

Chairman's Corner

by Connie Vaughan

Happy New Year! Don't you just love a new beginning? I do. So many possibilities! I hate the cold weather, but I love the beginning of the new year. How could I possibly write this and not mention "New Year Resolutions"? Do you have a list? Checking it twice? (Oh, wait, that was last month!) But still, I like a list. Even if I only check it twice during the year, it's good to write down a few things and reflect on the past year. There are some good things coming our way from TTA in 2019.

I'm very excited about the Young Professionals Council. Jeremy Snapp, TTA Director of Safety, is heading that up and getting things organized. This is such a great opportunity for the next generation to get involved and shake things up! Send him suggestions from your company to get on his mail list. jsnapp@tntrucking.org I have a feeling this council will be like no other.

The TTA Call on Washington is going to be Fab-u-lous! Seriously. If you've never been, this is the year. Write it on your New Year's Resolution list and put it on your calendar, April 29 – May 1. We are planning a group dinner on Monday evening, meetings with our Tennessee Senators on Tuesday morning, and House members in the afternoon. A special treat is a private, behind the scenes, US Capital tour on Tuesday evening, and of course briefings from ATA expert staff. I suggest you schedule in some sightseeing on Wednesday afternoon (the Library of Congress is my fav). We are in the early planning stage, so let Dave know if there is something in particular you'd like for us to include in the schedule. Wouldn't this be a great trip for a young professional from your company?! dhuneryager@tntrucking.org

And what about all those new TTA members that joined in 2018! Welcome. Make your New Year's goal to get involved. TTA is a great bargain, but even so, you'll have to get involved to get the full value. Donna will be happy to connect you to a council in your area. dengland@tntrucking.org

As you look through this newsletter, take a few moments to add the events to your calendar. It's like making a list – only better!