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NEWSLETTER

JANUARY, 2003

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The next Executive Board and will be held on Wednesday January 8th @ 4:45pm in the 3rd floor Conference Room at Az State Land. Additional information can be obtained on the Chapter website.

→JANUARY CHAPTER LUNCHEON←

DATE: Tuesday, January 14th @ 11:30 am

PLACE: Treulich's Steakhouse (5020 N Black Canyon Freeway) [There is a map on the website for directions]

COST: \$14.00 for members and guests (please have exact change or your check made out to IRWA Chapter 28)

MENU: -- There will be three menu choices:

-Baked Alaskan Snapper

-Boneless Breast of Chicken Marsala

-Roast Loin of Pork with Sage Dressing

All menu choices will be served with a Tossed Salad, Dinner Rolls, Garlic Whipped Potatoes; Chefs' Vegetable du Jour, and Spumoni. Iced Tea and Coffee will be included.

RSVP: Deadline for reservations is 3:00 pm, Thursday, January 9th, 2002. Please RSVP through the Chapter website at www.irwaaz.com or call Pam Hicks @ 602.236.5948.

GUEST SPEAKER

Our Luncheon Speaker for January will be Roy Tanney who is the Director of Subdivisions and Legislative Liaison at the Arizona Department of Real Estate. He will be speaking on Subdivision Law the Subdivision Approval process.

Mr Tanney has been with the Department of Real Estate since 1980. He has been the Director of Subdivisions since 1983. He is also the Legislative Liaison for the ADRE. Prior to that, he worked in the Title Insurance Industry.

Now is a good time to make sure your contact information is correct. If you've changed jobs, please forward your new mailing address, phone #, & email address to info@irwaaz.com so the Chapter database can be updated.

JOB BANK

For current job openings, please visit the Chapter website: www.irwaaz.com/jobbank_openings.

If you have a job opportunity you would like to advertise, please email the information to: info@irwaaz.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Melita Hillman, SR/WA

What a wonderful installation luncheon in December. Many thanks to Pam, Dan and Rebekah for the arrangements and especially to Jared Huish for arranging the music.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of selecting me as President of our Kachina Chapter 28 for 2003. Three or four years ago when I began "going through the chairs" in the Chapter, this time seemed so far away. These past 3 years have gone by quickly and I want to thank all those members, officers and committee chairs who helped teach me the ropes of this organization at the regional and national level during this time.

My goals for this year include continuing to increase our membership and the number of SR/WAs in the chapter. In this time of tight budgets by companies and agencies, this will be a challenge. We must assure our employers that we are deserving of those ever-shrinking dollars they have to spend on our behalf. We will keep our education and luncheon programs as affordable to you as possible as well as relevant and worthwhile.

Along those lines, we plan another computer class by Eric Dahl of Canyon Digital Solutions in the late winter/spring. This will be another free to members half-day class - this time focused on one or two programs or applications. Watch the newsletter and web site for details as they become available.

We will continue joint meetings with other groups and organizations as we have done in the past. I would like to see us join with the appraisers and attorneys on a program dealing with valuation issues in eminent domain.

I would like us as a Chapter to participate in a community service project – such as a workday at a project or benefit event. Through this we can both increase awareness of IRWA and give us presence in the community at large, and also allow us to give back to the community. If you have a project or organization that could use our assistance for a day, let me know as we go about selecting a project.

As always we will have our Chapter Annual Educational Seminar in September. I welcome all who would like to

help plan, prepare and participate in the seminar. This is a great way to get involved, to meet other chapter members and make those all-important contacts that help us to work together both here and in our jobs. The first Seminar planning meeting will be in February.

As informative and interesting as our Chapter Seminar is, even more so is the International Annual Educational Seminar to be held this year in Kansas City in June. If you have the opportunity to attend, please don't pass it up. This week of information, networking and socializing is definitely worth the time. Ask anyone who has attended one.

