

Annual Report Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019

Your club is working to remain among the premiere organizations of our kind. Through the generosity of our members and a large dose of dedication and work by our leaders and committee chairs, our events continue to attract a diverse group of transportation providers, their customers and other supply-chain professionals. A few highlights from the past year...

The **Annual Dinner** (our 117th) brought about 900 people to Pittsburgh on March 20th. This year's speaker, Rocky Bleier, was outstanding. His timely message about hope, hard work and commitment was well received. We moved our event successfully to the David L Lawrence Convention Center. The ballroom provides a dazzling venue, and we were treated well by our new catering and event-services providers. It was a big change for us, in this case for the better. Plans are to return for 2020. Thanks go to our rain-makers: Trish Cox (US Steel) and Gia Carbonara (PPG Specialty Coatings) who made it all work. Thanks also to Julie Bart (retired and past club president) who chaired the Speaker's Committee and Gretchen Chamberlain (Marion Hill Associates) who planned the President's Reception.

In addition to the great networking opportunities, the Annual Dinner provides the place to present our **Scholarship Program** grants to undergraduate students majoring in Supply-Chain Management at some of the Nation's most well respected business schools. Thanks to our contributing members, once again we awarded eight scholarships of \$7,500 each to highly accomplished students about to join the workforce. The schools represented by this year's winners were: Arizona State University, Duquesne University, Michigan State University, The Pennsylvania State University, The University of Tennessee - Knoxville, University of Maryland - College Park, and West Virginia University. 39 different member companies and individuals contributed total funding of over \$60,000. We are indebted to them as well as to Bill Porter (Ingram Barge) who chaired the Scholarship Committee.

Our scholarship program also allowed the club to co-sponsor a case competition for college students. We donated \$3,000 to the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Supply Chain Management which hosts the **Race-to-the-Case Competition** for supply-chain and engineering students each Fall. Teams from seven schools competed to present the best solution to the case problem. Several club members participated in judging. It's a great way to introduce our club to young people and what we are about. It's also a great chance for member companies to scout for young talent.

Our **Holiday Reception on Pittsburgh's Light-Up Night** was well attended and remains one of the most anticipated events by local members. It's a relaxing evening, a great way to start the holiday season with colleagues and a chance for new members to learn more about our club. As customary with all notable events in Pittsburgh, the evening concluded with fireworks launched from mid-stream in the Allegheny. From our location at the Renaissance Hotel we may have had the best seat in the house. Our membership's generosity was again on display with the donation of numerous door prizes. It was a special evening.

We enjoyed two **Networking Events** this past year. The first was an evening reception at Eddie Merlot's, a steak house at Gateway Center, featuring a few presentations about recent economic-development successes in western Pennsylvania. The second was a lunchtime reception at Morton's Steakhouse in May, hosted by the Port of New York and New Jersey, and designed to reach out to our transportation community and share the latest plans at the port.

On the downside, Mother Nature did not favor our golf events. For the first time in recent memory, both of our summer golf outings were rained out, and crowded country-club schedules did not allow for re-scheduling. But we're planning the next event - **the Invitational Golf Outing** - for September 23, 2019, so save the date. It will be at Seven Oaks Country Club. A 10am shot-gun start will be followed by an early dinner.

If you would like additional details about any of our activities, please contact one of the club's Officers, Governors or the club's office (412.331.7151 or info@trafficclubofpittsburgh.org).

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