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by Dwight Dunbar,  
Consultant to ILICA

### New Legislative Districts Mapping

The remapping drags on and on and on. I don't even try to track the law suits being filed or the decisions being handed down. The Legislative Redistricting Commission put out a "Currie" Map initially. That's Currie as in House Majority Leader Representative Barbara Flynn Currie. Following the selection of Democratic Justice Bilandic as the tiebreaker he came forward with and the Commission voted on the "Bilandic" Map.

The two maps have significant district configuration differences. On the Senate side Senator Donahue (R-48, Quincy) was drawn into the same district as Senator Sieben (R-37, Geneseo) under the Currie Map. The Bilandic Map doesn't have such a configuration. On the House side the Currie Map paired a lot of House Republicans in the same new Districts which were drawn as much as possible to lean Democratic - I

think there were about 20 such pairings. The Bilandic Map has only about a dozen such pairings.

This makes the 3rd time I've watched this process unfold. Ten years ago the Republicans won the tiebreaker seat. Then a highly partisan map changed to a "compromise map" and withstood every court challenge. However the 90's remap has always been referred to as a Republican Map. However, it didn't work to the party's advantage for that decade. Will things reverse themselves in the coming decade under a compromise "Democratic Map?"

I still don't believe we'll have the final version of the Remap until year's end, so it's just a waiting game.

Speculation on retirements runs rampant some days. The announced retirements include three legislators I consider personal friends including Senators Maitland and Bowles as well as Representative Ron Lawfer. Not only I but also a lot of others representing agribusiness at the Capitol will miss their leadership.

### Budget Woes Worsen

The other news at the Capital is the looming Budget problem. Although September 11th was a defining moment contributing to Illinois financial woes, I am not convinced it is the sole cause of the need to cut current spending by \$300-\$500 million. That's the range Governor Ryan is working on now.

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*Capitol Update... (con't to page 3)*

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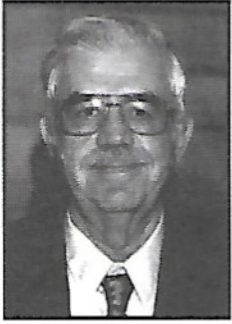
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Conservation Show in East Peoria on the Blye/Keil Farm and Illinois Central College Campus had to be one of the biggest shows yet, with more than 6,000 people attending. My thanks goes out to everyone that helped to make the show a success.

We need to continue working on membership, if you know of a prospective member contact them yourself, JoAnn, or me. Remember the convention at the Brandywine Hotel in Peoria on January 17th, 18th and 19th, 2002. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

I will be helping with the workshop in February, if you want to bid IDOT work, abandoned mine land, capitol development board, which includes state parks and conservation areas, please sign up. We will bid one IDOT job together and compare your bid with the state's low bid.

Forrest Davis  
President



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### Capitol Update.. (con't from page 2)

With next year being an election year, a look back for lessons might be in order. The General Accounting Office Report said that over half of the precincts nationwide experienced "major problems" on Election Day 2000. Most report a shortage of qualified poll workers. However, 30 percent report problems with voters who showed up to vote and were not on any lists. Just thought you'd like to know!

### New Capitol Security

I've wondered what tighter security at the Capitol would mean for lobbyists. Well, this morning I got my photo ID from the Secretary of State's office. It apparently gives me access to the Capitol Complex without having to sign in and out on each visit. However with my SOS letter, I had to show my Driver License for access to the Howlett Building basement.

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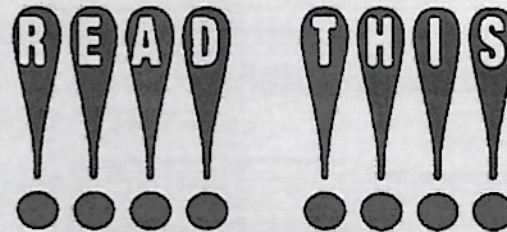
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NOVEMBER 10, 2001**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
11:00 AM – Convention  
1:00 PM – Membership  
2:00 PM – Awards**

## Upcoming Meetings



### ILICA BOARD MEETINGS

Heritage House Restaurant  
Nov. 10, 2001

2002 Annual Convention  
Jan 17-19, 2002  
Holiday Inn Brandywine, Peoria

### LICA MEETINGS

February Contractor Workshop  
February 5-7, 2002  
Stoneycreek Inn, Peoria

February 17-23, 2002  
Sheraton Hotel  
Birmingham, AL

# 2002 ILICA CONVENTION Tentative Program

## WEDNESDAY January 16

5:00 - 6:00 P.M. Registration  
3:00 Budget Committee Meeting

## THURSDAY January 17

8:00 - 11:30 Registration  
7:30 Busses load for Caterpillar Tour  
8:00- Tour of Mossville Caterpillar Plant  
(Must be at least 12 years old/no open toed shoes/no cameras/wheel chair accessible)  
10:00 Full line formal demonstration  
11:30 Lunch at Cat  
12:30 Return to Hotel  
10:00-3:00 Exhibits Open **Ballroom**  
**General Session Grandview**  
Moderator-Ron Masching, Education Chairman  
1:00-1:45 **Insurance 101-** Nathan Oland - Federated Insurance "Business insurance premiums. . .are they in your control or out of your control? Let's get back to the basics and discuss how you can help affect your own bottom line!  
1:45 - 2:15 **Marketing Tools and Tips for Contractors** - Lenae Bulhuis, Prinsco, Inc. "In this nuts & bolts workshop you will discover how to increase your profits through practical tips that will maximize your current marketing program and valuable tools that will assist you in your advertising  
2:15- 3:00 **Laughter is the Best Medicine-** Vicki Lannie/Methodist Community Outreach Coordinator will discuss the biological changes that occur with the body when laughing that effect us, physically, psychologically & spiritually.  
3:00-4:00 Board of Directors Meeting **Grandview**  
4:00 - 7:00 Exhibits Open **Ballroom**  
5:00 - 6:30 Attitude Adjustment Hour (Exhibit Area)  
6:30 Early Bird Get Together "A Peoria Mardi Gras Celebration"  
**Atrium**  
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7:05 Welcome- Stanley SeEVERS, Convention Chairman  
7:15 Entertainment - John Phillips-River City Dixie Land Band  
8:30 Associates Hospitality Room Open

## Friday January 18

7:30 Devotional Service **Fon du lac**  
8:00 Breakfast **Atrium**  
8:00 - 6:00 Exhibits Open  
8:00 - 11:00 Registration Open  
9:00 **General Session** Moderator - Forrest Davis, President  
**Grandview**  
9:00 ILICA Report - Forrest Davis  
9:15 LICA Report - Barney Flueger, Region IV Vice President  
9:30 ILICA Legislative Report, Dwight Dunbar  
10:00 NRCS Report, Bill Gradle, State Conservationist  
10:15 FSA Report, William J. Graff, Executive Vice President, FSA  
10:30 Break.  
10:45 IL Association of Drainage Districts Report  
11:00 AISWCD Report - Mark Besse, President, AISWCD  
11:15 Land Improvement & The General Assembly  
11:45 Adjourn  
12:00 Luncheon **Atrium**  
General Session cont **Grandview** Moderator/Forrest Davis  
1:30 - Accidents & Incidents /Panel Discussion (ILICA Contractors)  
ILICA contractors will relate stories of mishaps & mistakes that have occurred on the job  
2:00 Critique of Contractors Mistakes - Kevin Breheny, J.L. Hubbard Insurance "taking safety precautions in order to prevent mishaps will be discussed"  
2:30 Break

