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As my term is coming to an end, I wish to convey to the Chicago Metropolitan Chapter members what a pleasure it was to meet each of you at our functions throughout this year. NAIFA continues to grow, as evidenced by our very own growing chapter membership.

It is my pleasure to announce Chicago Metropolitan Chapter member, Tom Munizzo, IFA will serve as your 2006 National President of NAIFA. Additionally, Chicago Metropolitan Chapter members: Thomas Majchrzak, IFA will serve as the 2006 State Director; Lee Lansford, IFA will serve as Regional Governor; Migs Murray, IFA will serve as Deputy Regional Governor; and finally, I will be serving on the board of the Illinois Coalition of Appraisal Professionals (ICAP). Please contact any one of the above mentioned, with comments and/or concerns.

Congratulations to Migs Murray, IFA, the 2005 recipient of the NAIFA Illinois Appraiser of the Year.

I am pleased to announce our chapter membership continues to grow with more new members since September. Welcome to Seth McCormick, Eric Neumann, Robert Huth, William Wood, Thomas Hubberts, Michael Miner, Gary Zadonatti, Norm Jacobsen, Terrance Sullivan, Jeffrey Kirk, and Dennis Victor. Remember, as a member of the Chicago Metropolitan Chapter, your chapter dues included membership to the Illinois Coalition of Appraisal Professionals (ICAP). Please visit their website, www.icapweb.org, to find out the latest news within the appraisal profession.

By the end of this year, we will have had four informative luncheons with great

turnouts. In March, we had a speaker from Chicago Zoning, in May we were happy to have the Illinois Director of Appraisal Administration, Mike Brown, in October we had Tim McCarthy, the ICAP webmaster; and most recently in November we were pleased to have the incoming National President of NAIFA, Tom Munizzo, IFA, for a informal presentation on the new FNMA forms.

In addition to our luncheons, this summer, we had a very successful chapter golf outing at the Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park. This golf outing was held in honor of the late Gordy Bormus. Special thanks goes to A. T. Munizzo, IFA, for organizing this event. We look forward to hosting this golf outing for years to come.

Please mark your calendars for **Friday, December 9, 2005**. We are again having our Annual Christmas Luncheon with open bar, great food, and our favorite Pianist, Frank! This is totally free to members and only \$25 for non-members/guests. Please visit our chapter website, www.chicagonaifa.com to sign-up, or fax in your RSVP form to me at 708.447.5907.

In closing, please keep checking our website for scheduled continuing education as well as pre-licensing courses. Get a jump on your CE for the next renewal period. Courses are held at the Willowbrook Holiday Inn at Route 83 and the I-55 expressway. Visit www.naifa.com or www.chicagonaifa.com, for up to the minute courses scheduling.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. See you all at the Christmas Party. Happy Holidays!!

Lisa Virruso Musial, IFAS

Current Happenings...



2005 IL State Director Lee Lansford, 2005 NAIFA Illinois State Appraiser of the Year Margaret "Migs" Murray, & 2005 Chicago Chapter President Lisa Musial.

MIGS MURRAY NAMED IL APPRIASER OF THE YEAR

At the October 13 luncheon, Margaret "Migs" Murray, IFA was presented with the 2005 IL NAIFA Appraiser of the Year Award.

Migs has served in all leadership positions at the local chapter (Chicago Metro Chapter) level. Also, Migs has previously served as State Director and Deputy State Director. In 2005, she is the 2005 President of the Illinois Coalition of Appraisal Professionals (ICAP).

When something needs to get done..."Migs can do it!" Migs has an exemplary record of service both to our association in particular and the appraisal profession in general! Join me in providing congratulations to this worthy member of the NAIFA!

We at the Chicago Metropolitan Chapter are very proud of Migs!

