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Chairman's Corner

—Murray Kleiner, Chairman

I want to begin by wishing everyone and their families a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

When you read this article, the holidays may already be over, but as I sit here, trying to figure out what I'm going to write next, they have not yet begun. Believe me, trying to come up with a new article each month is no easy task, but it is one of my most favorite things... right behind making cold calls. As I browse through some of the other newsletters that I receive looking to borrow or steal some ideas (I'm not proud), I notice that everyone likes to reflect at this time of the year. Businesses are reflecting on the past year's performances, and sports columnists are reflecting on the Yankees' upset, violence in sports, and steroids in athletes. So, I'm also going to reflect.

Actually, I'm going to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of some of our members who gave so much of their time and talent over the past year for our benefit. First, in case you haven't noticed, we have a brand new website due to the long and hard work of Jim LaTourrette and Jerry Brown with support from other Web **Development Committee members** including Rob Weiner and Peter Buitenkant. Although there is still some work to be done, its attractive and professional look is a result of the long, and often difficult, hours put in by Jim and Jerry. I urge everyone to visit the website at http://licn.org. Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to Marty Kanner and his Database Committee that includes Jerry Brown and Jim LaTourrette. This committee did some very labor-intensive work involving purchasing, updating, and maintaining various databases that include the membership and companies databases, email lists, and the skills matrix. They were also responsible for creating and mailing our postcard, using the feedback to update our database, and then developing and mailing our directory.

I also want to acknowledge the efforts of Peter Buitenkant who always makes sure that we have someone to monitor the phone referral system and Mike Tedaldi and Jack Lubowsky who are currently working on improving that system.

We also have other committees whose behind the scenes work keeps us functioning. These include:

- Membership Committee consisting of Chris Early (chairman), Peter Buitenkant, and Murray Kleiner.
- Speaker Arrangements Committee (for lack of a better name) consisting of Marty Kanner (chairman), Peter Buitenkant, and Larry Rachman (their job is to contact and arrange for needs of guest speakers).
- Meeting Room Arrangements Committee consisting of Peter O'Neill (chairman), Marty Kanner, and Sam Sadinsky (they ensure that our meeting room is properly set up before we meet).
- Promotion and Marketing Committee consisting of Mike Tedaldi (chairman), Jack Lubowsky, and Joel Morrow.

I also want to acknowledge Dick LaRosa, who is always busy taking the minutes of our board and regular meetings, and last, but not least, I want to thank Irwin Weitman, who is always there providing the computer and projector equipment for our speakers.

Well, it looks like I filled up a whole page, so I'm done reflecting. See you next year.

Long Island Consultants' Network – Meeting Schedule:

Time and Place

Wednesday January 5, 2005 – 7:00 PM – The IEEE Consultants Network of Long Island will host a lecture on "Circuit Designs, Tricks and Traps", presented by John Dunn of Ambertec, Inc., Merrick, NY.

Meeting Place:

Briarcliffe College, 1055 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage, N.Y.

Admission is free (no charge) and no pre-registration is required. For information, contact John Dunn at (516) 378-2149.

Editor's Note

--Andrew Franklin Baxt, BEE

Happy New Year to all... Still working my gig in Marietta Georgia helping with the software on Lockheed Martin's C5's.

Best Regards - Andy Baxt

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