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2011 National Summer Meeting is a Go!



LICA members are in for a very busy week. Minnesota LICA has worked hard to provide diversified, entertaining and informative tours. There is something that will interest every LICA member, from truck plants to hands-on demonstrations, and impressive landscapes.

Rochester is home to the Mayo Clinic, the largest integrated medical center in the world. It's no surprise the Mayo Clinic has over 30,000 employees. IBM also has a plant in Rochester, and is the second biggest employer in the area.

An 80-year legacy of personalized service and world-class comfort awaits you at the Kahler Grand Hotel. With a timeless charm and storied past, the hotel is elegant, historic, and wonderfully unpretentious. It is reminiscent of the great hotels of yester year. The Kahler also has onsite dining, including a grill, upscale eatery, martini lounge and Starbucks.



Enjoy direct access to the world-renowned Mayo Clinic or downtown area. LICA members will have plenty to see right outside the hotel doors! There are the Grand Shops with 65 specialty stores and restaurants. Getting around the area will be easy there via a climate-controlled pedestrian skyway, subway and convient sidewalks. An airport shuttle is also available for members flying directly into Rochester.

This will prove to be a perfect summer getaway, whether it's food, shopping or sightseeing everyone will be sure to have a memorable experience. Join LICA in Rochester this summer!

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THE LICA NEWS is the official publication of the Land Improvement Contractors Association, dedicated to the professional conservation of soil and water. LICA was founded in 1951 and is today comprised of twenty-four chapters across the continental United States

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Deadlines are the twenty-first of the month preceding issue date. All unsolicited material must be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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President's Message

LICA Members,

With the winter convention and a very successful CONEXPO behind us we now focus on the National Summer Meeting in Rochester, MN. The Minnesota LICA chapter has worked very hard putting together a great week for us! The wide variety of tours promises to be fun and informative. The Summer Meeting will end with a relaxing dinner cruise Saturday evening on Lake Pepin. Don't miss this wonderful event. I look forward to seeing you in Rochester this July.

Steve Gerten

Steve Gerten
National LICA President

Dinner Cruise on Lake Pepin Saturday, July 16

(included with registration)

Come sail away LICA Members and climb aboard the "Pearl of the Lake". She's a modern day replica of boats that sailed the Mississippi River in the 1800's. Enjoy the views as we travel around Lake Pepin, the largest river lake on the Mississippi River.



Members will also enjoy a wonderful meal while aboard the Pearl. There is a fully enclosed lower deck with air conditioning and an upper deck with seating to catch some fresh air!

2011 National Summer Meeting

Tentative Agenda

Rochester, MN • July 13th - 16th

Tuesday, July 12

6:00 pm Executive Committee

Wednesday, July 13

9:00 am - 7:00 pm Amish Tour, Slim's Woodshed, Wilder Museum, Bucknell Site

9:00 am - 7:00 pm McNeilus Truck Co. & Wind Farm, Century Plastics, Bucknell Site

Thursday, July 14

8:00 am - 4:30 pm ADMC Workshop "Drainage Water Mgmt Systems Training"

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Strategic Plan Meeting

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Downtown Red Wing, Pottery, Maiden Rock & Sand Mine

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Executive Directors

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Associates' Night

Friday, July 15

6:30 am - 7:00 am Devotions

7:00 am Opening Breakfast

8:00 am - 4:30 pm ADMC Workshop "Technical Service Provider Orientation & Standards"

8:00 am - 8:30 am Committee Chairs

9:00 am - 2:30 pm Assissi Heights, Mayowood Mansion, University Square

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Children's Program

Friday, July 15 (continued)

8:30 am - 9:30 am LICA Benefits

9:45 am - 10:45 am

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

12:15 pm

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

2:45 pm - 3:45 pm

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

6:00 pm

Saturday, July 16

7:30 am - 8:00 am

8:00 am

9:30 am - 10:45 pm

12:00 pm

2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Committee Meetings

Education/Tech
Devotions
Legislative
Water Table Mgmt.