2:45-3:00 Associates Committee Meeting-  
2:45 Interpretation of Prevailing Wage Law - John Freitag Illinois Dept. of Labor "Learn how & when the law applies"  
3:45 Employee Compensation - Steve Baker-Springfield Plastics "Learn how to keep good employees, what they expect & what benefits to give them.  
5:00 Associates Hospitality Rooms Open  
6:00 Dinner **Atrium**  
6:45 Entertainment-Auction **Atrium**  
Auctioneers  
5:00 - 11:00 Associates Hospitality Rooms Open

## Saturday January 19

7:30 Devotional Service **Fon du lac**  
8:00 Breakfast (door prize giveaway-) **Atrium**  
8:30 - 10:00 Registration  
9:00 General Session Moderator-Ron Masching **Grandview**  
9:00 Oil & Lubricants  
9:45 New Products - Panel - ILICA Associates "learn what is new on the market in regard to products, techniques and ideas"  
10:30 Break  
10:45 - 11:45 Leasing vs Purchasing - ILICA Associate "Learn the advantages when buying vs. leasing equipment"  
12:00 Membership Campaign Luncheon(Everyone Welcome)  
**Grand Ballroom**  
New Members will be recognized  
2:00 Annual Business Meeting & Election of Officers **Grandview**  
5:30 Hospitality Hour (Cash Bar)  
6:30 Awards Banquet Moderator- Gerald Hoogstraal Eastern IL  
**Clay Grand Ballroom**  
8:00 Presidents Hospitality Room Open **Fon du lac**  
All Members invited to attend

## LADIES PROGRAM

### Thursday - January 17

1:00 General Session

### Friday - January 18

7:30 Devotional Service  
9:00 Board Busses for the Specialty Shops of Washington Square (More than 20 unique shops filled with collectibles, gifts, home accessories, primitives, furniture & more)  
(First stop Sentimental Journey)  
11:30 Lunch - Susan's TeaRoom  
12:30 Mary's Collectibles Gifts & Home Furnishings (featuring an Art Gallery, collector plates, gifts for the home, garden & office, home furnishings & more)  
1:00 Return to hotel  
1:30 Wine Savvy - Wine Tasting Demonstration - Sherry Adkisson (Pre-registration necessary)  
(taste wonderful wines, scrumptious cheeses, chocolate strawberries & learn how to pair wine with food)  
1:30 Creative Memories - Scrapbook/Craft Demonstration - Missy Molln (transform your snapshots into a treasured heirloom)  
3:15 **General Session**  
4:00 **General Session**

### Saturday - January 19

9:00 Floral Demonstration from Green View Nursery  
10:00 Herbal Remedies- Wilma Clark, Clark's Greenhouse

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PRE-REGISTRATION FOR ILICA CONVENTION JANUARY 17, 18, 19, 2002

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Participation for one day

Thursday:      ( ) Individual \$40.00      ( ) Couple \$65.00      ( ) Child \$20.00

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Only individuals registered & badged may attend convention events. The spouse/guest of a registrant need not register to share hotel accommodations, but must register if they wish to participate in the program.  
**No registration may be processed without payment.**  
Cut off date for mail in registrations is **JANUARY 5, 2002**  
A \$20 processing fee will be charged for cancellations received by January 5, 2002. Cancellations after January 10, 2002 will be subject to a 50% reduction in refund. All requests must be in writing.  
Registration fee is not tax deductible as a charitable contribution, but may be deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense. Consult your tax advisor.  
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# ILICA 2001/2002 MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

November 1, 2001 to January 15, 2002

THE ILICA MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN KICKED-OFF November 1, 2001. NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO HELP BUILD YOUR ASSOCIATION. I KNOW WE ARE ALL BUSY, BUT WE MUST GET OUT THERE AND DO OUR PART. WE CAN REACH OUR GOAL IF EVERYONE HELPS. MEMBERS SIGNING UP DURING THE CONTEST WILL RECEIVE FREE REGISTRATION TO THE CONVENTION -- A \$90 VALUE. ALSO --IF YOU SIGN UP A MEMBER IN NOVEMBER HE GETS THE REST OF THE YEAR FREE!!- **EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER!!!!—DO IT TODAY!!!!**

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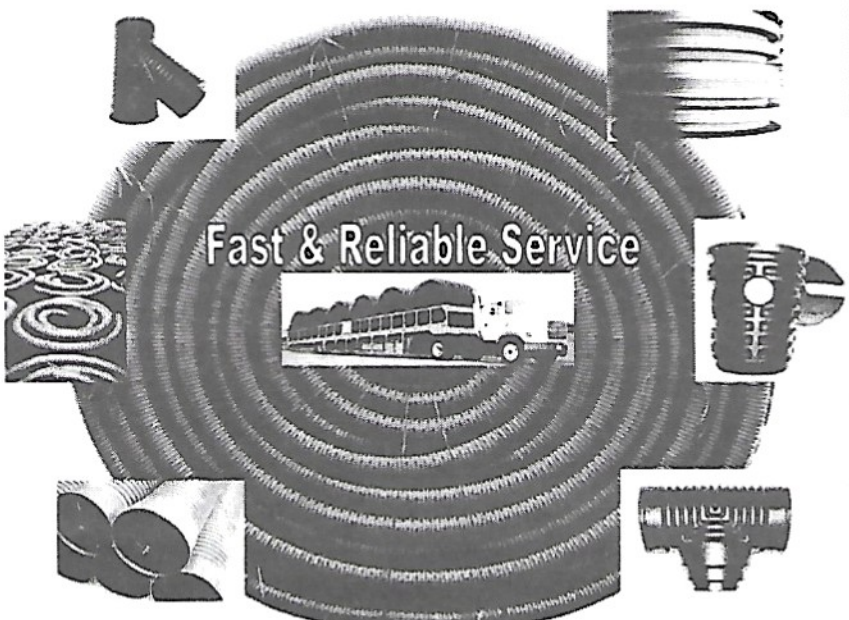
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## WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

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November 10<sup>th</sup> 1:00 P.M.  
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LICA 2002 Convention

Sheraton Birmingham, AL

February 18-23, 2002

## CONVENTION AGENDA

[Note: This is a tentative agenda]

### Sunday, February 17, 2002

5:00pm Registration

### Monday, February 18, 2002

7:30am Historic Places and Famous Faces Tour

8:00am The Works Tour

7:00pm Registration

### Tuesday, February 19, 2002

8:00am Time Travel Tour

6:00pm Registration

6:00pm Executive Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, February 20, 2002

6:30am Devotions

7:00am Registration and Opening Breakfast

8:30am Committee Chairs Meeting

9:00am **Ladies' Seminar: The Eat Right Program**

Children's Get Acquainted Session

**Seminar: Job Site Safety**

**Seminar: Preventive Maintenance & Its Effect on the Bottom Line**

**Seminar: Selling the Erosion Control Concept**

Committee Meetings (Awards, Devotions, Past Presidents', Public Relations, Technology)

10:00am Kids' Awesome Alabama Tour

10:30am **Seminar: Trenchless Excavation**

**Seminar: Constructing Animal Waste Systems**

**Seminar: Considering Diversification? Is Your**

**Insurance Coverage Adequate?**

**Seminar: Noise & Safety: Hearing Conservation Program**

Committee Meetings (By-Laws, On-Site Waste, Policy)

12:00pm First-Timers' Luncheon and Program

1:30pm Ladies' Optional Birmingham Treasures Tour

**Seminar: Emerging Technologies in On-Site Waste**

**Seminar: Brush to Mulch**

**Seminar: Equipment Decisions: Repair or Replace**

Committee Meetings (Consv., Earth. & Excav., Long Term Planning, Membership, Insurance)

3:00pm **Seminar: Grow Your Business With Waste System Maintenance**

**Seminar: Athletic Sports Field Drainage & Design**

**Seminar: Equipment Decisions: Lease or Purchase**

Committee Meetings (Convention, Legislative, Safety, Water Table Mgmt.)