I will keep you advised of events and issues in the organization and carry your wishes and concerns to those at the regional and national level. One issue now on the horizon is a proposal to split Region One or to move the Arizona chapters to another Region. A task force or team is to be set up to study the issue. If you have thoughts on this or would like to participate, please let Mark Keller or me know. Please feel free to call or e-mail me about this issue or whatever is on your mind about the organization.

The new committee chairpersons are listed elsewhere in the newsletter and on the web site. Thanks to each of you for volunteering your time and efforts to the Chapter.

At the Region One Fall Forum in San Jose in November, I became even more aware of how dynamic, innovative and active our chapter is. This is a tribute to you the members and officers and committee chairs. This is your organization and it exists to serve you. Let us know of your needs and ideas.

Thought for the Day

Resentment and bitterness are equivalent to letting another person live rent free in your head.

JANUARY EDUCATION CLASS

Standards of Practice for the Right of Way Professional
Course 104

January 30th, 2003, 8am - 5pm

For information, contact Melita Hillman at 480.644.2671 or visit the Chapter website at:
<http://www.irwaaz.com/course104.htm> to download a course flyer.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Rebekah Louis, Chair

The following people were approved for membership at the December 4th Executive Board Meeting:

Lorraine H Washburn
Stephen A Shea – City of Chandler
Suzanne F Barnert – City of Chandler
John J Dutch – Universal Field Services

If you have any questions about membership in IRWA, please contact me at: rblois@srpnet.com or visit the Chapter website

LUNCHEON COMMITTEE

Pam Hicks, Chair

Our first luncheon of the New Year 2003 will be held January 14th at Treulich's Steakhouse, located at the Northwest Corner of I-17 and Camelback Road.

We hope everyone enjoyed their luncheon experience at Treulich's in November. Although the luncheon was overbooked, Treulich's was very responsive and tried to accommodate all of our guests with the kind of hospitality most other restaurants couldn't hold a candle to. They also sent a Thank You card to show their appreciation for the opportunity to serve us and they look forward to serving us again. It's that kind of business attitude that should make Treulich's a regular place for the IRWA to frequent.

We plan to alternate luncheons between Treulich's Steakhouse and Holiday Inn this year to offer you a variety of cuisine, atmosphere and location.

Please allow me to say "Thank You" to all of our members for another year of participation and attendance at our monthly luncheon meetings. Our numbers have risen substantially in the past two years. We are now averaging over 50 guests monthly. We hope that we can count on your continued support in 2003. We especially appreciate those of you who made the effort to RSVP online and we hope that you will continue to do so this year!

Happy Holidays to all of our IRWA Chapter 28 members!

New Year's Resolution - To make sure all of the IRWA members have a badge. (I didn't say they had to be correct!) 😊

A New Year's Wish to all of you...

May you experience peacefulness and serenity.


May you trust your highest power that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of desire and creativity.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be content knowing you are a child of the Universe – unique and unrepeatable.

Let this knowledge settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, and love.



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SURVEYORS CORNER (HOLIDAY MUSINGS)

Gregg Tuttle, Survey Chair

As this is being written in mid December 2002, for the January issue, let me hope that all of the good readers of the Chapter 28 Newsletter had a WONDROUS & GLORIOUS HOLIDAY SEASON.

I have just finished munching and grazing at the SRP Land Dept. 's Holiday Open House, and am now suffering from a severe case of what is know here as 'lunch-coma', and therefore, I chose not to (couldn't – if I tried)- write the 'normal' –formal-Surveyor's Corner article.

Instead, I decided to share some 'musings' (at the invitation of the Newsletter editor – Thanks Cate!).

And now, - from this Old Surveyor's fanny pack of moldy musky musing. Enjoy.

I've learned that we are all responsible for what we do, unless we are celebrities.

When performing survey cross-sections on the upper Verde River, NEVER test the depth of the river with both feet at the same time!

