President’s Message
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Two weeks ago I traveled to the land of milk and honey. Two weeks ago, the leaves excelled in shades of orange, red, yellow and green. Two weeks ago, the leaves still clung to the trees. I write this on Veterans Day, two weeks later, home, and yard knee high in leaves. After stuffing 23 leaf bags with fallen leaves, patches of yesterday’s glory still remain. On Veteran’s Day we give thanks to those who sacrificed so that we can enjoy this parade of colors. So in this respect, I cannot complain about my aching back, my pulled muscles, my broken rake and the non-working leaf blower. Just give thanks for the time of reflection. Reflecting my travels in Israel, I noticed a continuous state of construction, from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, condos, bridges, and massive road construction. The road construction caught my eye. Israel is a small country with crowded cities. Streets in Jerusalem originated in B.C. with a little change in width but population along with technology (i.e. cars, trucks) merged it quickly to the 21st century. Imagine the constant flow of traffic in and out of Jerusalem. Imagine 495 during rush hour! So I asked my husband, what is the process for building the roads in Israel. After many Uhms and Ahs, he replied, it is too difficult to explain however, he remarked the government owns most of the land, others own the rest, and then he walks away leaving me with more Uhms and Ahs and what, why, where, when, who type questions. I commented out loud, new IRWA Chapters recently opened in Saudia Arabia, why not Israel. My husband replied, what a good idea! What a good opportunity to get people to work together!

Why so many questions? One answer is questions are stepping stones to knowledge. Testing your knowledge of right of way, I open my message with a group of questions testing your ability to recall what you learned from the IRWA website. Of course I assume you all visited the IRWA Website. Here is your test. The winner gets the key to an ocean side condo in Arizona. Question one. Since its inception as a not for profit association in 1934, it has united the efforts of its members toward professional development, strong ethics and improved service to employers and the public along with advancements within the profession. What is it? Question two: what is the unsurpassed source of the educational programs and professional services worldwide dealing with right of way?

Now to the question most frequently asked to Chapter 14, do we have a chapter 14 website? The answer soon will be yes. Actually, we are reviving the old with a new format. The Newsletter remains our focus of information while the website “metros” you quickly from source to source. Making the Newsletter our vocal point, we need volunteers from our chapter to contribute articles, information, cartoons, etc. Emily Iacchei (Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson) who has performed expertly editing the newsletter is moving to the very cold state of Wisconsin. We thank Emily for her contribution and hopefully her successor will continue. Cat Mateer, also, of Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson, volunteered to continue until December. Your contribution to the Newsletter will help Cat with the Newsletter and may help persuade her to remain as editor. Please contact me if you would like to help Cat with the Newsletter.

For those of you who answered the two questions correctly, you can pick up your key to the ocean front property in Arizona at the next luncheon, Thursday, November 20, 2014 at Dutch’s Daughters in beautiful Frederick Maryland. I look forward to see all 100 plus Chapter 14 members at Dutch’s Daughters. Food is the best in Frederick, enjoy TWO, great speakers, and mingle with a fantastic group of people. Come be part of the action!

Respectfully submitted,
Frances A. Amir
President, Chapter 14
**Articles and Links**

- [http://www.prweb.com/releases/Amici_brief/Kenter_v_Sanibel/prweb12314839.htm](http://www.prweb.com/releases/Amici_brief/Kenter_v_Sanibel/prweb12314839.htm) — PRWEB, Owner’s Counsel of America. US Supreme Court to decide if Property Rights are Fundamental Rights under the 14th Amendment.


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**IRWA Chapter 14 Class Schedule**

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**IRWA Potomac Chapter 14 Welcomes New Members**

Jessica R. Brown
President
Fuller Brown Land Services
IRWA Chapter 14 November General Membership Meeting
Thursday, November 20th, 2014
Dutch’s Daughter Restaurant
581 Himes Ave, Frederick, MD 21703

Luncheon Menu:
Dutch’s Chicken ● Salad
Salad ● Rolls
Twice Baked Potatoes ● Green Beans
Dessert ● Coffee, Tea and Soda

$23.00 Early Registration Discount
before deadline of November 15 or
$28.00 after deadline

We welcome two speakers,
Guy Allen and Nate Mirolo
Of Geoamps

They will present “geoAMPS Automation for Right of Way”
We say goodbye to Emily Iacchei
and wish her and her family all the best in
their new adventure as they move to Wisconsin!

Emily’s Cheese Heads!
Ready for the Badger State