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## President's Corner

Happy Summer ITEA! As many of you recall, this is our chapter election year. So as your out-going president, I would like to take this opportunity to say a few words of thanks to some folks that have made the Chapter run. Jim Sebolka and Lou Husser put together last October's Test and Training Conference, our first chapter conference in quite a while. They did a fabulous job with almost 100 attendees and a white paper readied for publication. They couldn't have pulled it off without the superb assistance provided by Dave Grow and Mike Wetzl, who pulled double duty as your chapter officers. The momentum from that Test and Training Conference is spilling into two more new events: a Crosstalk planned for September which Lou will lead, and the next Test and Training Conference in March 2009, a 3-day event in Norfolk which Jim will lead and for which Dave will serve as Technical Chair. These events are very important to the chapter. Not only do we exist to serve the Test community by providing forums and educational opportunities, but also the event proceeds help fund our Scholarship program.

I am indebted also to Mike Bell and Chas McKee, who put together all of the luncheon programs. And not once did you have pasta primavera (courtesy of Mike's planning!) And finally, the absolute backbone of the chapter, my hearty thanks to Fred McCoy who has authored this exceptional newsletter for many more years than I have been here, been the official chapter photographer, acted as the Education and Scholarship committee chair, done any job asked no matter how big or small, and been the brains, heart, and conscience of the Chapter. My term as president was greatly assisted by the experience and wisdom of the senior advisors, former chapter presidents Skip Vibert and Bob Molepske. If you are interested in serving the chapter and working alongside these fine folks, contact any one of us (shown in the Officers and Committees box later in this newsletter) to get plugged in.

Please join us for our season-ending event, our Second Annual ITEA GW Chapter Scholarship Benefit Golf Tournament. We will be hitting the links on our traditional third Thursday in June. This year we will be playing at Andrews AFB. Sign up at our website as soon as possible. If you have a preferred foursome, let Chas McKee or Mike Bell know via email.



Please vote when the ballots come out shortly, keep attending the luncheons and other chapter events, and consider helping out. It is incredibly rewarding. It has been an honor to serve with this Board as your president, - Cathy Cordova

## New Members

Joining our chapter during May were:

- **Chad Carr** of ARES Corporation
- **Randy Hbobs** of Lockheed Martion

The membership committee reminds you that if you bring someone to a chapter meeting and he or she joins ITEA there, both of you receive a future lunch free

## LOOKING AHEAD

Jun 19 – BBQ & Golf Tournament

Jul 3 - Business meeting

Sep 18 - Luncheon

For time and location of business meetings, contact

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## Chapter Website

Our chapter has a website where you can see chapter events, copies of previous newsletters, and reserve and pay for meetings and events online by Pay Pal. Check it out at

<http://www.gw-itea.org>

**Chapter Elections** We will conduct our chapter elections this summer. Ballots will be e-mailed to all members, and responses will be requested by e-mail. We will elect a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer for two-year terms. New officers-elect will meet with the outgoing officers in a business meeting in August, and will take their positions at the monthly meeting in September. If you would be willing to stand for election to one of the slots, or know someone who is able and willing, contact the chair of our Awards and Nominations Committee, Andy Manriquez at 703-907-3953 or [andyman51@verizon.net](mailto:andyman51@verizon.net)

## May Breakfast Meeting

At its April 15<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, the chapter heard Mr William J McCarthy, Deputy Director of Operational Test and Evaluation (DOT&E) in the Department of Defense, discuss "Net Centric Warfare and Space Systems Test Efforts / Initiatives in DOT&E". After noting that a recent reorganization of the DOT&E office combined net-centric and space systems under his direction, McCarthy listed several challenges, including: realistic full-scale testing of command and control systems, large scale Enterprise Resource Systems (ERP), misperceptions regarding introduction of commercial solutions in Defense systems, and especially, information assurance.

McCarthy went on to describe several initiatives such as working with the Joint Force Command J7 to test during joint exercises, working with the Under Secretary of Defense, Intelligence in events such as EMPIRE CHALLENGE, and working with the Defense Information Systems Agency to understand the Federated Development and Certification Environment can help net-centric testing.



McCarthy addresses chapter

Another initiative is revision of DOT&E policy on information assurance to go beyond moats and protection to detection, reaction, and restoration. He said we should use advanced tools to detect suspicious activity in real time, react by quarantine or other means, and know when to come up again after an attack to restore capability. Space initiatives include organizing to determine space domain, when to operationally test what, and the data needed during development as well as examining space test resources, and a goal of doing 90% of space testing before launch.

McCarthy went on to conduct a robust Q&A period.



Chapter Vice President Chas McKee presents guest speaker Bill McCarthy an ITEA-embossed memento of the occasion, in appreciation, after his talk.

## NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

**Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, Tournament Shotgun Start at 9:00 AM, BBQ Lunch at 1:30 PM,**

### ITEA George Washington Chapter **2nd Annual Golf Tournament** and Annual Barbeque

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE ITEA-GWC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

#### Andrews Air Force Base Golf Course

Andrews AFB, MD 20762, (301) 981-4653 or or  
(301) 736-4887 <http://www.aafbgc.com/index.asp>

#### Cost

The registration fee is \$70.00 for the tournament. It includes greens fee, cart, and lunch. Register online at <http://gw-itea.org> and pay by PayPal.

**To attend only the BBQ lunch, cost = \$15.00**

**For Additional Information** contact Mike Bell at 703-681-2736 or [michael.louis.bell@atec.army.mil](mailto:michael.louis.bell@atec.army.mil)

All levels of play welcome – up to 24 teams – singles will be assigned to teams  
Prizes for Team 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Longest Drive (men & women) and Closest to Pin

**Location / Directions** - Andrews AFB is located in Camp Springs, MD. Take the MD 5 exit from the Beltway towards Waldorf, MD. Follow Route 5 approximately 6 miles until you come to the Coventry Way exit. At the traffic light off the exit ramp, make a left and get in the right hand lane. At the next traffic light, make a right onto Old Alexandria Ferry Road. At the 2nd traffic light make a left into the Virginia Ave Gate. Show ID for entry. Proceed to the Gate Guard for clearance on to the Base. Make your first left and the Golf Course parking lot will be on your right.

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**Outgoing Chapter Officers** finishing their two-year terms this summer are President Cathy Cordova, Vice President Chas McKee, Secretary Dave Grow, and Treasurer Mike Wetzl.



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