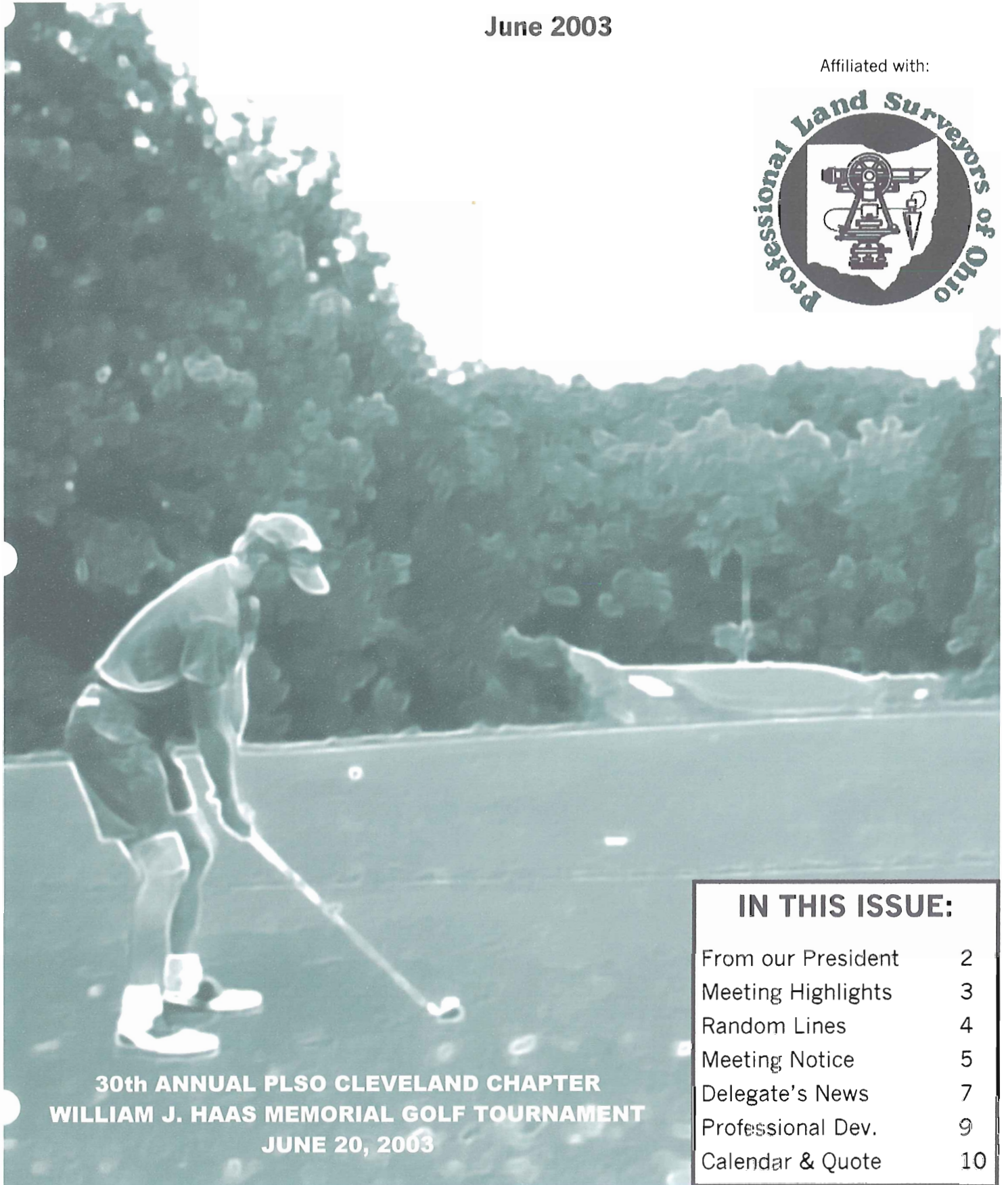


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May 19, 2003

Sizzling steaks were the highlight of the May membership meeting at Palmers Restaurant in Strongsville, Ohio along with a presentation by Mr. Fred Boreman, P.S., Chief Surveyor of the Medina County Engineer's Office. Mr. Boreman's presentation centered on the information available on the Medina County Website, which includes up-to-date tax map information, standard parcel and owner data, and survey information. For a complete look at what is available, visit their website at <http://www.highwayengineer.co.medinaco.org/tax-maps/map.html> or <http://www.highwayengineer.medinaco.org/tax-maps/map.html> or contact Fred at the Office of Medina County Engineer David Miller, P.E., P.S. at (330) 723-9561.

In Cuyahoga County, we may have resolved the problem of re-establishing centerline control points in road reconstruction projects. In the past, it was the responsibility of the contractor to install new monument boxes along with the appropriate monumentation. As most of you are probably aware, this did not always happen and when it did, the accuracy of the points was somewhat questionable. By installing a coring machine on the back of one of the County trucks, the Survey Department, under Tom Snezek's direction, is able to re-set both the monument box as well as the pins thus eliminating the need for the contractor to perform those bid items.

