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## 2012 Annual Meeting and Convention

This year's convention will be held at the **Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn on January , 9, 10, 2012**. As always, members are busy planning educational seminars, entertainment, and fantastic displays. I have already



received calls from associates making sure that they will be able to have booth space.

**Any contractor** can come to the convention on Sunday, January 8, 2012 for **FREE**. Iowa LICA is encouraging Associate and Contractor members to invite prospective LICA members to the convention. As always, the booths will be open from 4PM to 6PM. The Associate's Hospitality Suites will open at 6PM. We are also planning on entertainment in the Court Yard that evening. Prospective members will be asked to register and will be given a name tag. The name tag will only be good for Sunday. Let prospective members know that if they join Iowa LICA, they will receive free registration to the entire convention and be eligible for Membership Contest Prizes. If you have any questions about this, please give me a call at 319-240-2420 (cell).

### **Auction:**

The Iowa LICA Auction will be held on Monday, January 9, 2012. The auction is an annual event. Money raised from the auction has been invested in the 80 acre LICA farm east of Melbourne, Iowa. For the past two years, we have used the money to pay for fuel, build parking lots, maintenance, and the LICA Exhibit Hall. The money has also been used for LICA safety programs and the web site. We are now in the planning stages for building the LICA Pond at the farm site. Some money from auction proceeds will be reserved to pay for this construction. Right now, we hope to have everything in place to build the pond in 2015. Please help out the auction by donating merchandise and bidding on items.

### **Third Annual Poker Run**

Get ready for the "Poker Run". I must admit I haven't asked members, Dan Vorwald and Steve Neuzil, to help out with this again but I bet they will. Prizes will be announced at the convention.

## Accommodations:

The phone number for the Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn is **1-800-248-4013**. If you call and all the rooms have been reserved, get your name on the cancellation list, but make a reservation at one of the other motels in the area. You can ask the Holiday Inn for telephone numbers of nearby motels. The motels will shuttle guests between the motels

## Sign up a new contractor member today and win!



### 400 or Bust 2012



When we arrive at **400 paid up Iowa LICA Contractors**, a new member and their sponsor is eligible to receive one of the following prizes:

<u>New Member</u>		<u>Sponsor will receive:</u>	<u>Value</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	\$750.00	4 year membership	\$800.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	\$500.00	3 year membership	\$600.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	\$250.00	1 year membership	\$200.00

#### *Rules:*

- 1. Have to be a **new member**. If they have belonged in the last 10 years, they are not considered new in this program.*
- 2. Have to sign up between July 27, 2011 and January 10, 2012*
- 3. Have to have at least 400 fully paid Iowa LICA contractor members. Doesn't include retired members or out of state members with reduced fee. Today we have **387** paid LICA contractors. (have 8 retired or out of state members).*
- 4. Have to be present at drawing to win (New member & sponsor). Drawing will be held during the Awards Banquet at the 2012 Annual Meeting and Convention.*

***Have any questions: Contact Executive Director Dan Rasmussen at: 319-240-2420***

#### ***Note:***

- 1. The contest will run til noon on Tuesday, January 10, 2012. This means that any new member who signs up during convention will be eligible for the prize drawings.*
- 2. Associate members will receive a cash prize instead of membership.*

## State Wide District Meeting:

**Agri Drain Corp.** is hosting a **Statewide LICA Meeting and Open House**  
**Sunday, October 2, starting at 2 p.m.**

**LICA Meeting, Tour, Meal, & much more!** Agri Drain is expanding again and would like to have contractors from all across Iowa come and see the improvements to their facility near Adair, Iowa. Agri Drain is located just north of Adair. This meeting is open to all contractors not just LICA members. Bring a prospect to the meeting and sign them up for a chance at the membership prize.

