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INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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2013 has come and gone. We're chewing up 2014 faster than you can send an invoice to the DOT.

After a few presentations, project submittals, RFI's and hard drive crashes it'll be December again.

I graduated high school in 1981 thinking that by 2014 we'd be riding around on Jetson scooters. Funny... I could have sworn that we'd have the scooters by now but I never thought about an iPhone. Could we even survive professionally without a smart phone now? So many things have changed since 1981 (where's Devo when you need them?) but at the same time a lot has stayed the same.

The one thing that does remain the same is the importance of the relationships we have built throughout the years. I'm glad I was fortunate enough to know Joe Grimail while I had the chance. I first met him during a TBITE board meeting several years ago. We also did the 'business lunch thing' and after several lunches you get to know people a little better, what's important to them, what's funny to them and generally what makes them tick.

Joe was an engineer and a business man but first and foremost I realized he was a family man.

His discussions always came back to talking about his family, the trips they took, where they were going... where they've been. Here are some of the words which we've posted about Joe on our TBITE website –

Joe Grimail was the esteemed colleague of many professionals in the Tampa area, and the primary shareholder of Grimail Crawford, Inc., which he founded in 1999. He was an

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experienced, intelligent engineer who ran his company with integrity and treated staff as family...

...Joe was a community advocate in Hillsborough County and the City of Tampa, and was active in many associations such as the Westshore Alliance. He genuinely cared for the region he served, his clients, many of which he considered close and personal friends, and the professionals and staff with whom he worked...

This year, in Joe's memory, TBITE has decided to rename the annual Transportation Professional of the Year award to the *Joseph J. Grimail Transportation Professional of the Year*. The 2013 recipient of the award is Michelle Schofner, P.E, PTOE of ICON Engineering (Congrats Michelle!)

TBITE continues to be a great way to build and sustain relationships within our profession. Rubbing elbows with all of the region's transportation engineers every three to four months will at least give our members the opportunity to create more options...professionally and personally.

Please become a member if you currently are not one. Don't miss out on meeting the many great people that belong to this organization. Perhaps none will be another Joe Grimail but each one has their own special attributes that are worth discovering.

And who knows? By 2047 when we are driving our Jetson 4000 CloudSkimmers to our TBITE luncheons we will all nostalgically think about our past iPhones and have a good chuckle!

Please contact Erbie Garrett at egarrett@garrettenggroup.com or Carlos Andrés Ramirez at cramirez@baysideng.com with suggestions for the next TBITE Quarterly!

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2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES

It's that time of year again to renew your **Tampa Bay ITE** membership. All national members of ITE and those who were on our email distribution list last year will receive the updated form. If you, or someone you know, has not received a form please contact one of the TBITE Executive Board Members for an application!

2014 CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

Wouldn't your company's logo look good in this newsletter? The applications will be going out with the membership information, so make sure the proper marketing/management person in your organization is aware of the great opportunities available to sponsor **TBITE in 2014** and beyond!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Register now for the FSITE Winter Workshop!

An exciting workshop is scheduled for February 20 at the Florida Turnpike Turkey Lake Office near Orlando. The theme for the workshop is "Traffic Analysis Tools and Specialized Applications." This is one workshop you do not want to miss! Topics include the following:

- Updates to HCS 2010
- Advanced Synchro/SimTraffic Arterial Analysis
- FDOT Traffic Analysis Handbook
- New FHWA Guidance on Micro-simulation Calibration
- and MUCH more!

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We expect this workshop to sell out, so reserve your spot now!



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ENGINEERS WEEK

FEBRUARY 16-22, 2014

<http://tbewb.org/>

2014 SPEAKERS WANTED

If you would like to volunteer yourself (or someone else) to make a presentation at one of our TBITE quarterly meetings, please contact a TBITE Executive Board Member. Also, if there is a topic you would like to hear about but don't have a specific speaker in mind, please let us know.

2013 TAMPA BAY ITE CHAPTER ANNUAL BANQUET AND AWARDS LUNCHEON

January 23rd, 2014 at the Double Tree

Our awards banquet was held last month at the Double Tree by Hilton – Westshore. Our guest was Mr. Bob Clifford, AICP, Executive Director at the Tampa Bay Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA). Mr. Clifford gave us an interesting presentation on who TBARTA is and what their vision for the future will entail. He highlighted the important transportation areas we need to pay attention to and how to unite and improve as an area. The presentation has been made available on the TBITE website (<http://tbite.org/Meetings.htm>).



MC Erbie Garrett (incoming TBITE President) hosted this year's event



Mr. Bob Clifford presented on behalf of TBARTA

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The 2014 Tampa Bay ITE Executive Board (TBITE Vice President, Sara Hall, PE absent)



Joseph J. Grimail Transportation Professional of the Year
– Michelle Schofner, PE



Transportation Project of the Year
- Manatee County ATMS Project (accepted by Vishal Kakkad, PE)

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The University of South Florida has a very active student chapter of ITE. We'd like to invite them all to be part of the TBITE family as well, but we need your help. You or your firm can sponsor a student for \$75 per year. This will cover the cost of student attendance at each TBITE meeting as well as the Annual Banquet. For more information please contact any of the board members.

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