By- Laws
Conservation, Exc.
Ladies
Certification

Lunch

Convention
Long-Term/Past Pres.
On-Site Waste
Safety/Insurance

Associates
Awards
Membership
Policy

Region Meetings

Budget

Dinner on your own

Devotions

Breakfast

Board Meeting

Lunch

Go-Karts (Optional)

Dinner Cruise on
Lake Pepin

2011 National Summer Meeting

Optional Tours

Wednesday, July 13

8:00 am - 6:30 pm

Amish Tour, Slim's Woodshed, Laura Ingalls Wilder House, Antique Shop & Bucknell Site.

Amish Tour



LICA members will visit Minnesota's largest Amish settlement. They began to settle in Harmony in 1974 and now have almost 150 families. As you tour the area you can see farmers tending crops, horse-drawn buggies and the charming types of Amish dress. Members will learn all about Amish culture and their strict "Old Order" ways. This tour will delight LICA Members!

Slim's Woodshed



At the Museum you will experience the largest collection of wood carvings in the country. With over 4,000 pieces the museum maintains wood carvings from all over the world. The carvings range from life size to very small! Come take the tour with and see for yourself!

Laura Ingalls Wilder House



Visit the childhood home of author Laura Ingalls Wilder. See the sights that Laura saw as she grew to love reading and writing. Hear stories of her childhood and of her family and friends. This will be an interesting journey into the past.



Bucknell Site

Both tours will meet at the Bucknell Site for dinner. This impressive site will be lined with booths and tents. There will be many exhibitors and equipment onsite. Dave Gustafson from the University of Minnesota will be speaking on Minnesota septic systems. The evening will be full of demonstrations and good food, no LICA member will want to miss.



Wednesday, July 13

8:00 am - 6:30 am

McNeilus Trucks, Wind Farm, Century Plastics & Bucknell Site.

McNeilus Trucks



Since 1975, McNeilus has been providing innovative products and services. McNeilus makes quality concrete and refuse trucks right here in the midwest. They are focused on what the consumer wants and strives to meet their criteria. LICA members will be amazed at the McNeilus plant and seeing what goes on, on a day to day basis.

McNeilus WindFarm



The McNeilus Wind Energy Company is family owned and has 56 wind turbines on over 1,000 acres of land. These turbines power more than 220,000 homes, it is delivered to them through a grid system interconnected with the local electrical system. The windfarms offset over 10,000 pounds of carbon dioxide. By using windfarms the savings on emissions is like planting over 700,00 trees! LICA members will learn how these turbines convert wind into energy and provide power.

Century Plastics

Visit the plant where drainage tile is made! It will be an amazing tour and LICA members will get to see the inner workings of this plant. You can see the raw materials in all the different stages it goes through before it is turned into drainage tile.

Thursday, July 14

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Red Wing & Silica Underground Sand Mine

Red Wing



Come visit the quaint town of Red Wing. There are many shops to wander through and historic buildings to see. One shop you'll want to visit is the Red Wing Shoe Company; famous for their work shoes. From the beginning,

Red Wing Shoes was producing more than 200,000 pairs of boots per year and was the primary company manufacturing footwear for American soldiers fighting in World War I. LICA Members won't want to miss the world's largest boot on display in Red Wing, weighing over 2,300 pounds!

Red Wing Trolley

While in Red Wing ride the Trolley. You can travel through the streets of Red Wing on the trolley while learning of its history. LICA members will feel like they have gone back in time while riding this beautiful victorian trolley through Red Wing.



Red Wing Pottery



LICA members will be delighted in the great artistry of this pottery. Take a tour of this charming pottery shop



and see the art made right before your eyes! All pots are hand-turned, which was how the pottery was made before their factories were industrialized.

Silica Underground Sand Mine

NO OPEN-TOED SHOES

LICA members will view a speciality sand mine which is underground or an open air cave. Silica sand is a very fine sand composed of quartz (a white to colorless mineral) and is mined in the southeastern part of Minnesota. It is used to make glass, as a source of silicon, and is used in oil drilling to improve the flow of oil-to-oil wells.