### **Agenda:**

**2:00-3:00 pm -- LICA meeting**

**3:30-4:00 pm -- Announcements and drawings**

**4:00 pm -- Meal**

*Shop tours will run continuously, from 2:00 – 3:30 pm.*

## **10th Anniversary of Water Quality Wetland Initiative**

I attended the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) in Iowa on Friday, September 23 at 9:30 a.m. at Reiman Gardens in Ames. The Iowa CREP is a nationally recognized leader in addressing water quality concerns locally and in the Gulf of Mexico. CREP was created by legislation passed by a Republican led General Assembly (SF 2371) in the 2000 session that created a water quality initiative program jointly administered by IDALS and DNR which contained language creating CREP.



Secretary of Agriculture, Bill Northey & Dan Rasmussen at Reiman Gardens

The Iowa CREP is a partnership between the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, the USDA Farm Service Agency and local soil and water conservation districts. Through the program, landowners voluntarily establish wetlands in the heavily tile-drained regions of Iowa. These highly targeted, strategically placed wetlands reduce nitrate loading by more than 40-70%. Over the past 10 years, 72 CREP wetlands have been restored or are



currently under development, providing water quality benefits to 86,000 acres of land by removing over 54,000 tons of nitrates over their lifetime. These 72 targeted restorations total over 700 acres of wetlands plus over 2,500 acres of surrounding native prairie buffers. In addition to improving water quality, these wetlands provide high quality wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities. The wetland pictured at the left was created at the LICA farm near Melbourne, Iowa was funded through this program.

## **What's in the works? Something New**

Steven Miller has been hired by the LICA Board of Directors as an Executive Assistant. Steve will be working under the direction of the Executive Director. Steve will be helping out with conventions, field days, other public relation outings, and promoting membership.

Steve is currently working on the convention educational seminars. As always, he would appreciate any input members have on topics and seminar speakers. Many members have requested seminars that could be used to satisfy their CEU requirements for Septic Installation and Inspection. Steve has been working on getting these seminars in place by convention time. It is his hope that he can get 3 to 6 hours of qualified programs in place. He will keep you informed on his progress. Because this is new, there are a few hurdles to get over before this can be accomplished. We are hoping that this will be a great benefit for members of Iowa LICA. You can contact Steve at: 563-260-2247.

### **Contractor Registration:**

I have received a little more information on Contractor Registration since the last news letter. Thanks to the calls from a few members who have been in contact with the Iowa Labor Division, I have become more educated. I met with the Michael Mauro, Iowa Labor Commissioner, and others a few weeks ago to express my thoughts on Contractor Registration. Of course, they can only follow the law that is put forth by the legislature and I concurred with that. I was assured by them that any contractor who has not registered can register without fear of any penalties. The same goes if the Labor Division locates a contractor who is not registered. A contractor would have 10 days to complete registration forms to comply with a law that has been in force since 1987. Please feel free to contact me at 319-240-2420 if you have any questions.

#### **Who must be registered?**

The law requires that all individual contractors and businesses performing "construction" work within Iowa be registered with the Division of Labor if they earn at least \$2,000 a year from that work. Individuals or businesses making less than \$2,000 a year on "construction" work, or who work only on their own real estate or property, are not required to register

#### **Could I be exempt from the \$50 registration fee?**

While all contractors must register, it is possible to be exempt from paying the \$50 registration fee. A self-employed contractor who does not pay more than \$2,000 annually in wages to others working with them, and who does not work with or for other contractors in the same phase of construction, may be exempt under Iowa law. If you meet the criteria and do not have to pay the \$50 fee, please complete the [Fee Exemption Form](#), have it notarized and include it with your registration.

### **District Meetings:**

**Kahn Tile Supply, LLC** sponsored the Northeast District meeting held at Randy and Dee Liddle's home near Plainfield. Neil Suckow of Iowa DOT Enforcement Division did an outstanding job of explaining rules and regulations on movement of oversize loads. Randy had three trailers loaded with different machines, and Officer Suckow went over each of them explaining what was right and what was wrong. This was a great meeting.

**Martin Equipment Co.** sponsored the Southeast District meeting held at Johnson County Historical Car Museum. We had the opportunity to step back into the past and see some great looking old cars. Worthin Grattan remembered driving or riding in most of them!