



THE DSTA “HEADLIGHT”



NEWS OF THE

DULUTH-SUPERIOR TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION

Representing Transportation Professionalism in the Twin Ports as members from a wide spectrum of businesses in our area, we all take pride in the industry of transportation and the roles we each play.

December 2017

DSTA IN JANUARY

You and your guests are cordially invited to attend the

DSTA's Annual Holiday Gathering

Friday, January 5th, 2018

Black Bear Casino Resort

Otter Creek Event Center

Social Hour: 6pm

Dinner: 7pm

Menu: Oven Baked Chicken, Atlantic Salmon Fillet, Turkey and Dressing, Parsley Buttered Red Potatoes, Wild Rice, Green Beans Almandine, Tossed Salad.

Co-chairs: Gina Schneider and Leyla Aktekin

Cost: \$35 for non-members

Reservations: To Kristin by December 29th.

Hotel reservations: Must be booked by December 5th! Call 888-771-0777 and rooms must be booked under “Duluth Superior Transportation Group Block”. Price is \$79.20 plus tax.

RESERVE EARLY for the chance to win \$50!!!
All reservations received by Friday, December 15th will be entered in a drawing to win \$50 cash!

MEMBER INFORMATION

DSTA's membership drive is well underway! Please use the attached form to renew and update your 2018 membership.

Please pass it on to others to join us!

2018 Meeting/Event Dates:

Jan 5th: Annual Holiday Gathering

Feb 21st : Sleep Disorders & Driving

March 21st : Autonomous Trucks

April 18th : TBD

May 16th : TBD

June 8th/9th: Fill a Truck” Food Drive

July 18th – Golf Outing (Nemadji)

Aug. 15th – Sundew

Sept. 19th – TBD

Oct. 17th – TBD

Nov. 14th – Past Presidents’ Night (Blackwoods)

Thank you from your DSTA Board of Directors and officers for your continued support.

PAST PRESIDENTS ANNUAL DINNER



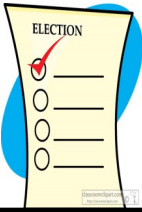
Past Presidents: Jay Baker, Carl Svendsen, Debbie Landry, Dr. Richard Stewart, Al Dirksen, Buck Hammann, Leo Naumann, Jon Vinje.



Lisa Goodfellow of Halvor Lines accepted the winning trophy for her "Fall into Fitness" team, "Wii Fat."



2018 Board Members - missing Brad Roden, Pete Majkozak and Chelsea Loining - with Ian Schoenike, Miriam Hanson, Joe Schiff, Dawn Evans, Leyla Aktekin, Gina Schneider, and Jon Vinje.



MEETING RECAP

Our annual Past Presidents' Dinner & Election Night was once again a success, with 50 members and guests in attendance.

Many gathered for social time and then moved to the banquet room to enjoy a wonderful dinner.

Following dinner, Mike Wenholz, senior planner at the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC) regional transportation planning entity, briefly spoke about what the MIC entails and shared with us information pertaining to the 2017 Duluth-Superior Truck Route Study.

Our Past Presidents' were then recognized, with several speaking about topics such as the need to seek out

shipping and rail points of contact in an effort to bring them back into the DSTA fold.

Voting ensued and while ballots were being counted, awards for our Fall into Fitness Challenge were disbursed. Some interesting statistics: 16 teams (80 participants) from four companies took part in this seven week challenge with a total of 751.7 pounds lost overall!

Once ballots were counted, the 2018 Board of Directors and Officers were announced. (next page)

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

As 2017 draws to a close, it is time to reflect back on my year as your President. During this time frame, we have seen our membership numbers increase which is vital to our sustainability as an organization. We have gained knowledge as a result of information brought forth in our monthly meetings ranging in topics from investments, to learning more about the St. Louis River Corridor Initiative and Lake Assault Boats, to plain old networking and getting to know each other better at our March bowling event.

Our annual Fill-a-Truck, Feed-a-Family Food and Fund Drive was the most successful yet, with plans in the works to make our 5th annual food drive in June 2018 even more successful! I want to take this opportunity to thank Jay Baker for his unending dedication to this event that helps feed so many Northlanders in need.