7:00pm Region Meetings

### Thursday, February 21, 2002

7:00am Devotions

7:30am Ladies' Breakfast, Business Mtg. & A Humorous Taste of Alabama's History

Children's Breakfast

Equipment Mfg. Contractors Breakfast and Associates'

Presentations

Executive Directors Breakfast & Meeting

10:30am **Seminar: Hitting the Road: Securing Equipment for Transport**

**Seminar: Emerging Markets in Watershed Rehabilitation**

**Seminar: Expand & Enhance with Laser & GPS Technology**

**Seminar: Recycle & Waste Reduction**

Committee Meetings (Nominating, Education, Budget)

Alabama LICA Reorganization Luncheon

12:00pm

1:00pm

Strategic Planning Session

Just 4 Kids Tour

1:30pm

**Ladies' Seminar: Fashion & Style for Today**

**Seminar: Emerging Markets in Watershed Rehabilitation**

3:00pm

**Seminar: Constructing Animal Waste Systems**

**Seminar: Expand & Enhance with Laser & GPS Technology**

6:00pm

Caterpillar President's Dinner

### Friday, February 22, 2002

7:30am Devotions East D (100 theater)

9:00am Children's Show

**Ladies' Seminar: The History of the World through Flowers**

Delegates Meeting

11:00am

Associate's Advisory Committee

12:00pm

Exhibit Hall Grand Opening Luncheon

5:15pm

Exhibitors' Reception

### Saturday, February 23, 2002

7:30am Devotions

8:00am Exhibit Hall Breakfast

9:00am Executive Committee Meeting

12:00pm John Deere Luncheon

2:00pm

Children's Pool Party

Board Meeting

5:30pm

Reception

6:30pm

Awards Banquet

# CONVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAM

## Job Site Safety!

This seminar will discuss the importance of job site safety. Learn what the most common safety infractions are; how to train yourself to watch for them; and how to communicate the importance of safety to your employees.

*Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002-9:00 a.m.*

## Selling the Erosion Control Concept

This session will cover the principle of promoting or "selling" the concept of sound erosion control practices to your customers and community.

*Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002-9:00 a.m.*

## Preventive Maintenance & Its Effect on the Bottom Line

This presentation will cover how a regular preventive maintenance program can add dollars to your bottom line. It will also include tips on trouble-shooting maintenance problems to help prevent costly repairs.

*Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002-9:00 a.m.*

## Trenchless Excavation

The seminar will cover the newest technology in trenchless excavation. It will include discussion on applications and benefits.

*Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002-10:30 a.m.*

## Constructing Animal Waste Systems

Controlling animal waste has become a big priority on today's farms. This presentation will cover the latest in technical information and ideas in the construction of these systems.

*Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002 - 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002-3:00 p.m.*

## Considering Diversification? Is Your Insurance Coverage Adequate?

Before you diversify into another branch of construction, make sure you have the right type and the right amount of coverage for the projects you are undertaking.

*Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002-10:30 a.m.*

## Noise & Safety: Hearing Conservation Program

Construction companies are required by OSHA to have a written hearing conservation program. This seminar will include information on the OSHA standards and program requirements.

*Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002-10:30 a.m.*

## Emerging Technologies in On-Site Waste

This seminar will touch on new and improved technologies in the on-site waste industry. It will include tips on product selection and installation.

*Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002 1:30 p.m.*

## Brush to Mulch

This seminar will discuss a fast-growing segment of the construction industry, disposal of brush and clearing debris, including grinding and chipping, while providing a product very much in demand.

*Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002 1:30 p.m.*

## Equipment Decisions: Repair or Replace

This session will show you what information you will need and how to use that information when making the tough decisions required to determine the most efficient way to spend your money.

*Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002-1:30p.m.*

## Grow Your Business with Waste System Maintenance

This presentation will provide you with information on expanding your business into the area of system maintenance, including a discussion on service contract development for your customer base.

*Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002-3:00 p.m.*

## Athletic Sports Field Drainage & Design

There is big money being spent all across the country on the construction and renovation of athletic sports fields. This session will discuss drainage system design, equipment, and attachments that will enhance your existing equipment to do the job.

*Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002-3:00 p.m.*

## Equipment Decisions: Lease or Purchase

This presentation will discuss the factors you need to consider when determining whether to lease or purchase your next piece of equipment.

*Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002 3:00 p.m.*

## Expand & Enhance with Laser & GPS Technology

Diversification can be accomplished by enhancing or expanding the services you offer to your existing customer base or expanding that customer base. Discover how you can use your lasers and GPS systems to diversify your business.

*Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002-3:00 p.m.*

## Emerging Markets in Watershed Rehabilitation

The law has been passed. Now, the goal is to get it fully funded. This session will discuss the work opportunities created by the watershed rehabilitation act, the type of projects and what contractors can do to get these structures completed.

*Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002-1:30 p.m.*

## Hitting the Road - Securing Equipment for Transport

This seminar will be a practical session regarding the laws of equipment transportation. Learn how to determine the correct number of chains (yes, there is a formula to use to determine how many chains) and other "rules" of the road.

*Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002-10:30 a.m.*

## Recycling & Waste Reduction

This presentation will discuss ways to handle construction and demolition debris. Learn about methods used to reduce waste and save landfill space.

*Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002-10:30 a.m.*

## Did You Ever Notice?

If you put the two words -  
"The IRS" together - it spells  
"THEIRS".

# CONVENTION PRE-TOURS

Monday, February 18, 2002

## Historic Places & Famous Faces

At 7:30am, the motor coach will begin boarding at the Sheraton Birmingham. Departure will be at 8:00am for a narrated "windshield" tour of downtown Birmingham and the surrounding hills. Founded in 1871, Birmingham is nicknamed "**The Magic City**" and this morning you will experience some of its "magic."

Featured will be **Historic Morris Avenue** filled with many of Birmingham's historic buildings and churches, followed by The Municipal District, Mountain Brook Village, English Village, the UAB District, and a "birds-eye" view of the city.

Then, we'll travel to a little bitty city with a great big surprise! Located in Columbiana is the **Smith-Harrison Museum** which has the largest collection of George and Martha Washington memorabilia outside Mount Vernon!

By this time, your appetite will have kicked in! We've got that covered.! Lunch will be provided at a local restaurant known for its "down home" cooking. Just down the road is **The American Village** where costumed historical interpreters will lead you on a journey into our Colonial past. Hear Patrick Henry's poignant words, learn to do the minuet ... these are just a sample of what you will see and do as you "step-back-in-time" and celebrate 225 years of liberty.

Though the past had its good points, we're sure you'll be ready to head "back to the future" when return to the hotel at 5:00pm.

## "The Works" Tour

At 8:00am, the motor coach will begin boarding at the Sheraton Birmingham. When we depart, at 8:30am, we will be bound for the **ACIPCO (American Cast Iron Pipe Company)**. The tour will focus on **American Ductile Iron**, a division of ACIPCO. You will see ductile iron pipe being made and hear the story of this amazing Birmingham company which was voted one of the best 100 companies to work for in America!

Following a lunch that will satisfy the heartiest appetite, the motor coach will depart for Vance, Alabama. This delightful "Southern" city now has "worldwide" appeal with the opening of the **Mercedes-Benz Auto Production Operation**. Here you will experience the history of Daimler-Benz, the world's premier automobile manufacturer. The Factory Tour, where the new Mercedes-Benz M-Class vehicle is produced, allows you to see for yourself why this vehicle is the #1 of its kind.

