

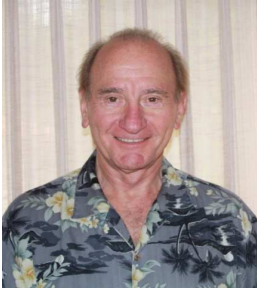
# Western Plastics Pioneers

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*The objectives of the Plastics Pioneers Association shall be to recognize achievement in the field of plastics/polymer science, engineering, technology and management; to support industry-wide educational programs; and to promote the study and improvement of plastics, science engineering and technology.*



## President's Message

Hello Western Plastics Pioneers,

Did you know that there is a Plastics Pioneers Association? A few of you are members, and I would like to tell all of you about the organization. The PPA was founded on similar principles to those that are established by the Western Plastics Pioneers, Inc. Both are not-for-profit organizations and have active programs such as scholarships, fun annual meetings and a mentality of giving back to the plastics industry in appreciation for how we have all benefited from our experiences.

The PPA established a system to archive their collection of artifacts and historically significant documents with the Syracuse University Library. Over the years the PPA has collected many very interesting historical artifacts. The collection includes a variety of items made from early year plastics such as celluloid, Bakelite and Catalin. The Western Plastics Pioneers has been very active over the past two years accumulating memorabilia relative to the Western plastics industry. The collection is growing and cataloging the items is in process. By the way, if you have any historical items that you would like to contribute to the WPP collection, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

I had to chuckle when I read the most recent PPA newsletter reviewing the scholarship recipients. One of the recipients is a student at Pomona College who was awarded the Western Plastics Pioneers scholarship two years ago. We really do have a lot in common.

We had another great annual luncheon held at the Los Coyotes Country Club in August. A great big thank you to all who worked on this event to make it a success and a really big thank you to all that contributed to the wonderful raffle. More on this in the following article by John Hoven.

*Best wishes,*

*Richard Luciano - President - Western Plastics Pioneers*

***DON'T FORGET TO CAST YOUR VOTE (See back cover)***

## *Western Plastics Pioneer Election*

### *Newsletter Ad's*

Western Plastics Pioneers Newsletter has been an integral and vital part of the organization. Newsletter has played a key role in keeping all the Pioneers informed and involved in the industry. The articles, photographs, news, remembrance and more importantly whereabouts of the friends and what they have been up to made an interesting reading. Newsletter is published quarterly. We are requesting your help by asking your organization to advertise in the newsletter to help us defer the cost of publication and postage.

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## Save the Date

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

### **LPGO - Ladies Plastics Golf Organization 13th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Golf Tournament and Dinner**

Coyote Hills Golf Course - Fullerton, CA

Register online: [www.ladiesplasticsgolforganization.org](http://www.ladiesplasticsgolforganization.org)

or contact: **Dee Ketner 909-573-9035**

Thursday, November 8, 2012

### **WORKSHOP:**

### **Energy Efficient Plastics Manufacturing**

TOSHIBA Technical Center - Ontario, CA

Register online: [www.socalspe.org](http://www.socalspe.org)

or contact: **Kerry Kanbara 866-966-0302**

## **The 13th Annual LPGO Golf Tournament & Dinner Benefiting Breast Cancer Awareness Wednesday, November 7, 2012 Coyote Hills Golf Course**



With the support of the **Plastics Industry** and Friends LPGO raised \$35,000 for the Robert and Beverly Family Cancer Center Breast Health Program.

These funds assist in helping both men and women in need to determine biopsy diagnosis, prosthesis bras, lymphedema sleeves, transportation to and from chemotherapy session, physical therapy classes, adult and children's literature on learning how to survive the breast cancer road to recovery.

### **For last minute tournament registration, to volunteer or to donate please contact**

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## Membership News

Western Plastics Pioneers are proud to welcome the following people as new members since last June 2011.

C. Brewer III  
Curt Goretcki  
Doug Halliday  
Ronald Harwood  
John Hightower  
Edward Montelongo  
Rick Roelen

We look forward to having them attend our Annual Luncheon and some of our Quarterly social programs, such as in the past: Pageant of the Masters, Dana Point Harbor Tour and Santa Anita Track Lunch.

Again, if you know a friend or an associate who can qualify for membership, please forward their name and contact information to [westernpioneers@aol.com](mailto:westernpioneers@aol.com)

### Member Announcement

Vishu Shah has announced that Consultek USA has a new office in Chino, California. He can be reached at: 909-465-6699 or by fax 909-465-6680 or by email at [vishu@consultekusa.com](mailto:vishu@consultekusa.com).

The office address is:

13933-J Ramona Avenue, Chino, CA 91710.

