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2015 National LICA Winter Convention

Ahoy Mateys!

Don 'yer finest Pirate attire!



Tampa, FL
February 9-14

Support Your State Chapter: Attend Winter Conventions.

Every year LICA State Chapters across the country host their Winter Conventions. From January on there are a multitude of events, seminars and outings put on by various State Chapters. These events are great place to get to know your fellow LICA members on a local level. There are many chances to network and exchange ideas with other people that share similar experiences with you.

Illinois LICA is hosting their event January 15-17 at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria. A live auction will start the festivities, Thursday night followed by a tour and reception at Caterpillar on Friday. Educational sessions will be throughout with a members meeting on Friday afternoon. Saturday afternoon there will be a tour of the Riverfront Museum.

Iowa LICA has their convention scheduled for January 11-13 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines. There is going to be forty plus hours of educational seminars, cornhole tournament, auction, and more.

Kansas LICA will have their convention at the Marriott in Salina, January 25 and 26. They plan on having an Associate Auction and awards along with breakout seminars and annual meeting.

Michigan LICA will be at the Ramada Inn in Lansing, January 11-13. Highlights of the convention include: fundraiser auction, DEQ NRCS & EPA roundtable discussion relating to tile drainage discharge, Government reports, and contractor sharing new ideas.

Minnesota LICA's convention is January 14-16 at the Best Western Hotel in New Ulm. There will be a Wine and beer tasting with appetizers, tradeshow, dinner, awards and auction. On top of all that a bean bag tournament. Educational classes will range in topics: Cell Phone Use, Best Erosion Control Management, explanation of Petrocon and Zywave (The LICA Portal).

Missouri LICA will be hosting their convention in Columbia January 22-24 at the Hilton Garden Inn. They have plans to have "Building a Better Business" educational seminars. It will be several seminars to teach contractors how to take care of their businesses.

56th **Nebraska LICA** Convention to be January 20-22 at the Holiday Convention Center in Kearney, Nebraska. They will tour Cash-Wa Distributing; family owned business that is the largest food service distribution center in the Midwest. Contractor informational sessions will include: Equipment securement review with the D.O.T. and Nebraska 811 Update, please check with NLICA for complete listing of sessions. There will also be display area time with drawings; several hospitality rooms and will conclude with the banquet where we will be entertained by a magician, card shark.

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President's Message

Fellow LICA Members,

Since the Summer Meeting in Indianapolis I have been traveling to various State Chapter events. I had the pleasure of going to both the New Jersey LICA Golf Outing and the Ohio LICA Field Day. I also traveled to Woodstock, Ontario to tour RWF Bron's manufacturing plant and went to the first LICO, Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario, field day in over twenty years.

I am very excited for Executive Committee Meeting in Washington D.C. We have a great meeting planned including a luncheon with representatives from a variety of organizations.

Work Safe!

Bob Clark

Bob Clark
National LICA President

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New Jersey LICA will hold their state convention and awards banquet March 15 & 16, 2015 at Bally's Hotel and Casino Atlantic City, NJ.

New York LICA is hosting their convention at the Ramada Lakefront in Geneva, January 13-15. The group will have Erosion and Sediment Control Certification and First Aid/CPR Training. There will be a night out at the casino with dinner as well as an Associate Luncheon. NYLICA will have their annual meeting and Safety Group #562 Meeting.

Ohio LICA will have their annual convention January 5-7 at the Embassy Suites in Dublin (NW Columbus). Their educational sessions include: Mitigating Pipeline Impacts to Ag Drainage, OSHA Standards, and Over-the-Road Regulations. There will be a vendor's night and live auction to benefit Ohio LICA's scholarship fund.

Pennsylvania LICA will host in Harrisburg, March 26-29 at the Crowne Plaza downtown. Thursday will have a variety of tours and a casino trip that evening. They also plan on having an OSHA 10 hour class.

The **South Dakota LICA** and AGC State Convention will be held January 12-14, 2015 at the Dakota Event Center in Aberdeen, SD. Featured speaker is Captain Phillips, with seminars planned on Workforce Development, leadership and the generation gap.

Check your State Chapter's website for updated information. Remember to mark your calendar and support your state! Who is Jose Gaspar?

News & Notes

LICA Continues to Grow and Expand...

LICA is enjoying enormous growth and expansion through the country as well as increasing membership in the existing states. National LICA CEO, Jerry Biuso, in the last eight weeks has visited four new chapters Arkansas, Maryland, North Dakota and Texas. He also attended new functions and events in existing states Florida, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. Already ten visits are planned for the early part of 2015 not including industry tradeshows. This is an amazing and very exciting time for LICA and its members.

New York LICA's Hole in One

NYLICA hosted their First Annual Golf Outing on September 19 at the Chili Country Club in Scottsville, NY. The fun began immediately after registration when the golfers were invited to see how far they could "drive" a marshmallow. The longest drive was an impressive 133 feet. After a lunch of hotdogs and hamburgers the golfers were off!

There was a total of forty-eight golfers including National LICA C.E.O Jerry Biuso and New Jersey LICA member Chris Wagner. National LICA Vice President, Steve Anderson, from Illinois traveled the furthest to join in the fun. But he was rewarded by being the winner of the 50/50 raffle.

The day concluded with a Hospitality Hour and a Steak Dinner. During this time NYLICA Executive Director, Maura Dibble, thanked all the sponsors and friends that helped to make the day possible. The Golf Committee of Derek Decker and Ray Smith awarded the door prizes. Everyone enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to next year!



Jeff Watkins, DelMar Farms; Kathy Allen, Caryville Inn; Cindy Lindermann, Monroe Tractor; Maura Dibble, NYLICA; & Larry Diver, DelMar Farms.

The LICA Portal



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Tuesday, February 10

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Wednesday, February 11

SS American Victory & Clay Shooting

Ybor City Tour

Thursday, February 12

Educational Seminars

Pirates Theme Associates' Night

Friday, February 13

Committee Meetings

Dinner Cruise on the
Yacht Starship

Saturday, February 14

Board Meeting

Yuengling Brewery Tour

Remember Jose Gaspar!