Then it's on to **The Peanut Depot**. Here's your chance to experience some of Birmingham's early history and to purchase some delicious roasted peanuts to carry back home (if they make it that far!).

**Some restrictions from Mercedes-Benz:** No one under 12 years of age is allowed on the Plant Tour. The Plant tour is 1 1/2 hours of walking. Comfortable walking shoes (no open toes) and pants are required. Cameras are not permitted on the tour. No smoking on premises. Canes, crutches, and walkers are not allowed on the tour. A list of participants must be received three weeks prior to the tour.

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## Time Travel Tour

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

At 8:00am, the motor coach will depart the Sheraton Birmingham for the **Confederate Memorial Park**, the site of Alabama's only Confederate Veteran's Home. The facility was in operation from 1902 to 1939 for the care of elderly veterans, wives of veterans, and even widows of veterans.

The 102-acre park includes the two original cemeteries where 313 soldier's remains are buried, buildings from the period, nature trails and a museum which houses artifacts from the "old Soldiers Home." The highlight of the visit will be a glimpse into life of a Confederate Soldier. Dressed in Confederate attire, a guide will recall the bravery and devotion to duty in the face of adversity that each soldier experience during this eventful period of time.

Lunch will be provided before venturing into the water ... **The Water Course**, that is! The Water Course is a fun approach to teaching visitors about Alabama's waterways and reservoirs, the state's geography, the importance of water, and how water effects the lifestyle we lead. Did we say fun? You'll ride in a helicopter

without even leaving the ground, be a contestant on a game show, hear fascinating tales from people who have lived and worked on Alabama's waterways, and see an aquarium full of fish and other aquatic life that call Alabama's waterways home. It's an adventure into the wonderful world of water and its many uses.

Then, it's off to **Mitchell Dam** for a tour of an eight-story hydroelectric facility. Elevators make the tour easy for those who have difficulty walking. Then, it's "back to the future," with our return to the hotel in the late afternoon.

### We Recommend!

The size of some tours are restricted and some facilities need advance notice of who will be coming. So, we recommend that you sign up NOW! You definitely don't want to miss out on these great tours!

# TOURS FOR THE KIDS AND LADIES

Wednesday, July 20, 2002

## Alabama's Awesome Surprise Kids Tour

The kids will leave the hotel at 10:00 am for Childersburg. Only an hour away from the largest city in the state, Childersburg is a very, very small city ... but it holds an AWESOME surprise! Located in this small city, you will find Alabama's AWESOME cave ... DeSoto Caverns! How AWESOME? Twelve stories tall and longer than a football field, that's how AWESOME! It's one of the first officially recorded caves in the U.S. Beautiful rock formations and spellbinding tales make your tour of this AWESOME cave unforgettable! At the end of the cavern tour is a Laser Light, Sound and Water Show!

Hey, but there's more fun in store for you! You're gonna pan for gems ... just like they did in the old West when panning for gold ... and, you get to keep what you find! Good Luck!

For the next part, you've got to be "quick on your feet!" Who can be the fastest to find three Indian Villages on your way through a 3/4 acre maze? The winner will earn "bragging rights" for the rest of the day! Does this sound AWESOME, or what? It even includes lunch! Don't miss out on this day of fun! Wear your running shoes and be prepared for a day you'll never forget.

Thursday, February 21, 2002

## Just 4 Kids Tour

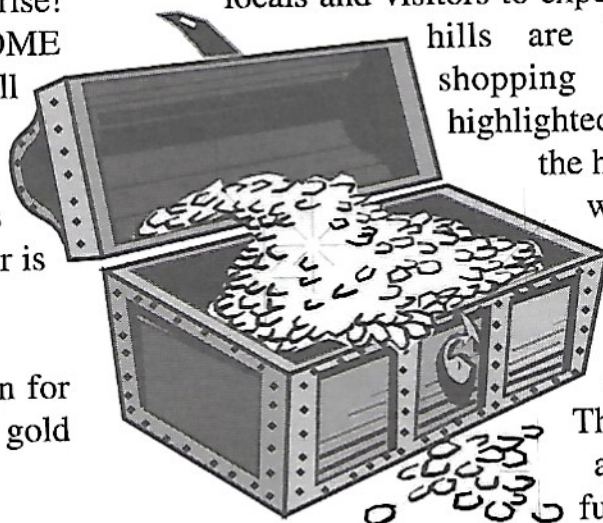
The kids will leave the Sheraton Birmingham at 1:00 pm, headed for Birmingham-Southern College where they will visit a hands-on museum. **The Southern Environmental Center** was built in the college's old swimming pool building. This seems the appropriate place for such a museum that highlights recycle and reuse. The museum includes a simulated house built over the deep end of the swimming pool. By sliding down a giant sewer pipe, kids can see the impact of water usage. A hands-on collection of models, exhibits and multi-media presentations focus on ways that individuals can improve the environment. If time allows, the kids will participate in the **Trash Workshop**. Discarded materials are turned into works of art for each to take home as a souvenir of their visit to Birmingham.

It isn't everyday that a person wins three Gold Medals at the Olympics! It takes a person with commitment, responsibility, and ability. And that describes Rowdy Gaines perfectly. If Rowdy is in town, he will meet the group personally and give them a chance to meet a real-life hero! At the **Alabama Sports Hall of Fame**, Rowdy, as Director of the ASHOF Educational Outreach Program, has developed an outstanding program that's fun, as well as educational. The tour features a scavenger hunt through the three floors of the building to discover information about the 210 Hall of Fame members using computer-interactive kiosks. Stories at the museum will grab the kids attention!

Wednesday, July 20, 2002

## Ladies Optional Birmingham Treasures Tour

This tour is designed to let you experience an afternoon of pure pleasure! Birmingham has lots of "treasures" tucked away for locals and visitors to experience. Lying within the rolling hills are beautiful mansions, unique shopping and the two "treasures" highlighted on this tour. We'll depart from the hotel at 1:00 pm when our guide will welcome us aboard "Southern Style."



Birmingham has only one remaining antebellum home, The Arlington. Seeped in history and furnished with the finest furnishing of its time, Arlington will take us back in time. The house, known today as Arlington, was built in Elyton, one of the oldest sections of Birmingham. It survived Wilson's Raiders when they came through in March 1965. You'll be surprised to see how Birmingham has literally built right up to the Arlington's doorsteps!

Imagine ladies in long dresses sheltered from the sun by large shade trees, families enjoying picnics on the lush, green lawn, children frolicking on a warm summer day! Now, imagine the delicious mouth-watering dessert and beverage that awaits you in Arlington's beautiful dining area adjacent to the main house!

Our treasure hunt continues as we head to downtown Birmingham for another "treasure," Birmingham Museum of Art. The largest municipally supported art museum in the Southeast, it features the largest collection of Wedgwood China outside Great Britain. A docent-guided tour will concentrate on the "highlights" of this outstanding museum 'cause there's just too much to see in one visit!

## That's Not All!

We also have programs planned in the hotel each day for our younger generation. We'll have lots of magic, games, and pool time for the kids! So, bring your swim suits and your imagination and be prepared for a wonderful time with your LICA buddies!

And, for the ladies, we have classes which will cover eating the right foods, making a fashion statement, the history of flowers, and a humorous look at Alabama's history!

