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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## OCTOBER

- 1-2 **ICRI Midwest Regional Round Table**  
*Crown Plaza  
Rosemont, IL*

## NOVEMBER

- 13-15 **ICRI 2013 Fall Convention**  
**"Looking Back"- ICRI Celebrates its  
25th Anniversary**  
*Chicago, IL*
- 19 **ICRI Chicago Chapter Dinner Meeting**  
**Topic: Traffic Bearing Membranes**  
**(Round Table Discussion)**  
*Carmichael's  
Chicago, IL*

## DECEMBER

- 12 **ICRI Chicago Chapter Seminar -**  
**"Surface Preparation"**  
*Walsh Yard  
2721 E. 112th St.  
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Winter Social - TBD

## OUR ASSOCIATION...

**ICRI**, the only association in the concrete industry devoted solely to repair and restoration, publishes a bimonthly magazine and technical guidelines for concrete repair, and cosponsors the World of Concrete. Local chapters provide regional networking opportunities. Worldwide membership include contractors, manufacturers, engineers, distributors, owners, and other professionals with a common goal: prolonging the useful life of concrete through quality repair, restoration, and protection.

## OUR MISSION...

The mission of the International Concrete Repair Institute is to be a leading resource for education and information to improve the quality of repair, restoration, and protection of concrete and other structures in accordance with consensus criteria.



## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Wow! Just like that fall is upon us. September has come up fast, next thing you know Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here. Pretty soon all we will have to talk about is our home town Chicago Bears, and their playoff push. Our Chapter will continue to be busy during the Fall. Upcoming events that you should put on your schedule include:

- ICRI National will be holding their Concrete Slab Moisture testing program on October 8th, and 9th in Baltimore, MD. Check out: [www.icri.org/Certification/certificationinfo.asp](http://www.icri.org/Certification/certificationinfo.asp) for more information, and registration forms.
- ICRI 2013 Fall Convention – November 13th-15th, "Looking Back – ICRI celebrates its 25th Anniversary" Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park. Check out: [www.icri.org/EVENTS/2013\\_Fall/conv\\_home.asp](http://www.icri.org/EVENTS/2013_Fall/conv_home.asp)
- Let's Not forget our Chapter events at the National Convention. Whirlyball on November 13th, and Buddy Guy's Legends on the November 15th. Check out: [www.icri.org/EVENTS/2013\\_Fall/chapter-events.asp](http://www.icri.org/EVENTS/2013_Fall/chapter-events.asp) for more details, and registration forms.
- Tuesday, November 19th at Charmichael's is our final dinner meeting of the year. It should be an engaging round table discussion on traffic bearing membranes. With insights from manufactures, engineers, and contractors. Please make sure to attend.
- Our Fall Seminar will take place in December, we should rename it our Winter Seminar. This years topic will revisit one aspect most easily overlook, Surface Preparation. Please check out our website: [www.icrichicago.org](http://www.icrichicago.org) for more details.

It is a lot going on, and we still have our Holiday social Charity fundraiser for the Illinois Food Bank before the end of the year. Lastly, As the year comes to an end so shall the terms of some directors, and officers. The board is always looking for good people to volunteer their time for our cause. This is your chance to help make our chapter better. You can contact myself either by email: [jzeitler1014@gmail.com](mailto:jzeitler1014@gmail.com) or phone 773-507-6858. Thank you everyone for your support through this year, let's have some fun finishing it out.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Zeitler



### CHICAGO CHAPTER 2013 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

The 2013 Chicago Chapter Officers and Directors are already hard at work under the leadership of our new President, Jeff Zeitler.

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### COMPANY PROFILE:

LS Contracting Group (LSCG) was established in 1999 to provide full service general contracting, specialty restoration, special project services for property managers, building owners, management companies, developers, local municipalities, private companies including residential clientele. LSCG is a City of Chicago general contractor, masonry, concrete, and Department of Transportation Public Way licensed contractor that performs work in the tri-state area and self-performs a majority of its work.

LSCG fosters and maintains working relationships with architectural/engineering professionals and private/public sector clients to complete designed and engineered projects. Specialty restoration projects include complete building envelope and concrete/masonry façade restorations and repairs. Projects also include structural stabilization, structural parking garage, and plaza deck renovations. LSCG also provides comprehensive general contracting services, including commercial office build-outs, lobby renovations, hospitality, and special projects with all MEP coordination.

LS Contracting Group attributes its continued growth over the past 14 years to a repeat client base. LSCG is committed to maintaining and building its reputation and client base utilizing inventive problem solving and creative construction management abilities. LSCG constructively incorporates technology, management, and labor resources - necessary to compete in today's business environment and market.

LSCG staff includes seasoned project management veterans, skilled craftsmen, and dedicated field supervisors. Our company principals stand behind their work, assuring ultimate responsibility for your project being completed safely, on time, and on budget.

### REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS:

#### FAÇADE REPAIRS

##### 200 East Delaware Place in Chicago, Illinois

- Repair of decorative fluted cast-in-place concrete façade elements
- Installation of new architectural fluted precast concrete façade panels to match details of existing building architectural design
- Replacement of flashing and sealants for new cladding system
- Maintain building ingress and egress including traffic control in sensitive residential area requiring strict coordination



#### EXTERIOR FAÇADE CONCRETE AND POST-TENSION PARKING GARAGE REPAIRS

##### The New York Private Residences

##### 3660 North Lake Shore Drive in Chicago, Illinois

- Moisture mitigation repairs designed by the owner's consultant engineering firm including shelf angle through-wall flashing, balcony concrete, waterproofing, and joint sealant repairs on 500 foot tall (49 story) residential high-rise
- Successfully mitigate long term moisture infiltration with the owner's consultant that have repeatedly occurred since the building's conversion
- Numerous building capital improvement projects including parking garage structural concrete, post-tension, and waterproofing repairs



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## ICRI CHICAGO CHAPTER CONTRACTOR SPOTLIGHT: LS CONTRACTING GROUP (LSCG) (CONTINUED)

### IN-STORE RENOVATION & STRUCTURAL CONCRETE ROOF REPAIRS Macy's at Mayfair Mall in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

- Removal and replacement of concrete sidewalk paving and asphalt roadway above 40,000 square feet of retail space while maintaining full retail store daily operations.
- Full depth structural repairs to below grade concrete beam and deck building structure covering 20,000 square feet including installation of a new hot rubberized waterproofing system.
- Complete removal and replacement of 40,000 square feet of retail finish space including all mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire sprinkler systems.



### PARKING GARAGE REPAIRS Chicago's Essex Inn Hotel

- Full-depth structural concrete slab removal and replacement covering approximately 10,000 square feet
- Remove and replace multiple structural concrete beams and perform column repairs
- Hotel noise considerations & accelerated schedule
- Installation of a heavy-duty vehicular traffic-bearing waterproofing membrane system in parking garage
- Installation of an engineered bracing system between columns at three floors as necessary to maintain the use of owner's garage roof deck and swimming pool during construction



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Tom has been a member of ICRI since 1994, served as a board member from 2004 - 2007, then served as board president of the Chicago chapter from 2008-2009.

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## LOCAL CHAPTER SOCIAL EVENTS AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

### Chicago Chapter Whirlyball Outing

Wednesday, November 13, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

FEE: \$55.00

All right ICRI. We've had golf and we've had curling. To add to your bucket list (the one you didn't even know you had) the Chicago Chapter wants to introduce you to the fun and exciting amusement of WHIRLYBALL. This totally unique combination of basketball, lacrosse, bumper cars, and laughter will entertain you like never before. What could go wrong in a room full of normally sane adults driving bumper cars while using hand-held scoops to pass a whiffle ball toward a scoring target? Besides, if we planned golf, it would be 8 degrees outside – and snowing. You won't want to miss this. Whether you get behind the wheel of a bumper car or just have lunch and laugh at those who do, the pricing includes a buffet lunch and transportation.



### Chicago Chapter Social Outing

Friday, November 15, 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

FEE: \$60.00

The new tradition dictates that any Friday evening event should include some form of music and entertainment as well as amazing food. Not ones to back down from a challenge, the Chicago Chapter folks have something in store for you that will have you swaying and stopping your feet to the beat. Chicago is famous for the Blues and there is no better place in Chicago for Blues than Buddy Guy's Legends in the heart of the South Loop. Long considered Chicago's premier venue for countless musicians, people from all over the world visit Buddy Guy's Legends to experience a piece of what Chicago has to offer. Lots of delicious food, fantastic music and an open bar await those who choose to hang out with us in the Windy City on Friday night. Your ticket includes transportation.

## 2013 SCHOLARSHIPS

The ICRI Chicago Chapter Scholarship Program's goal is to assist local under-graduates who have decided to study Engineering, Architecture, Construction Management, Concrete Industry Management, or a related field. Many qualified applicants participated in the submittal process this year and we are proud to announce that two \$1,000.00 scholarships were awarded. They are as follows:

- 1) Emily Jakubiak - Milwaukee School of Engineering
- 2) Kailey Lietzke - Milwaukee School of Engineering

The ICRI Chicago Chapter Board of Directors would like to officially congratulate all recipients! We would also like to thank Lee Sizemore and Steve Genovese who have put forth a tireless effort in the selection process and look forward to the 2014 Scholarship Program.



ICRI CHICAGO CHAPTER APRIL DINNER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Our April dinner meeting was held at Carmichael's Chicago Steak House. This meeting's guest speaker was Steve Bradway of Aquafin, Inc. His presentation was on the combination of topically applied moisture vapor reduction systems and moisture tolerant self-leveling underlayments to increase efficiency. As always, the food at Carmichael's was outstanding. The turnout was fantastic and all had fun during the event which included a cocktail hour for networking prior to the informative presentation.



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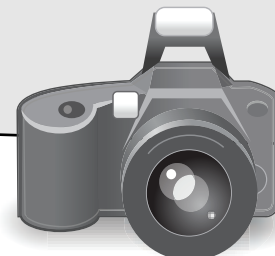
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## 2013 ICRI CHICAGO CHAPTER GOLF OUTING JUNE 6TH- INDIAN LAKES HILTON, BLOOMINGDALE IL

This year's champion team with bragging rights for the chapter's "Low Gross" title goes to the foursome of: Marinee Carlson, Steve Dillon, Jerry Young, Alexis Kern.

Joe Augustine and Craig Frier were the winners of the closest to the pin competition.

Jim Becker won the 50/50 Raffle.


Many outstanding prizes were awarded following the dinner to many lucky participants.

We would also like to thank the Golf Outing Committee who once again put a tremendous amount of personal time and effort into making the day a success. Many thanks to: Bob Dilla and Steve Niewiadomski.





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## ICRI CHICAGO CHAPTER 4TH ANNUAL CHICAGO CUBS ROOFTOP OUTING HIGHLIGHTS

On September 6th, The Chicago Chapter of ICRI is hosted our 4th Annual Chicago Cubs Rooftop Outing at Skybox on Sheffield. This is the premier rooftop location, with a great view and excellent food, catered again by Chicago's own Goose Island Brewpub! The weather was beautiful, the crowd was great and the Cubs actually won!



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