Last reminder don't forget to send in your vote (see back cover)

Have a great Thanksgiving. John Szary

### REVIEW: WPPA Luncheon

**August 12, 2012** - Another warm gathering of friends and colleagues at the Annual Luncheon of the Western Plastics Pioneer at the Los Coyotes Country Club began with a Champagne Reception hosted by LCCC. The Pioneers assembled for the second time at this fine centrally located venue for a convivial reception and fine lunch. The traditional highlight was the elevation of George Epstein into the Hall of Fame. Georges memories of all those people who really pioneered our industry was profoundly insightful from his long and extensive participation and his remembrances was informative to all. The raffle, with it's generous contributors, was a rousing success i.e. Big Screen LED TV, surround sound system, digital camera, etc. Of course, all attendees enjoyed discussing their shared interests and careers in the plastic industry.

We hope you enjoy the picture page included in this newsletter.

**To view more pictures from the luncheon visit the  
Western Plastics Pioneers website.  
[www.pioneers.socalspe.org](http://www.pioneers.socalspe.org)**

**If you would like a digital copy of any of the pictures sent to you, email Tom Tudor at [pioneers@ocalspe.org](mailto:pioneers@ocalspe.org)**

**Industry Meetings with Members of Congress Focus on Economic Policies, Energy and Regulatory Concerns**

WASHINGTON, DC -- The U.S. plastics industry descended upon Capitol Hill in July to bring its collective concerns to Congress on the economic issues and business challenges that threaten the nation's third largest manufacturing sector. Sponsored by SPI: The Plastics Industry Trade Association.

"As we head into the fall elections, jobs and the economy continue to top the national agenda," stated SPI President and CEO William R. Cardeaux. "The plastics industry is the creator of nearly 900,000 jobs and has added 33,700 jobs since the end of 2009. Our industry has a presence in every state, contributes \$341 billion in annual shipments to the U.S. economy, and enjoys a trade surplus of \$17 billion.

When just one stroke of a pen could put companies out of business and employees out of jobs, we felt strongly this was an ideal time to be proactive in communicating the critical concerns of an industry that makes such a positive impact on the economy."

Attended by more than 50 plastics industry leaders – from both SPI member companies and non-member companies -- the fly-in included more than 80 scheduled meetings with Senators, Representatives and key staff in their Capitol Hill offices. Discussion topics included the December 31, 2012 expiration of a variety of pro-business tax policies; prudent modernization of the federal Toxic Substances Control Act; the need for more Congressional oversight of agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency, Occupational Safety and Health Administration and National Labor Relations Board; and energy policies that encourage responsible development of new resources.

"While manufacturing has led the slight uptick the U.S. economy has seen since 2009, our members tell us that there is still too much uncertainty for them to make certain critical decisions about the future," said Jon Kurrle, SPI Senior Vice President, Government and Industry Affairs "To foster lasting expansion, overall U.S. economic policy must provide the business community with the certainty needed to stimulate confidence, investment, growth and accompanying job creation. That is the central message the plastics industry carried to Congress today."



**SPE PRESS RELEASE**

**Effective immediately**, SPE Sections and Divisions can now sponsor student members for four (4) years of SPE membership for \$124! The students you sponsor through this program will receive full SPE membership for four consecutive years—no matter where they are in their education cycle. Freshmen undergrads in plastics or polymer-related areas of study, for example, would become SPE members for their entire undergraduate education, while those in the later stages of their education would get all the benefits of SPE membership for their final years as students and their first years as young professionals.

**You can help secure the future of plastics** by giving the next generation of engineers the best possible tool to help them succeed: four years of uninterrupted membership and benefits from the Society of Plastics Engineers. You may commit your Section or Division to sponsoring two, four, six or more SPE student members. We received our first applications from a division which offered this to all students who visited their conference and/or participated in the poster-sessions at the conference.

Thank you for supporting SPE and its student members and through them, the future of plastics and polymer science.

**See student sponsor application insert**



**The WPPA also supports the Plastics Recycling Trailer at Cerritos College**

The trailer functions as a "classroom on wheels" providing information about ecological issues of plastics and actually perform "on site" plastics recycling. The vehicle is intended to visit schools K-12, County Fairs and Trade Shows.

To learn more about the Recycling Trailer or to make a donation contact :

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## Western Plastics Pioneer Election

The Western Plastics Pioneers section board of directors is comprised of individuals with over 25 years in the plastics field. The term of service for each position is two years. We are currently in the selection process for new board members for the 2013-2015 term. Most positions involve minimal commitment. Board meetings are conducted by attending lunch or a meeting over dinner. Anyone who is a member of the Western Plastics Pioneers may serve on the board. Appointment to the board is done by a nomination process.

If you have an interest please include your name as a write-in and your position of interest.

Nominations select up to 10 including write-ins.

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