Once summer rolled around, many of us golfed in the annual DSTA Golf Tournament in July, and gathered in August for a tour of the harbor aboard the USCGC Sundew. Both of these events have proven to be popular with our members, barring inclement weather.

Fall ushered in beautiful hues, along with our Past Presidents' Annual Dinner & Election Night, and our Fall into Fitness Challenge with a whopping 16 teams participating! A special thank you to all of the past presidents' who have left their mark on our wonderful organization.

A topic near and dear to my heart is the DSTA Scholarship endeavor. The scholarship committee has been working diligently on solidifying the ground work for scholarship criteria and raising funds, with nearly \$4500 procured to date. The first DSTA Scholarship will hopefully be awarded soon, with many more to follow.

In closing, it has been my honor and my pleasure to serve as your President and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the board members over the past year, and am looking forward to working with Gina and the new board of directors as we continue to grow and enhance the DSTA to ensure its longevity and success!

Happy Holidays and God bless,
Leyla Aktekin

2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Gina Schneider, Lawrence Cumpston & Associates

1st VP: Joe Schiff, Charter NEX Films

2nd VP: Neil Johnson, Halvor Lines

Secretary: Ian Schoenike, Jeff Foster Trucking

Treasurer: Dawn Evans, Dave Evans Transports

Director 2017-2018: Brad Roden, National Bank of Commerce

Director 2017-2018: Pete Majkozak, Halvor Lines

Director 2018-2019: Miriam Hanson, Jeff Foster Trucking

Director 2018-2019: Pat Murphy, Raveill Trucking

Retiree/Past President: Jon Vinje, Halvor Lines

Editor: Chelsea Loining, Halvor Lines

Past President: Leyla Aktekin, Jeff Foster Trucking

Congratulations to all, and thank you to outgoing members Russ Ramsay, Bonnie Ramsay, Jay Baker, and Carl Svendsen for your service.

FEBRUARY MEETING PREVIEW

February 21, 2018

“Sleep Disorders & Driving”

The DSTA will have the opportunity to learn more about sleep disorders from a sleep disorder specialist at St. Luke’s Hospital. Thomas Kelleher will explain the intricacies of sleep apnea and consequences of having or living with someone who has this disorder. We will learn the signs and symptoms of sleep apnea. The FMCSA has been very active regarding this topic. Directly from the FMCSA website, they state “A study conducted by the University of Pennsylvania and sponsored by the FMCSA and the ATRI of the ATA found that almost one-third (28%) of commercial truck drivers have mild to severe sleep apnea.” Regarding the ability to drive if you have sleep apnea, they also have the following posted on their website. “Yes! While FMCSA regulations do not specifically address sleep apnea, they do prescribe that a person with a medical history or clinical diagnosis of any condition likely to interfere with their ability to drive safely cannot be medically qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) in interstate commerce. However, once successfully treated, a driver may regain their “medically-qualified-to-drive” status. It is important to note that most cases of sleep apnea can be treated successfully. Because each State sets its own medical standards for driving a CMV in intrastate

commerce, check with your local Department of Motor Vehicles for regulations in your State.” There have been articles in Transport Topics that also cover this topic. If you want to check out a couple of them, they were published in the October 9, 2017 edition. The following are a few segments from one of the articles. “In March 2016, there was a notice of proposed rulemaking that would have expanded sleep apnea testing and treatment requirements for train operators and truck and bus drivers nationwide. Then in August the DOT withdrew the proposal to mandate sleep apnea testing on the federal level for rail workers and commercial truck drivers if a symptom is observed. To follow this, U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Cory Booker announced new legislation that would require the DOT to test commercial truck and bus drivers and train operator for obstructive sleep apnea.” Whether or not the DOT regulates testing, it is still important to understand and be aware of sleep disorders. In March 2016, Greyhound Lines settled a lawsuit for \$6 million after the driver was subjected to the first known court-ordered sleep study to test for sleep apnea according to Courthouse News. The impact of sleep disorders go beyond the 28% who suffer from it.

Hope to see everyone out for this presentation!