**CONVENTION REGISTRATION**51<sup>st</sup> Annual LICA Winter Convention

Birmingham Sheraton · Birmingham, AL · February 18 - 23, 2002

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone/Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

**General Registration - Postmarked after December 1, 2001****Discount Registration - Postmarked by Dec. 1, 2001**

<b>MEMB:</b> Contractors, Associates, Government Employee, Consultants	\$210.00 ea.	\$240.00 ea.
<b>Member Spouse:</b>	\$ 195.00 ea.	\$225.00 ea.
<b>YOUTH:</b> 13-15 years of age	\$150.00 ea.	\$180.00 ea.
<b>CHILD:</b> 12 years and under (Children 3 years and under are free.)	\$100.00 ea.	\$130.00 ea.
<b>NON-MEMBER</b> (Note: \$40 may be applied toward membership)	\$250.00 ea.	\$280.00 ea.

**Special Education Package**

For those interested in attending only the educational seminars and meals on Wednesday, February 20 and Thursday, February 21, we are offering a reduced registration of \$125 per adult; \$100 per youth; and \$ 75 per child. (Note: This fee does not include admission to the Caterpillar Banquet.)

PRINT NAMES FOR NAME BADGES	COMPLETE FOR CHILDREN	TOTAL
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<b>Total Tour Registration</b> (Please complete the Tour Registration Form and send it with this form)		\$
<b>TOTAL TOUR AND CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEES:</b>		\$

**PAYMENT METHODS**

<input type="checkbox"/> Check made payable to LICA	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card	<b>Expiration Date:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Money Order payable to LICA	Mastercard#	
	Visa#	

# TOUR REGISTRATION

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*Note: Departure times are tentative. Check your program upon arrival.*

DATE	NAME(S) (Please Print)	AMOUNT	TOTAL
<b>Monday, February 18, 2002</b>			
<i>Historic Places &amp; Famous Faces</i>  (8:00am - 5:00pm)		\$ 50 each	\$
<i>The Works</i>  (8:30am - 5:00pm)		\$ 50 each	\$
<b>Tuesday, February 19, 2002</b>			
<i>Time Travel</i>  (8:00am - 4:00pm)		\$ 45 each	\$
<b>Wednesday, February 20, 2002</b>			
<i>Ladies Optional Birmingham Treasures</i>  (1:30pm - 5:00pm)		\$ 32 each	\$
<b>TOTAL TOUR REGISTRATION</b>			<b>\$</b>

**REGISTRATION POLICY:** Only individuals registered & badged may attend convention events. The spouse/guest of a registered member need not register to share hotel accommodations, but must register if they wish to participate in the program or meal functions. **No registration may be processed without payment.** A \$30 processing fee will be incurred on cancellations postmarked before February 1, 2002. Cancellations postmarked after February 1, 2002 will be subject to a 50% reduction in refund. No registration refunds will be available after February 13, 2001. All requests must be in writing. Meals will be on an "availability basis" for on-site registrations. **REGISTRATION FEE DEADLINES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED - NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Please return this registration form to: LICA; 1101 West High Street; Jefferson City, MO 65109.

Questions: Call Debbie Dickens (573/635-8694; Fax: 573/761-0375; E-mail: [MLICA@aol.com](mailto:MLICA@aol.com))

To register additional attendees, please copy this form.

# THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

## Length of Stay

These reduced hotel rates are available for LICA members from February 15 through February 25, 2001.

## Cancellation Policy

Your room deposit is refundable if notice is received at least 72 hours prior to arrival and a cancellation number is obtained.

## Check-In & Check-Out

Check-in time is 3:00pm and check-out time is 12:00pm (noon).

## Parking

There is a \$7 per day fee for parking. The hotel, however, does allow you to "come and go" as many times as you'd like during the day.

## RV Parking

To make arrangements to park your RV's, please contact Melinda at the Birmingham Sheraton. Her phone number is: 800-THE- BJCC (800-843-2522)

## From The Airport

You will arrive at one of three concourses within the Birmingham International Airport. After deplaning, follow the signs to the baggage claim area, located at the lower level. When leaving the baggage area, you will exit through door #3. Proceed to the center island which is for the LIMO/BUSS holding area. This is the waiting area for the Shuttle. The cost is \$15.00 per person (one-way)

## The Hotel

Our home during this convention will be the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel. The Sheraton's phone number is: 205/324-5000.

Cut-Off Date for Hotel Reservations at group rate is January 16, 2002.

Room rates are as follows (plus applicable taxes - currently 8%)

Single & Double Occupancy	\$ 119.00
Triple Occupancy	\$ 129.00
Quad Occupancy	\$ 139.00
Club Floor Rooms	\$ 139.00

**Children 17 and under** stay free in rooms with parents using existing bedding. Roll-aways are \$15 per night.

## Directions

### From Huntsville (North):

Take 1-65 South to 1-20/59 East toward Atlanta and Gadsden. Take either the 17th Street exit and turn left at the first light and then left again on 19th Street, or take the 22nd Street exit and turn right. Take another right on 8th Avenue North, and then right again on 19th Street. The Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex will be on the right.

### From Montgomery (South):

Take 1-65 North to 1-20/59 East toward Atlanta and Gadsden. Take either the 17th Street exit and turn left at the first light and left again on 19th Street. Go two blocks and turn right on 11th Avenue North. Or take the 22nd Street exit and turn right. Take another right on 8th Avenue North, and then right again on 19th Street. The Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex will be on the right.

### From Tuscaloosa (West):

Take 1-20/59 East toward Birmingham. Take the 17th Street exit and turn left at the first light and then left again on 19th Street. Or take the 22nd Street exit go straight to the second light, turn right. The Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex will be straight ahead.

### From Atlanta (East):

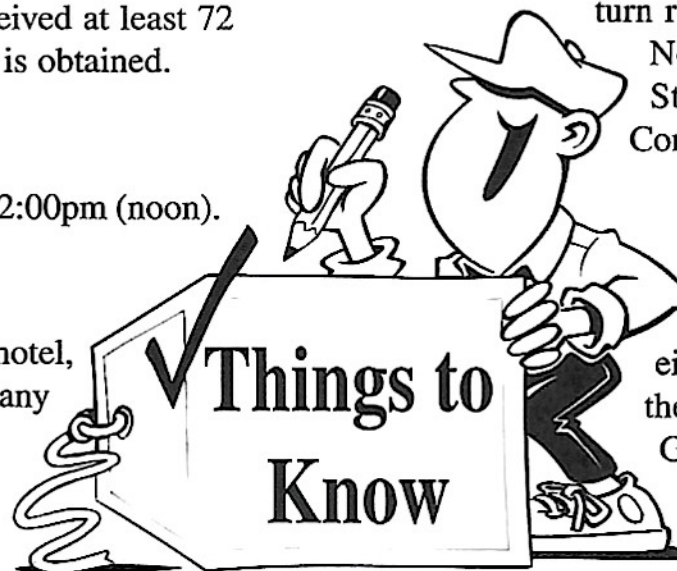
Take 1 -20 West to Birmingham and exit on 22nd Street. Keep straight to 21 St. Street, and turn right. The Civic Center will be on the left. From GADSDEN: Take 1-59 South to Birmingham and exit on 22nd Street North. Go straight to the second light, and take a right. The Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex is on the right.

## Dress Code

There is no specific dress code for LICA's conventions, however, most people dress casually for the seminars and more formally for the Caterpillar Banquet and Awards Dinner. To us "casual" means jeans and "more formal" means sports jackets/ties or suits for the men and pant suits or dresses for the ladies.

## Weather

The historical average high in Birmingham during the week of our stay is 57° to 59° with the average lows being 35° to 36°. Although there is an enclosed walkway from the hotel to the convention center, you may want to bring some warm clothing, just in case. Remember, not everyone in a classroom likes the same temperatures!



