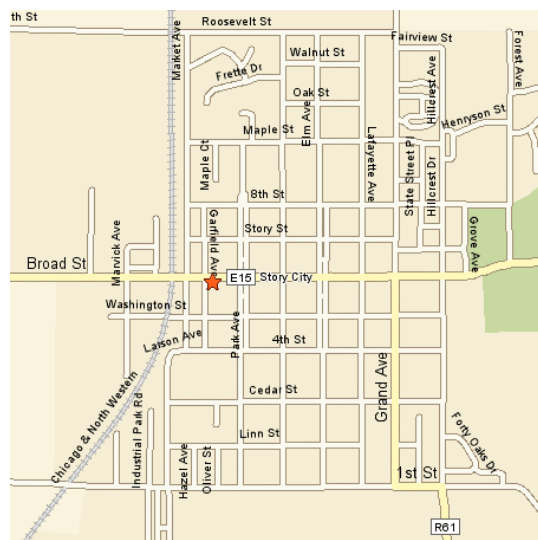
*Reservations must be received by Wednesday, November 15, 2006.*

*There will be 30 spaces available for the tour.*

*Email Vicki Elscott at [vicki.elscott@dot.iowa.gov](mailto:vicki.elscott@dot.iowa.gov) to reserve your seat on the tour.*

*Please also RSVP if you will only be attending lunch and Chapter Meeting.*

*On Thursday, November 16 reservations will be available to non-members for \$10 (including lunch).*



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