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A Message from the President

Pat Isfeld

Greetings and Happy Spring from Miliona. As you read this letter I hope everyone had a safe January-April 2014. It's hard to believe that in a few short weeks the 2013-2014 school year will be ending and our summer classroom and BTW programs will be in full swing. Those who attended the Spring Conference on April 4,5th at the Kelly Inn in St.Cloud, know that it was another great one. Our theme this year was "Who will you Reach? Teaching Everyone. A big "thank you" to Joe Christensen for all of his hard work, dedication, and planning to make this conference a success. It takes a tremendous amount of work to pull it all together. You should also know that Joe was instrumental in the planning and implementation of our winter workshops in January. Joe, jobs well done.

Brad Isberner, from St. Cloud State University opened the conference with a warm welcome and presented MDTSEA with a check from the University for \$1500. Our opening presenter also from St. Cloud State University, Dr. Chaturi Edrisinha gave an excellent presentation on Autism and Driver Education.

Other topics addressed during the conference included a Q &A session with representatives from Department of Public Safety (DPS), an update on our "Point of Impact programs" from Gordy Pehrson, DPS's Office of Traffic Safety, New Bicycle materials, shared by Michelle Pooler, MnDot, Evaluating the Disabled Driver from Connie Shaffer, Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute, Drug Abuse Trends in Minnesota, presented by Steve Soyka, Stearns County Sheriff's department, and of course our business meeting and banquet completing Friday's conference program. Please check MDTSEA's website for present Board of Directors' and Officers' for 2014.

Charles Benda from Slayton, Minnesota has been recognized as Minnesota's Driver Education Teacher of the Year for 2014. Congratulations Charles. Bea Kehr from Duluth received the Matt Barry award for 2014. As you know Bea is an active Driver Education instructor in Duluth, Past-President of MDTSEA, and current Secretary/Treasurer for our organization. Congratulations Bea and "Thank You" for all you have done over the years for MDTSEA.

On Saturday morning, Fred Mottola from the National Institute for Driver Behavior, presented a 2 ½ hour session, "Providing Lifesaving Experiences before Licensing" followed by Matt Logan, Father of Deianerah "DJ" Logan... "Heaven's Beautiful Angel".

This spring has been and continues to be a busy one at the State Capitol for MDTSEA. The 2014 Graduated Driver Licensing Governing Requirements Legislation includes H.F. No. 2684 Rep. Kim Norton, Rochester, and SF 2867 Sen. Susan Kent, Woodbury.....both involving the Supplemental Parent Program.

Another piece of legislation HF 1411 involves the "Retired Teacher" was included in the House Omnibus Education Policy bill. Please watch in the next month for any changes, and or voting that will take place at our state capitol. A special thank you to the Legislative Committee for all of their hard work.

Over this next year, I hope you will be in contact with me, or your district representative with any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have to make MDTSEA a better organization for our students, the State of Minnesota, and our members. Let us know what you would like to see at our next winter workshop and our state conference in 2015. If you have any MILEPOST ideas, or would like to submit an article, please contact Bea Kehr, our editor, or Joe Christensen.

Much work will be needed in the future on any changes taking place as a result of legislation concerning Graduated Licensing. "Signers" that receive up-dates from Don Hoechst (DPS) are reminded to forward changes on to all of your staff within your program. Communication is the key.

The National ADTSEA Conference this July 13-16th will be held in Wichita Kansas. If you are interested in attending, visit our MDTSEA website for more information.

Many of you will be working hard this summer teaching BTW. Please be safe and have an enjoyable summer. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our profession and to our students.

Yours for Safe Driving, Pat

Access to a MN Permit Rest Practice App

Chip Hayssen, Safeway, has developed a permit test practice program. He was upset that the other programs on the web, that student were using, had incorrect information and were missing critical information that students needed to pass the Minnesota test. He is offering to allow any student to use this test practice program for FREE. He does request that we as teachers provide him with suggested additions and changes. You can e-mail suggestions to him directly or send them to MDTSEA@Cloudnet.com and I will forward them to Chip.

To access the MN Permit Test Practice app go to the bottom this web site:
<<http://www.safewaydrivingschool.com>>.

Alternatively, here's the link to the iPhone/iPad version: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/safeway-minnesota-permit-test/id823719396?ls=1&mt=8>

And here's the link to the Android version:
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.safewaydrivingschool.mnpracticetest>

Looking Back While Aiming Ahead

Shirly Suneson

I am planning to create a MDTSEA Historical Journal. It will include reflections that impacted MDTSEA to include the following:

- Past presidents with dates and highlights of their term(s)
- Board members with dates and highlights
- MDTSEA members who wish to share their memorable experiences during their teaching career and where they taught Driver Education. This can include something a student(s) said or did.
- Pictures with names, newspaper articles, awards, etc.
- Other

Please consider completing and send this form to either my e-mail or home address. Shirly Suneson 2711 Kempston Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125
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Your name: _____

Membership: _____ years

Board Member: _____ (District represented) _____ years

Career / memorable experience(s)

Online Driver Education Teacher Preparation Program

St. Cloud State University is offering a series of online courses that will provide you with the coursework needed to fulfill driver education licensure requirements. SCSU's Driver Education Teacher Preparation program is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education ([NCATE](#)), and meets the Minnesota Board of Teaching requirements.

- This 13 credit program consists of five courses (four online and one an approved practicum). Course content is based on licensure requirements Minnesota.
- Minnesota students seeking licensure are required to complete online courses and attend six interactive television (ITV) sessions. In addition to the online coursework, students will need to make arrangements to complete approved practicum activities in their own community with a licensed mentor.
- Courses can be taken for undergraduate credit or for graduate credit.
- Courses must be taken in sequence. The entire 13 credit program can be completed in one or two semesters. See the web site for specific scheduling information.
- Course materials include a text for each course. Also required are two current driver education DVD's. Contact www.husky.bkstr.com to order online. Phone 320.308.1489
- Please plan to order your books and materials at least one month prior to the beginning of the class.

Traffic Safety Education Faculty

Professor Bradley J. Isberner teaches Traffic Safety Education at St. Cloud State University. He has extensive experience in driver education classroom instruction and combines current theories of instruction with practical application. Brad is a member of the Minnesota Drivers and Traffic Safety Education Association and the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association. He can be reached via e-mail at BJIsberner@stcloudstate.edu

Cost Undergraduate: \$312.40 + \$5.62 student fees = \$318.02 per undergraduate credit x 13 credits = \$4,134.26. **Graduate:** \$428.74 + \$5.62 student fees = \$434.36 per graduate credit x 13 credits = \$5,646.68
Fees & tuition are subject to revision by the MnSCU Board.

REGISTRATION at:

<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/continuingstudies/driversed/apply.asp>

Registration deadlines for fall and spring semesters are listed on the web site.