## 2002 ILICA Contractors Workshop

February 5, 6, & 7, 2002

Stoney Creek Inn Peoria, Illinois

Dear Land Improvement Contractor:

The Illinois Land Improvement Contractors Association, in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the University of Illinois Extension Service is sponsoring this workshop for land improvement contractors. The workshop is designed to broaden your knowledge of conservation projects. It is our hope that you will leave the workshop a more knowledgeable, more profitable contractor.

We urge you to register early; we must limit attendance. The workshop has two concurrent sessions the first day and three sessions the second day and 1/2. The workshop will end with an

opportunity for you to quiz the experts—a panel of experienced, successful contractors.

Attendees may participate in any combination of concurrent sessions. However, it is recommended that you not change sessions during a given topic presentation. It is important that you complete advance registration so that we may know how to allocate teaching resources to the three sessions. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Kent Mitchell  
Agricultural Engineer  
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Jim Evans  
State Engineer  
NRCS-USDA

Jo Ann Huff  
Executive Director  
ILICA

**PLEASE CALL STONEY CREEK INN DIRECTLY FOR YOUR LODGING.**

Tell them you are attending the ILICA Workshop and get a \$65/single or double room rate.

Their address is: 101 Mariners Way • Peoria, IL 61611 • (800) 659-2220

### ADVANCED REGISTRATION

#### REGISTRATION FEES:

Registration Date	ILICA Member	Non-Member
By January 25, 2002	1 day \$50	1 day \$75
	2 days \$80	2 days \$120
	3 days \$110	3 days \$150
After January 25, 2002	1 day \$70	1 day \$90
	2 days \$100	2 days \$125
	3 days \$130	3 days \$155

A notebook will be provided that includes considerable reference materials (\$100 value) including the Illinois Drainage Guide.

Lunches and breaks are included in the registration fee.

Send names of participants and registration fee by January 25, 2002 to: ILICA Workshop

604 East State Street  
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(217) 245-1616

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2002 ILICA CONTRACTOR WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Time	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
<b>February 5, 2002</b>			
9:00 AM	Registration	Registration	Registration
10:00 AM	IDOT Contractor Qualification Bidding Jobs	Surveying <input type="checkbox"/> Fundamentals <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Instruments	
12:00 Noon	Lunch	Lunch	
2:00 PM	Computing Quantities <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Fills <input type="checkbox"/> Excavations <input type="checkbox"/> Graded Sites	Surveying <input type="checkbox"/> Differential Leveling <input type="checkbox"/> Profile & Cross Section Leveling <input type="checkbox"/> Exercises	
6:00 PM	Adjourn	Adjourn	
<b>February 6, 2002</b>			
8:00 AM	Drainage Systems Designs	Basics of Mapping	Regulations <input type="checkbox"/> Used Oil <input type="checkbox"/> Disposal of Tires
12:00 Noon	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 PM	Drainage System Design	Basic Drainage Principles Installation	Conservation Practices Design & <input type="checkbox"/> Streambank Protection <input type="checkbox"/> Detention Basins
6:00 PM	Adjourn	Adjourn	Adjourn
<b>February 7, 2002</b>			
8:00 AM	Computer Assisted Drainage	Basic Drainage Principles	Checkout of Conservation Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Waterways <input type="checkbox"/> Basins
12:00 Noon	Lunch <b>COMBINED SESSION</b>	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 PM	Safety		
2:00 PM	Panel Discussion		
3:00 PM	Adjourn		

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## GOVERNOR AWARDS MORE THAN \$1.2 MILLION IN GRANTS TO PLUG ABANDONED OIL AND GAS WELLS

Governor George H. Ryan, awarded more than \$1.27 million in grants to plug more than 300 abandoned oil and gas wells in 21 Illinois Counties.

"Abandoned oil and gas wells can cause environmental and safety threats," Governor Ryan said. "Through Illinois FIRST, we are providing \$10 million over five years to decrease the number of these wells, and to ensure they are plugged properly and most importantly, to protect groundwater supplies and farm land at risk due to these orphaned wells."

Governor Ryan announced Illinois FIRST is providing the grants to 112 landowners who will plug 302 wells on their property in 21 counties throughout Illinois. These are the latest grants for plugging abandoned wells. Illinois FIRST is providing \$10 million over five years to dramatically reduce the backlog of abandoned oil and gas wells in Illinois. During the first two years of the program, more than 1,100 wells have been plugged.

Well eligibility information and additional details about the program are available by contacting the IDNR Office of Mines and Minerals Landowner Grant Program, 524 South Second St., Springfield, IL 62701-1787, or phone 217/782-7756, Ameritech Relay 800/5260844.

## HEARING SAFETY SUGGESTED GUIDELINES

Hearing protection must be worn in areas where sound levels exceed 85 DBA.

Wear proper ear plugs for low level noise abatement.

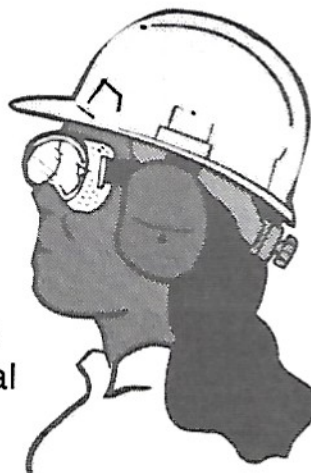
Ear muff hearing protection, along with ear plugs, may be needed in high level noise areas.

Keep hearing protection clean and fit for use.

Check ANSI Standard S 3.19 Method for the Measurement of Real-Ear Protectors and Physical Attenuation of Earmuffs to determine the efficiency of a specific device for a given noise exposure.

Sound absorbing materials can be used to isolate the noise source helping to prevent the spread of noise.

Altering or enclosing equipment or using quieter work processes can reduce overall noise levels.

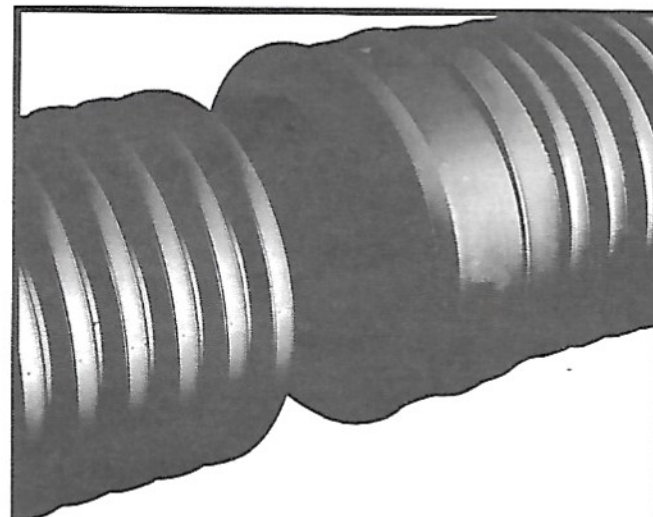


*Federated Tool Box Topics*

### Warning Labels

In case you needed further proof that the human race is doomed through stupidity here are some actual label instructions on consumer products.

- On A Sears Hairdryer "Do Not Use While Sleeping"
- On A Bag Of Fritos: "You Could Be A Winner! No Purchase Necessary. Details Inside".
- On Sainsburys Peanuts "Warning: Contains Nuts".
- On A Bottle Of ALL Laundry Detergent "Remove Clothing Before Distributing In Washing Machine".
- On A Swedish Chain Saw "Do Not Attempt To Stop Chain With Your Hands".
- On An American Airlines Packet Of Nuts "Instructions Open Packet, Eat Nuts."
- On Some Swanson Frozen Dinners "Serving Suggestion: Defrost"
- Ctn Tesco's Tiramisu Dessert (printed on bottom of box): "Do Not Turn Upside Down."