Friday, July 15

9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Ladies Tour

Assissi Heights, Plummer House Gardens

Sister's of Assissi Heights Tour



Since 1877, the Franciscan Sisters have been making a difference in Rochester and beyond. Now LICA members have an incredible chance to learn about the Sisters for themselves. From help-

ing victims of natural disasters (which led to their work in healthcare), to their work in education and ecology, they truly have made an impact. Did you know that Mother Alfred started Saint Marys Hospital, staffed by the Dr. Mayo? The Sisters taught in parish schools, started nursing programs, elementary schools and business schools in Cambodia and Columbia, as well as a college in Winona, MN. They continue to share the Franciscan spirit of care for the earth and all of creation. Come, view the beautiful grounds and experience a bit of history.

Plummer House Gardens

LICA members come tour the beautiful house built by Dr. Henry S. Plummer. Dr. Plummer was part of the Mayo Clinic staff and was given credit for many advanced ideas while he worked there. The house that he built was innovative for its time as well. He included an underground sprinkler system, dumb waiters and the first gas furnace



in Rochester! This amazing Tudor style house has five fireplaces and forty-nine rooms. The eleven acres that surround the house are landscaped beautifully.

Saturday, July 16

2:15 pm - 4:30 pm

Skyline Raceway

It's another high stakes racing event for LICA members! Come and enjoy an afternoon outdoors racing go-karts. Every member gets five times to race while everyone cheers you on! There is also mini-golf and other activities available.



2011 National Summer Meeting

Kahler Grand Hotel
Rochester, MN • July 13-16, 2011

REGISTRATION

(Includes Associates' Night, Friday breakfast, lunch; Saturday breakfast, lunch & dinner cruise)

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Early Bird Registration

Postmarked before June 25, 2011

Members, Spouses, Associates \$175

Number Attending _____ Total \$ _____

Youth: 13 Years & under (Under 3 Free) \$ 85

Number Attending _____ Total \$ _____

Registration

Postmarked after June 25, 2011

Members, Spouses, Associates \$195

Number Attending _____ Total \$ _____

Youth: 13 Years & under (Under 3 Free) \$ 100

Number Attending _____ Total \$ _____

Optional Tours

Weds. July 13th No. Attending _____
McNeilus Truck
Cost \$ 60 per person Total \$ _____

Ingalls Wilder/Amish Tour No. Attending _____
Cost \$ 60 per person Total \$ _____

Thurs. July 14th No. Attending _____
Red Wing/Sand Mine
Cost \$ 55 per person Total \$ _____

Fri. July 15 No. Attending _____
Assissi/Plumber House
Cost \$ 25 per person Total \$ _____

Sat. July 16 No. Attending _____
Skyline Raceway
Cost \$ 40 per person Total \$ _____

Tour Total \$ _____

Print Names for Badges

(add age if youth or child)

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

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National LICA Group

\$89.00 (plus taxes)

Call by June 14, 2011

Return this form with payment to:

LICA Summer Meeting
3080 Ogden Ave. Suite 300, Lisle, IL 60532

Registration Policy: Only individuals registered and wearing badges may attend Summer Meeting events. All must register to attend conventions, programs or functions. No registration will be processed without payment. Registration fee deadlines will be strictly enforced.

Refund Policy: For cancellations received prior to July 1, 2011 a \$30.00 charge will be deducted from the original amount paid. No registration payment will be refunded after July 1, 2011 unless there has been an emergency.

REGISTRATION TOTAL \$ _____

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ADMC
Agricultural Drainage Management
Coalition

Kahler Grand Hotel- Rochester, MN

Drainage Water Management Systems Training
Thursday, July 14th, 2011 • 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Register early, space is limited

Day 1

Workshop Highlights

- Instruction for planning & design of DWM Systems.
- Upon completion you will receive a 'Certificate of Competency'
- Reference manual for DWM

Technical Service Provider (TSP) Certification
Friday, July 15th, 2011 • 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Day 2

Workshop Highlights

- Upon completion of DWM Training you will be eligible to be certified as a TSP for NRCS.
- Technical Service Provider (TSP) Orientation
- Conservation Planning Training

Remember:
50% off registration fees
to LICA/ADMC members.

Registration & agenda
information will be
available soon.

Visit:
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