

President's Message

I have to confess, when the Board decided on Thursday night that this month's newsletter should have a Message from the President; I wondered what on earth would I say that would interest all you folks in our membership?

I spent over an hour on this dreary Saturday morning sorting through pages of minutes of the past year and my memories in order to find some scintillating and inspirational words to pass on to you. And yes, there WAS a lot of paper and memories to sift through!

Since taking Presidency in April, I have been kept busy learning all the rules, regulations and intricacies of heading up your Board. I finally got to go on Handsome Herb's bus trip to Tackaberry's in Athens and was astounded by the man's collections and his very humble demeanor. It was an amazing trip well-executed, Herb!

I had to guide Maggie through the transition of Chairing the Golf Tournament in May, because, as President, you are excluded from Chairing any other events. But our Maggie, took the ball and ran with it, like she always does, and did a magnificent job. I can hardly wait to see what she comes up with for next year!!

June brought the 45th Anniversary of the (combined) Association which was hosted at the Vernon Erb Farm. It was a daunting task that was executed very well by Jim P, Jon B, and John P. A great time was had by all and Vernon was ever so pleased to show off his beautiful collection.

On the educational front, we had the Wheel-off seminar in June; continued support for the ITEP program, SKILLS competition, and Apprenticeship of the Year program. Working alongside our members from Conestoga College, we have been supporting and encouraging our young people to come in to the Industry and Paul has worked tirelessly to provide the SSP so that our members can find apprentices to mentor.

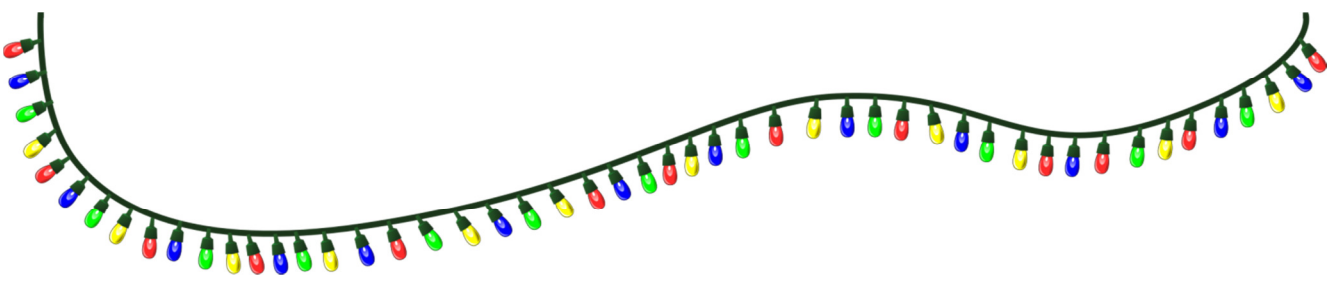
There are many more experiences and Board Members that I could recount but you have all been here for most of them, so you are all aware.

Our fellowship is strong and flourishing because we are here to support each other through both our personal and professional challenges and triumphs. It is encouraging to see new, young members realize the value of our membership and walk through our doors every month.

Your Board (my TEAM) work very hard all year long (except for July, lol) to assemble interesting and enjoyable events for our Association, and I am very proud to serve with all of them. So if you appreciate these events they organize for you, please take the time to say "Thank you".

In the Spirit of Goodwill to all People, I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Brenda L. Alderson
President
TMTA Waterloo Region



2017 Trade Show

Thursday, October 5th 2017 the TMTA is hosting their bi-annual Trade Show. Join us from 6:00pm to 9:30pm and see many of Kitchener/Waterloo's best vendors and newest products. Cash bar, free food, door prizes and special guests.

Those wishing to get a booth this year please reach out to a TMTA Trade Show Representative. Paul Bergsma, John Proctor or Maggie Lorentz (<http://tmta.ca/directors/>).

Spots are booking up quickly:

\$400 per booth for TMTA member companies

\$500 per booth for non-TMTA member companies.

Sincerely,

Paul Bergsma

2017 Trade Show Chair, Strategic Staffing Partnership Champion

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Membership

It has been my absolute pleasure to serve as the Membership Chair for our organization over the past two years and I look forward to continuing to honoring this post. It is fabulous to see the number of new members and to see how our group is growing and evolving all to the benefit of our industry.

As an organization we are always looking to add new members and we welcome prospective members to attend a meeting - much like you may have done - before submitting an application for membership.

A prospective member is someone who is actively employed within our industry of transportation, maintenance and technology.

A prospect is invited to attend one meeting compliments of the TMTA Waterloo Region, but if they choose not to become a member yet want to attend additional meetings there will be a charge of \$28.00 per meeting. This \$28.00 charge applies to any non-members who otherwise would not be a qualified member but attends a meeting.

Please do not hesitate to get the word out to anyone who our organization would benefit. You, our members are the best advertising there is! For membership information please contact me or you can visit our website <http://tmta.ca/about-tmta/membership/>

Sincerely,

Maggie Lorentz

Membership & 2017 Golf Tournament Chair

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2017 Golf Tournament - Details coming soon!