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It’s hard to believe that 2017 is coming to a close. The DSTA board has been busy planning events and we look forward to bringing the Holiday gathering back to Black Bear Casino. This decision was made after gathering feedback from our members through an online survey. The Board is always open to obtaining feedback from our members on how the organization can improve. Feel free to reach out to the Board if you have any ideas on events/topics.

**Have a wonderful holiday season!
By DSTA Editor Chelsea Loining**



DSTA Annual Holiday Gathering

Friday, January 5th, 2018

**Black Bear Casino Resort - Otter Creek Event Center
1785 MN-210, Carlton, MN 55718**

Co-chairs: Gina Schneider, Lawrence Cumpston & Assoc., & Leyla Aktekin, Jeff Foster Trucking

6:00p.m. - Social Time 7:00 p.m. - Dinner

DSTA members and guests are invited to donate gifts for our many Door Prize drawings.

Contact Name: _____ Business Phone: _____

Company _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

E-mail Address _____

ATTENDING (Please attach a list if needed):

MENU: Oven-baked chicken, Atlantic Salmon Filet, Turkey and Dressing, Parsley Buttered Red Potatoes, Wild Rice, Green Beans Almandine, Tossed Salad.

*** THIS EVENT IS FREE FOR 2017 PAID MEMBERS**

AMOUNT PAID for guests: _____ guests @ \$35.00 each = \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD: Check # _____ Payable only to: Duluth-Superior Transportation Association (or DSTA)

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT: _____ VISA _____ MASTERCARD _____ DISCOVER _____ AMERICAN EXPRESS

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD: _____ **BILLING ZIP CODE:** _____

CARD NUMBER: _____ **EXPIRATION DATE:** ____/____ (MO/YR)

3-DIGIT CODE ON BACK OF CARD: _____ **SIGANATURE:** _____

Please e-mail your credit card reservations by Friday, December 29th using this reservation form to Kristin McKibbage at: kmckibbage@halvorlines.com

DSTA Christmas Toy Drive 2017

**The Duluth-Superior
Transportation Association is
sponsoring a Christmas Toy
Drive! Donate new, unwrapped
toys and bring a smile to a
child this holiday season. We
are collecting toys from
newborn to teen!**

Now through December 19th!

Collection Sites

Dave Evans Transports
Halvor Lines
Jeff Foster Trucking



Contact Amy from Dave Evans Transports
with questions. 715-392-2955
amy@detransports.com

**Monetary
Donations
Welcome!**



Application to Duluth-Superior Transportation Association Year 2018 Membership

Please accept my ___ application for membership or ___ renewal of membership in the Duluth-Superior Transportation Association.

Please mark the appropriate line:

___ \$40 Annual Dues ___ \$10 Full Time Student at _____
___ Support Paying Retired ___ Retired - Mail Only ___ \$50 After April 1st, 2018

DUES ARE PAYABLE BY JANUARY 1ST FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR.

OPTIONAL ___ I am enclosing an additional \$40.00 for a link to my company's web site on **DSTA's home page**. See banner at bottom of web page www.TheDSTA.com.

Web site url: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE

Date: _____

Name _____ Title: _____

Telephone: work: (____) _____ - _____ Ext. _____ Cell: (____) _____ - _____

Company Name: _____

Company Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Email address: _____

Company Web site: _____

Member sponsored/recommended by (if any): _____

Sponsor member's company: _____

PAYMENT METHOD

Total amount paid: _____

Check # _____ Payable only to **Duluth-Superior Transportation Association (or DSTA)**

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT: ___ VISA ___ MASTERCARD ___ DISCOVER ___ AMERICAN EXPRESS

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD: _____

CARD NUMBER: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ EXP. DATE: ___ / ___ (MO/YR)

3-DIGIT CODE ON BACK OF CARD: _____ BILLING ZIP CODE _____

SIGNATURE: _____

My application qualifies me for membership under the Constitution and By-Laws of the DSTA.

Signature of Applicant _____

*Please send signed application and **check made payable only to DSTA to:**
Dawn Evans, Dave Evans Transports, 19 East 3rd Street, Superior, WI 54880*

Thank you and welcome to DSTA!