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## GOVERNOR RYAN ANNOUNCES \$7 MILLION IN GRANTS FOR LOCAL CONSERVATION 2000 PROJECTS

On September 24, 2001 Governor George H. Ryan ~ announced more than \$7 million in grants to 34 local private-public partnerships for natural resource protection projects under the Illinois Conservation 2000 program.

"Local citizens and private property owners working together are the keys to the success of Conservation 2000," Ryan said. "These grants, combined with local matching funds and other support, provide important land management, habitat enhancement, and resource conservation projects in watersheds throughout Illinois."

The Governor noted that the partnerships are matching their state funding with \$9.8 million in cash, in-kind and other contributions, boosting the value of the projects to nearly \$17 million.

"With this funding, more than 18,660 acres of habitat will be improved and more than 1,300 acres will be protected either through conservation easements or acquisition. In addition, more than 1 million trees will be produced to reforest about 2,250 acres," the Governor said.

Partnerships affecting the Illinois River basin will receive nearly \$2.6 million in grants and are matching that with more than \$2.8 million in contributions, bringing local partnership efforts in the target area to more than \$5.4 million.

Conservation 2000 provides technical and financial assistance to landowners interested in improving and enhancing the ecology in environmentally sensitive watersheds throughout the state. The program provides funding for habitat protection and restoration, environmental education, planning and research projects proposed by the local watershed partnership organizations.

A nun told some children that John the Baptist ate wild honey and locusts when he lived in the wilderness.

"What are locusts?" one child asked.

"They are like grasshoppers," the nun replied.

"He ate grasshoppers?" another child asked, aghast.

"What's wrong with that?" said a third child. "My grandmother drinks 'em."

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## LICA PROVIDES FUNDS FOR RECOVERY EFFORTS

LICA President Don Loken announced September 19 that LICA is donating \$1,000 to the American Red Cross for support efforts underway in New York City and at the Pentagon as a result of the tragedy that occurred September 11, 2001.

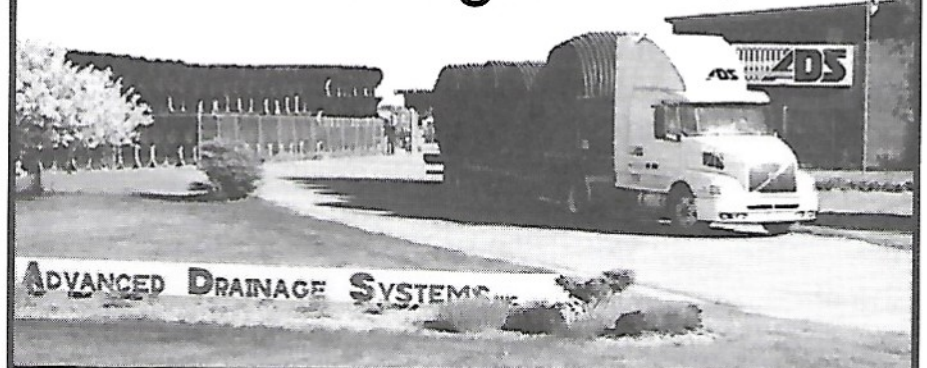
President Loken said, "...the terrible tragedies in New York and Washington require that we all pull together to help those directly impacted. In addition, I invite all LICA members to make individual donations."

Donations may be made to the American Red Cross and mailed to the LICA National Office, 3060 Ogden Avenue, Lisle, Illinois 60532. Indicate on the "memo" line of your check: NY City & Pentagon Relief Effort.

LICA will get the checks to the proper authorities.



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## GABBING WITH THE GALS...



Here we are in the beginning of the autumn season. Hard to believe we have survived 2/3 of the 2001 year, isn't it? They used to say that time went slower the older we got, but nothing could be farther from the truth according to me and many others I have talked to of the same age. You no doubt have heard of the term "oxymoron" and if there was ever an example of that word is to say that someone has "retired". All of the retired people this gal talks to say they are more busy now than they were when working. Suppose it is just a change of venue - still busy but doing different things. This does bring a little variety in the spice of life, so to speak, and is probably good for the mental outlook; maybe even kinder on the old bones too.

Our country has certainly undergone some dramatic and tragic times recently. If you remember, in one of these previous columns it was mentioned that when looking at old photos to ask someone in the family who the people are if you don't know, while there is still time. The incidents in September bring that to reality. We never do know when we will see our loved ones next once out of our sight. We are all lulled into a place called "never-never land" and we believe it will never end. This gal certainly never expected one of her sisters to be gone from us so early and should have asked her questions about our family history since our parents were already gone. One of the sad things about the destruction of life in New York and DC is the number of children who will be missing one or maybe even both their parents at an early age. Most of United States citizens are rallying and backing up our government to find an answer to this dilemma and for most of us we can help by praying or donating to the disaster fund. Showing our allegiance to Old Glory is inspiring to all also. Our world as we knew it is in a turmoil and we would hope it will be back to normal as soon as possible.

Another Conservation Show is under the belt, right? Congratulations to the committee and the membership who were involved in any phase of it. Those attending had to put up with a lot of dust and heat, but it was a success as usual. Special thanks to all who supplied machinery, supplies, vehicles and/or any other equipment. Our member contractors are very generous with their time and talent in running the show to get the practices completed. Special thanks to those who chaired the show and to those who worked several days before and after in order to accomplish the goals of this project. This gal has special thanks to Janice Litwiller who so graciously drove myself and my granddaughter and great-granddaughter to the site where my son was working and where my husband was working. It was an eye-opener to see how spread out the jobs were, so it took some time to do this. Thanks again Janice!

Here's one for you: If a government levy were imposed for hitchhiking, would you expect it to be known as a thumb tax? Also: education is what you get from reading the fine

print. Experience is what you get from not reading it.

Linemen were busy putting up telephone poles when a farmer ordered them off his land. They showed him a paper giving them the right to plant poles wherever they pleased. Not long afterward the farmer heard screaming and yelling, and looked out to find the workers up a tree, trapped by an angry bull. The farmer yelled from the fence, "show him your papers!"

It won't be long before information will be out about our January convention. The committee has been working hard to get good seminars, social meetings and something for all attending, so make it a priority to be there. If you have not yet had the pleasure of attending one, be prepared to make it a good start and come back the next year. This rambler has friends who believe (in another organization) that conventions are of no purpose but to while away the time or have a good time. These are ones who stick their head in the sand and act as if their own town and/or organization is the only place to share their talents. We all need each other and can learn from each; learning is a process that takes place each day of our lives, or if not, it should. With all that is available to us in this century, there is no excuse to be uninformed about anything. So attend the convention and listen up!

With the holiday of Halloween coming up we are wondering if the terrible events of September will have an effect on the way it is celebrated. No doubt it will be toned down a lot and that is no more than right. In fact, our other two celebrations coming up, Thanksgiving and Christmas, will probably be low-key as well they should. We have to be aware of what is going on and even though things will not be the same, we will feel better with our family around us and give thanks if they can be there.

Would like to introduce you to the newest member of our family, Keegan Matthew Kutemeier, who is our great-grandson, brother to Morgan and Samantha. Keegan was born on September 12 weighing in at seven pounds seven ounces. He is doing well and being born in the month of September like his great-grandmother, can he be anything but well! Keegan is the son of Kristin and Matt Kutemeier; Kristin is Dan's daughter so Dan's family is increasing right along also.