Finally, I wanted to let everyone know that Pleasant Valley Road between York and State will be widened beginning sometime this fall. All of the right-of-way has been purchased and First Energy is now in the process of relocating the utility poles. This project has been on the books for over twenty years and I am sure most of you have given up on it. However, by using a creative funding strategy, we were able to secure the needed dollars to make it a reality. Similar plans are also underway to complete the Crocker Stearns extension.


Next month will be our last regular dinner meeting before the summer season begins. I would like to thank all of you that have attended our meetings during the last several months and also to remind those of you who have not been able to attend about the outstanding presentations we have had from the various county engineer offices. Based on the attendance and the amount of questions received, these meetings have become a valuable source of information for those of you practicing in our five county area.

Sincerely,

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The Cleveland Chapter May General Membership Meeting was held May 1, 2003 at Palmer's Restaurant in Strongsville. There were 22 members in attendance. Fred Boreman, Medina County Chief Surveyor, gave a presentation on the various survey information, maps, plats, tax maps, aerial photographs and other products of Medina County that are available to the public via the internet at: [www.highwayengineer.co.medina.oh.us/tax-maps/map.html](http://www.highwayengineer.co.medina.oh.us/tax-maps/map.html)

*Some of the topics discussed during the meeting were as follows:*

Sean Boland reported that he renewed one of the CD's for a 6 month term at 1%.

John Bischof reported that May 19<sup>th</sup> would be the last day of the survey class. The graduates will be invited to the June General Membership meeting to receive their certificates.

Bob Hoy reported that he will be handing out a sampler CD of the PLSO Data Bank at the golf outing. Bob is also going to scan 150 plats from the Data Bank that were not scanned the first time.

Jack Hoy reported that the June meeting will be held at Dimitri's in Parma.

Louise Veverka reported that the four tracks for the 2004 Annual Conference will be Professional, Business, Technical and Education.



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June, 2003:

Last month I started a discourse on education, Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and professionalism. This month I will continue with those subjects and possibly more.

In all my years of representing this profession on the local, state and national levels, the biggest complaint I have heard from the surveyors around the country was the same one Rodney Dangerfield always used, "I get no respect."

What do we want to be respected for? Our technical expertise? (We can train technicians to be technically proficient.) Our ability to deliver a quality product in a timely and cost effective manner? (This is a business management function.) The quality of our equipment? (This is a function of the sales staff of our instrument suppliers.)

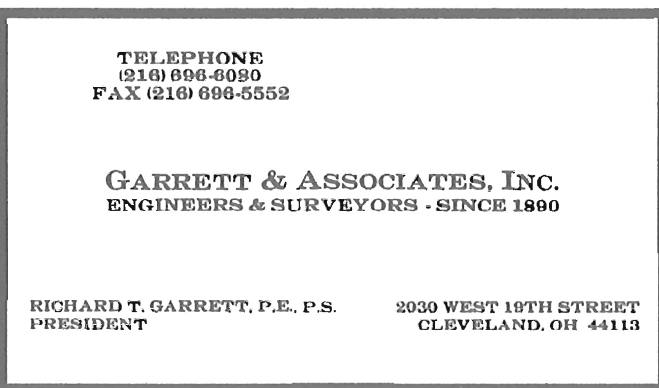
We should look to be respected for all of these and one other, the depth and scope of our education and professional experience. Notice that I avoid the use of the word "training" which I consider as an insult to any professional. Anyone can be trained but a true professional is educated.

An educated person has a wide range of formal education, experience and interests that should cover several fields of study. The definition of learned (pronounced learn-ed) is "having or showing much learning: well informed, erudite." This definition does not allow for gaining a little education then never again upgrading it. Education should be a life long experience.

CPD is only one step towards becoming a learned person and in being respected as a professional, but it is a large one. It will force all of us to be dragged into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, kicking and screaming all the way. It will force us to broaden our educational experience and to look to learning new skills, such as business administration, law and accounting. It could even be better for our business.

There is not one of us that would go to a doctor that did not keep up on the latest medical advances, go to an attorney that did not keep current on the latest case law or hire an accountant that did not keep

current on the latest tax laws.



How can we, as a profession, serve our clients properly and not provide that same type of professional approach to ourselves? To be a true "profession" we have to hold ourselves to a higher standard than the average person. If we are going to be a true "profession" we have to be a "learned profession" as that is defined. Currently, we are one of the only professions that does not require some sort of continuing education or professional development. Law, medicine, accounting, insurance and real estate all require CPD to continue to practice.

**Many Thanks for hosting the  
Cleveland Chapter Data Bank**

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## Cleveland Chapter PLSO

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday June 5, 2003

## Location

**Dimitri's Restaurant****1830 Snow Road****Parma, Ohio****Located at Midtown Plaza**Dimitri's  
Restaurant

Snow Road

Broadview Road

## Menu

Choice of:

- Breaded Pork Chops or
- Broiled Boston Scrod with  
oven browned potatoes
- Chicken Paprikash over Dumplings

Tossed Garden Salad, California Medley  
Vegetables, Rolls & butter  
Beverage (Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea)  
Rainbow Sherbet

**Cost: \$ 18.00 includes tax & tip****Reservations:**

Call John R. Hoy at (440) 877-1434, during  
office hours, by Tuesday June 3, 2003 with your  
selection. Please call on time. Thank you.

