



# Lot Corner

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## February 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter Meeting Charcoal Grill, New Berlin

The next Chapter Meeting is going to be held at the Charcoal Grill, located ¼ mile east of Moorland Road on Greenfield Avenue in New Berlin.

The night's meeting agenda follows:

5:30 to 6:15 Social  
6:15 to 7:00 Dinner

### Menu

Sliced Roast Beef with Mushroom sauce  
Bourbon Apple Glaze Roasted Pork Loin with traditional dressing  
Baked Potatoes with butter and sour cream  
Vegetable du jour, Tossed Salad with two dressings, Fresh Baked Rolls and butter  
Coffee, tea and milk

Cost: \$18.00 per person

**Please RSVP to the Chapter phone by Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> so we can give the Charcoal Grill an accurate count on attendance.**

**Note: If you call in a reservation and don't show, you will be invoiced for the meal.**

7:00 to 8:00 From Washington D.C., a presentation by Jason Estman, Underwriter and Peggie Genson, Vice President in the Professional Liability Division of Victor O. Schinnerer on professional liability and errors and omissions insurance for professional land surveyors.

8:00 to ? General Business Meeting



## December 7th Chapter Meeting-Charcoal Grill -Milwaukee

President Jim Schneider opened the meeting at 7:15 pm at the Charcoal Grill

Following introductions, and keeping with the new meeting format, Jim Logan and Steve Green from the Department of Administration – Plat Review took the stage to explain any recent and proposed changes to Chapter 236 and how they relate to preparing Certified Survey Maps and subdivision plats.

Following Jim's presentation, the following Committee Reports were presented:

### Secretary-Treasurer's Report (Bob Beilfuss, Germantown Engineering)

As of December 31, 2006, the checking account was at \$5,239.53 of which \$3,069.00 is earmarked for the Scholarship Fund.

In January of 2007, a check was written in the amount of \$225.00 to the WSLs Foundation for the sponsorship fee for one of Al Melbard's MATC teams in the Bucky's Challenge to be held at the Annual Institute.

Another check for \$275 was also written to the WSLs Foundation for the balance of the Chapter's annual contribution of \$500. This check was presented at the Members Meeting during the Institute by Chapter Representative, Greg Kunz.

As of January 31, 2007, the checking account has a balance of \$4,739.53 of which \$3,069.00 is earmarked for the Scholarship Fund.

The motion this spring to raise membership dues \$5 was defeated due to the increased use of the Internet for Chapter communications. The increase could not be justified.

We received some additional Free Dinner tickets from Jim Winkler of Valley Surveying again for the 2007 dinner meeting raffles. Thanks once again to Jim, a long time supporter of the Chapter efforts.

Note: Later this Spring, I will be purchasing a new computer system which will include Microsoft Office 2007. If this software upgrade will cause problems opening email .pdf's by Chapter members, I will retain the old system and software for the Chapter.

I will be testing the new system during the summer months. Email address and telephone and fax numbers will remain unchanged.

### Scholarship Fund Committee-Report (Ross Knodl, National Survey & Engineering)

We started 2006 with a Scholarship Fund amounting to \$2,633.00. During 2007, we collected \$1,436.00 bringing the subtotal to \$4069.00

At the December 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting, two (2) \$500 Scholarships were awarded to Warren Guettel and Reginald Reck.



This brings the starting total for the 2007 Scholarship Fund to \$3,069.

No donations received as of February 1, 2007.

We will be keeping a tally again in 2007 and publishing the names of the contributors.

#### [Membership Committee Report](#) (Jim Hensel, North Shore Engineering)

For those who have not renewed their membership, blank forms will be available at the meeting or just email Bob and he will send you one.

#### [State Representative's Report](#) (Al Schneider, Bonestroo, Rosene & Anderlik)

There are number of important issues for the WSLS to deal with in 2007. The Chapter will need to be involved in many of them to ensure that our voice is heard. The WSLS Board of Directors met after the January Institute to lay out the expectations for the Society's committees for 2007.

We need to have Chapter representation on all of the WSLS committees starting this year. I would ask that all of us see where we can commit to serving this organization.

Among the Hot Topics for this year will be:

- **Continuing Education** – Depart of Regulation and Licensing is moving it forward.
- **Legislation**- A lot is being proposed. From water Issues to the redefinition of surveying. It all impacts you.
- **Electronic Recording of Documents** – For or against, what is your position?
- **Public Relations for 2007**- Geo-caches, Trig-Star, Museums, National Surveyors Week.
- **Standards of Practice Research**- What are the standards throughout the State? Do we benefit from knowing this?

We will start discussing a lot of these items at the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. I will also provide an update on the status of the Executive Directors position for WSLS.

#### [Institute Committee Report](#) (Bob Beilfuss, Germantown Engineering)

The Institute Committee is already planning for the next Annual Institute in 2008. We will be back at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells. I will keep everyone updated as details are finalized during the course of the year.

The first "Bucky's Challenge" is now history. 22 teams raised \$4,950 for the WSLS Foundation.



Taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place was the [“MATC Stormer’s”](#) sponsored by our SOSEWLS Chapter. They received bragging rights on the WSLS web site for 2007.

With the wardrobe of Hawaiian shirts and sunglasses, the winners of the “Best Dressed” category were the [“Big Kahunas”](#) sponsored by Graef, Anhalt, Schloemer and Associates. Dave would be proud guy’s.

### Old Business

None

### 2007 Meeting Dates, Locations and Speakers

February 22, 2007	V.O. Schinnerer Professional Liability Insurance for Surveyors	Charcoal Grill-New Berlin
March 29, 2007	TBA	Seiler Instruments – Franklin
September 6, 2007	Tom Secora, Findorff 40 Stories of the University Club Construction Project	Turning Point – Milwaukee
October 25, 2007	TBA	Charcoal Grill – New Berlin
December 6, 2007	Jesse Ishikawa Easements or Condo’s	Charcoal Grill – New Berlin

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