Our word for this issue is "allegiance" - Every time we pledge our flag we say we pledge our allegiance. What does this mean? It means "loyalty to a nation or a cause". Now, if ever, is the time to show our allegiance to our country. There are those who are protesting our involvement in a war. Well, no one wants war. Sometimes there is only one way to protect your country and all the people in it from those who have no conscience or respect for anyone or anything. Also, with this type of person there is no "reasoning" or appeasement. They are out to destroy us and all we stand for so what is the alternative? Franklin Roosevelt's famous words when we were attacked at Pearl Harbor were "We don't want war!" There are things in our world that are forced upon us and we cannot back down and defend ourselves - we have to take a stand and defend ourselves. We are proud of the freedoms we have and will defend them to the end.

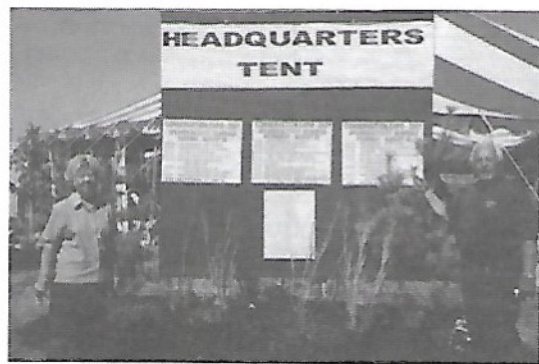
This gal wishes for all of you to enjoy the coming holidays with family and friends and ask the Lord's support and guidance for the year 2002. Blessings to all!!

..... Rambling Rose

# CONSERVATION EXPO 2001 A GREAT SUCCESS!!

The Illinois Land Improvement Contractors Association in conjunction with the Tazewell County Soil & Water Conservation District, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, the Tazewell County Farm Bureau, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Prairie Rivers Resource Conservation & Development, University of Illinois Extension, Illinois Central College, Blye Keil Farm, Illinois Department of Agriculture, Mackinaw River Watershed Partnership, Natural Resources & Your Development Task Force, The Nature Conservancy, Trees Forever, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, Farm Services Agency, Illinois Soil Classifiers Association, Peoria Lakes Basin Alliance, Pheasants Forever and the Illinois Water Well Sealing Coalition sponsored and coordinated Conservation Expo 2001.

The Blye/Keil Farm which is adjacent to Illinois Central College and located near the bluffs of the Illinois River on the south side of Route 24 was visited by thousands of spectators over the three days of the show.



Landowners: Charles and Carol Blye

Tour wagons ran continuously to take visitors out to view the different practices. There were three separate tours to choose from.



Tours ran continuously.

**Tour A THE BLYE/KEIL FARM** included: Grassed Waterways, Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife (wetland

restoration), a Pond, a Dry Hydrant, a Water Sediment Control Basin or Dry Dam, Critical Area Treatment which involved filling in the severe gully located on site, fertilizing, and seeding the affected area to a permanent vegetative cover, Filter Strips, a Diversion which was installed to control the numerous head cuts or gullies coming back into the field from the creek and a Grade Stabilization Structure which was installed to control gully erosion that was occurring at the edge of the field.

**Tour B ILLINOIS CENTRAL COLLEGE** included a self guided tour of All-American Annual Flower Selections,



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that will be left standing over winter to allow for wildlife to have a source of food.

**Tour C CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT-BLYE /KEIL FARM** included a Soils Pit Display, A Septic Suitability Analysis which was conducted to determine subsurface loading rates based on soil properties, Water Percolation Testing which is used to determine subsurface loading rates based on

how fast the water infiltrates into the soil, A demonstration on how to install Septic Tanks, Temporary Urban Erosion

*Conservation Expo... (con't to page 21)*




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## ATTENTION CONTRACTORS

On January 18th the Education Committee has planned a program called "Accidents & Incidents" that contractors have experienced. We need pictures of mistakes, mishaps, accidents, etc that you didn't plan or want to happen. Please bring your pictures to the convention for discussion on Friday, January 18th.

After talking about these accidents & incidents we will then talk about Safety & Prevention.

**Conservation Expo... (con't from page 19)**

Control Practices and Sediment Control Practices were pointed out that will be utilized to protect natural resources during urban construction, Field Windbreaks which were planted to provide habitat for wildlife, to conserve energy and to enhance the visual aesthetics of the farm and a demonstration of Conservation Subdivision Design & Urban Storm water Management which included techniques for conservation development in subdivisions that protect natural resources, manage water run-off, and provide quality places to live and work.

We had great cooperation from our Associate Members a BIG THANKS goes to the following:

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On behalf of the Illinois Land Improvement Contractors Association we want to thank everyone who helped in



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Jim Evans, NRCS

anyway to make this show possible and especially those who helped in the planning and publicity and services of the Show. Our appreciation goes out to all the exhibitors who set up at the show, the machinery dealers who furnished equipment, to those who furnished supplies for projects, to all personnel from governmental agencies who devoted their time and to all the local people from Tazewell County who helped in so many ways

Joe Streitmatter, Wayne Litwiller and Clyde Day and their committees should be commended for the time and effort they devoted to this huge undertaking.

It takes a lot of hard work, planning and dedication to make a great show and we had all of these!!!

Special thanks to:

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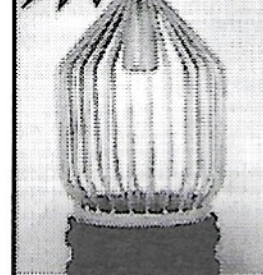
Charlie & Carol Blye & Family,  
Keil Family  
Don Jenkins, IL Central College  
Kevin Roberts, IL Central College  
Douglas Godke, Tazewell County Farm Bureau

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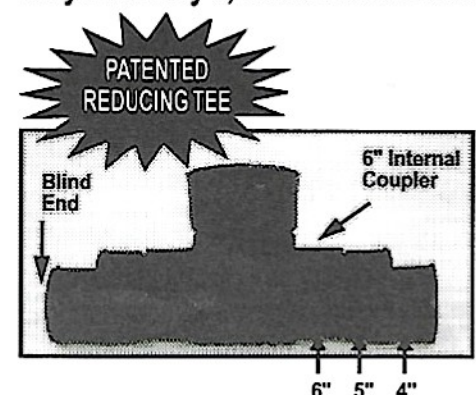
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Clyde Day  
Joe Streitmatter  
Wayne Litwiller  
Kim St. John, Prairie Rivers RC&D  
Kent Mitchell, University of IL, Ag Engineering Dept.

And last to the more than 35 ILICA contractors and members who took time to come out and lend us a hand. You can be proud of the Show and the finished project which demonstrates what a cooperative effort can accomplish! We anticipate the Blye/Keil Farm will be visited by other groups over the next few years and thus Conservation Expo 2001 will have continuing educational value.



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Thanks everyone for your participation in helping to make our 2001 Conservation Expo a success!!!



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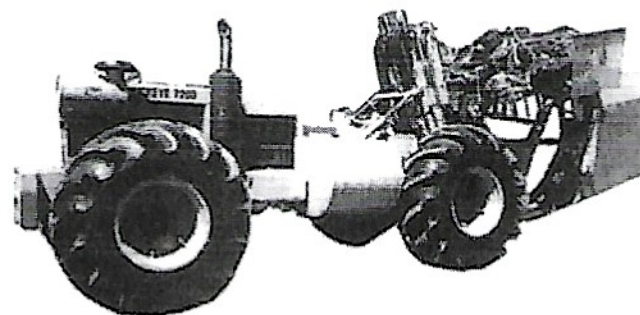
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