**GRADUATION PROGRAM**

Tonight's program is the  
graduation of students from  
the PLSO Cleveland Chapter  
Survey Class by  
John J. Bischof,  
Education Trustee

**AGENDA**

RELAXATION HOUR	5:30
DINNER	6:30
GRADUATION	7:30
MEETING	8:00

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDE:**

PLSO Conference 2004  
Committee meeting schedule

Chapter Golf Outing

Express Map Issue

Doubling of document copy fees by State

From the 5/9/03 State meeting - Notable discussions:

Under 5.0 New Businesses –

5.1 Motion passed to review the “Why you need a Surveyor” flyer for possible reprint this fall. Send comments to Rose Coors, Public Relation chairperson.

Under 6.0 Inter-Association Delegates –

6.3 State Board will have the new rules for OAC. #4733 up on their Web site soon. Those rules will be effective 10/05/03. Check with Frank Snyder for more info.

Under 7.0 Committee Reports –

7.13 Committee-man Tim Schram reported that the ACSM Web-site has the responses to the questionnaire on the “Express Map” issues.

7.19 Committee-man Bill Ellison reported that the final draft of the bill for CPD will be sent to the PLSO soon. It is expected to be adopted. It will be reviewed for inclusion of our comments.

7.20 D. Friemoth stated that the cut-off date for the next OSN letter is June 15<sup>th</sup>.

7.42 Membership- Mr. Friemoth reported that we welcomed 39 new members this month, and annual dues statements will be out in July.

7.45 Legislation – Chairman, M. Cameron reported that H.B. 95, which was working its way through the system, has dropped the section on doubling the fees for copies of documents from the recorder's office. This budget easing effort may pop up elsewhere in the legislation.

H.B. 136 may introduce a requirement that all sub-contractor's on government funded projects will have to implement a drug testing program. More on this later.

As a final note, Executive Director, Barb Jones will be on two weeks vacation starting June 12. If you have any issues at the State level you are directed to President, Steve Hyde or the appropriate Committee Chairperson.

Tom Snezek, Chapter Delegate

The 2004 PLSO Conference Committee submitted a budget for the conference to Barb Jones in Columbus for approval on May 22, 2003.

The Conference Committee will not be planning a Thursday night event outside the hotel. Instead it will utilize a large room at the hotel for a Thursday night reception and hospitality. Thursday dinner for attendees will be “On their own” supplied with a list of restaurants in the area. We are trying to get discount coupons for downtown restaurants.

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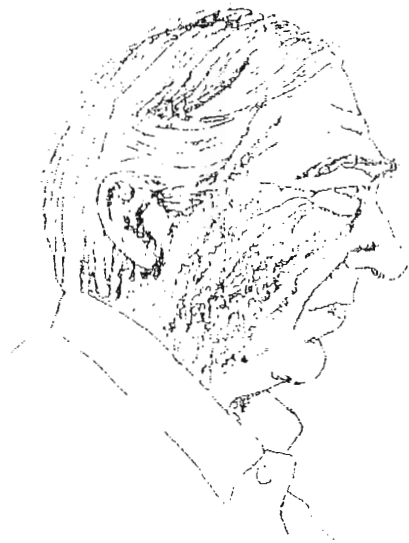
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Preferred Tee Time:  
8:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON

Make reservations early. Reservations received after  
June 13, 2003 cannot be guaranteed.



Anyone not familiar with the Data Bank survey drawings available on CD will have an opportunity to obtain a FREE sample CD at the Annual Golf Tournament. The sampler CD will contain several different drawings taken randomly from the Data Bank CD. Examples of AutoCAD plots of the drawings will also be on display.

Robert G. Hoy, Trustee

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Respect is earned by being and acting as a professional. Having the education that advances that profession and yourself and acting as a professional when you deal with your clients, your community, your employees and with the general public will all aid in earning that respect.

Charging fees that are commensurate with the services you render will also go a long ways towards earning respect. How often do you negotiate a fee with your doctor, lawyer or accountant? Why should you allow your fees to be negotiated? Is that professional? If you charge fees that are too low or are willing to reduce your fees just to get work, you injure not only yourself, but the entire profession. Once you are labeled as someone that can be dictated to by the client, it is almost impossible to regain any semblance of professional respect.

The road to respect, and success, must be taken by you, the individual. It cannot be mandated by anyone other than yourself. Your professional associations and the legislature can only show the way. You have to walk the path.

John E. Dailey  
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## JUNE

- 5 Membership Dinner Meeting (School)
- 16 State Executive Committee Meeting
- 20 Golf Outing

## JULY

## AUGUST

- 11 Executive Committee Meeting

## SEPTEMBER

- 4 Membership Dinner Meeting (Old Timers)
- 12 State Executive Committee Meeting
- 15 Executive Committee Meeting

## OCTOBER

- 2-3 Fall Seminar
- 9 General Membership Meeting
- 10 State Executive Committee Meeting
- 20 Executive Committee Meeting

## FEBRUARY 2004

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## This Month's Quote:

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