Upcoming Classes, Seminars and Conferences

Can be found on our website under "EVENTS"

Chapter Luncheon Meetings

October 13, 2005 Luncheon Meeting

The October 13 lunch meeting featured the Illinois Coalition of Appraiser's past president and webmaster, Tim "T.J." McCarthy, SRA, IFA who spoke about the ICAP Website, and web resources for appraisers.

Remember, all Chicago Metro Chapter of the NAIFA members have their ICAP dues paid for as a part of your annual Chapter dues. Take advantage of this valuable resource. Thank you TJ for putting together such a great site.



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Willowbrook Holiday Inn

Friday, December 9, 2005

12 noon to 3 pm

Come join us at our Chapter Holiday Christmas Party on Friday, December 9.

Installation of 2006 Officers and directors. Open Bar, Luncheon, Piano Player.

Chapter members free, guests \$25

RSVP to Lisa Musial at

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ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER?

Are you an active member – one that would be missed? Or are you content that your name is on a list.

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock? Or do you stay home to criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along? Or are you satisfied to “just belong”?

Come out to meetings often, help with hands and heart; Don't be a member, take an active part!

Think this over, now, you now right from wrong; Are you an active member, or do you just belong?.

Committee assignments are available and we encourage involvement. Please contact President-elect John Wittert for more information. E-Mail: wittert@comcast.net

**UPCOMING EVENTS
MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**

**FOR THESE UPCOMING
CHICAGO CHAPTER MEETINGS**

**DECEMBER 9— CHICAGO
CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**JANUARY 12 — 2006 BOARD
MEMBERS MEETING ONLY**

**NEXT LUNCHEON MEETING TO
BE ANNOUNCED**



ON BEING AN NAIFA MEMBER

By Randall I Kopfer, IFA, SR/WA, PMP

Randall Kopfer on Being a NAIFA Member
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Randall Kopfer, IFA, SR/WA, PMP
NAIFA National President 2005

All of my designations are included in this article to demonstrate a point. Whether it is an appraisal designation from the National Association of Independent Fee Appraisers, a right of way professional designation from the International Right of Way Association or a project management professional designation from the Project Management Institute, these credentials should be cherished, respected and earned. These credentials should instill a commitment to the association from which it is received, and demonstrate your level of dedication to professionalism and proficiency within your chosen field. This is your opportunity to make a first line effort at public relations on your own behalf.

My NAIFA designation is important to me; supporting the association supports my designation and demonstrates my dedication to the profession.

Membership in NAIFA provides many opportunities for members to advance their appraisal knowledge and skills. This starts with the recognition attained from achieving a professional appraisal designation. The educational experience and working knowledge derived from meeting the requirements of an appraisal designation positions you as a professional appraiser and sets you apart from others in the field.

NAIFA offers many professional and personal benefits to its members. The association offers more than just the opportunity for earning professional designations.

Membership in NAIFA presents many valuable networking opportunities, as well as a solid referral base of like-minded professionals. This allows members to form meaningful relationships with others in their field and creates a sense of community, social purpose and contribution. The synergy achieved from belonging to a professional appraisal association, acting on behalf of its membership, carries much more weight and influence than individual appraisers when dealing with the media, government and politicians on their own.

As the recognized leader in real estate appraisal education, NAIFA offers specialized educational classes throughout the nation during the year. These furthering education classes meet the requirements of our members at every stage of their career development. Professional Appraisers realize education is essential in today's real estate appraisal business. This is another benefit of membership in NAIFA that sets you apart from the competition!

It is not enough to just be a practicing appraiser.

Do your part to enhance the appraisal profession. We have a responsibility to get involved and promote our chosen profession. The satisfaction achieved from supporting an association that acts on behalf of the professional appraiser is very worthwhile and necessary. Be a leader and achieve the personal and professional growth associated with benefiting the appraisal profession as a whole. Join the NAIFA today.

Randall Kopfer, IFA, SR/WA, PMP
NAIFA National President 2005



December 2005 CMC-NAIFA Luncheon

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December 9, 2005 NAIFA Holiday Luncheon

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