Many years ago, I learned, as a surveyor, that your can keep puking long after you think you're finished! UGH! ICKY!

If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.

Never do anything for the first time.

Have you ever imagined a world with no hypothetical situations?

Pain and suffering are inevitable but misery is optional.

If you lend someone \$20, and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

I've learned that no matter how much I care, some people are just idiots.

Always remember, you are UNIQUE! – just like everyone else.

I learned that you shouldn't compare yourself to others – they are more screwed up than you think.

I have learned that if you haven't much education you must use your brain.

Some people will believe anything if it is whispered to them.

When someone says, "Do you want my opinion?"..., why is it always a negative one?

To the optimist, the glass is half full. To the pessimist, the glass is half empty. To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

Why isn't phonetic spelled the way it sounds?

True # 1: From the business card of an Arizona Mineral Surveyor: "Mineral Monuments Found or 'Lost' – Mining Claims Staked or Jumped, GPS Neatly Done.

True, # 2: From the business card of a land speculator: "Wars Fought, Revolutions Started, Assassinations Plotted, Government Run, Uprisings Quelled, Fresh Strawberries, Accidents Arranged, Tigers Tamed, Bars Emptied, Computers Digitalized, Orgies Organized, Bongo Drums, Nails, Racing Forms, Hot Pizzas, Used Cards, Land, Whiskey, Manure, Fly Swatters."

Why is it that when you transport something by car, it's called a shipment..., but when you transport something by ship, it's called cargo??!

Why is it that when you're driving and looking for an address, you turn down the volume on the radio??

And, In closing: Make it easy on yourself; realize that it's not supposed to be easy.

Happiness is a journey, not a destination.

The chief cause of unhappiness is trading what we want most for what we want in the moment!

The truth is there's no better time to be happy than right now – if not now, when?

"Sometimes your joy is the source of smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy." - Thich Nhat Hanh

“The old believe everything, the middle-aged suspect everything, the young know everything.” Oscar Wilde

“It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare, it is because we do not dare that they are difficult.”
Seneca

“We do not see things as they are, we see things as we are.” Talmudic saying

“Be the master of your will and the slave of your conscience” –Hasidic saying

And, from this old surveyor: “If you don’t care where you are, then you ain’t lost.”

THANKS – until next time, - Gregg Tuttle

An overview look of Chapter activities for January, 2003. Please refer to the Chapter website for additional information or contact any Executive Board Member.

January, 2003

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Happiness often sneaks in through a door you didn't know you left open.			1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2	3	4
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19	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21	22	23	24	25
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Δ Deadline for submitting articles for February Newsletter

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**Schedule of Courses for
2003**



104 – Standards of Practice for the Right of
Way Professional
January 30, 2003
Coordinator: Melita Hillman, SR/WA
Teacher:

500 – Uniform Relocation Assistance Act –
Executive Summary
February 20, 2003
Coordinator:
Teacher:

801 – Land Titles
March 20-21, 2003
Coordinator: Mark Keller, SR/WA
Teacher:

205 – Bargaining Negotiations
April 17-18, 2003
Coordinator:
Teacher:

900 – Principles of Engineering
May 22-23, 2003
Coordinator: Yvonne McCall
Teacher:

602 – Project Development and the
Environmental Process
June 19-20, 2003
Coordinator:
Teacher:

407 – Valuation of Contaminated Properties
July 24, 2003
Coordinator:
Teacher:

Annual Education Seminar
September 19, 2003

- 603 – Understanding Environmental
Contamination in Real Estate

Coordinator:

- 703 – Real Property Asset Management

Coordinator:

502 – Business Relocation
October 23-24, 2003
Coordinator:
Teacher:

200 – Principles of Real Estate
Communications
November 20-21, 2003
Coordinator:
Teacher:

If you are interested in coordinating an Education Class, please contact Dwight Davis, Education
Chair at 480.480.968.7449 or dwight@davisvaluation.com