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LGPO VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE SUPPORT CANCER PATIENTS

Dolores “Dee” Ketner and Rosetta “Rusty” Miller both personify the meaning “Volunteerism” by donating their time, talent and treasure to several worthwhile community causes.

Both ladies are Board Members of the Western Plastics Pioneers, Board members of the Ladies Plastics Golf Organization (LGPO) and volunteer at the Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach to name a few.

Perhaps, none is more noteworthy than the charity golf tournament sponsored by the LGPO. that benefits women afflicted with breast cancer.

The mission of the LGPO is to improve the quality of life for those breast cancer patients receiving treatment at Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center.

Through the first 14 years of this annual event the LGPO has raised \$330,000 to provide physical, therapeutic, and educational support. The tournament proceeds benefit The Robert and Beverly Lewis Family Cancer Center that reaches out to all breast cancer patients in the Southern California region.

The **15th Annual tournament** will be held on **November 5, 2014** at the Coyote Hills Golf Course in Fullerton.

The LGPO is looking for sponsors in this event by providing donated items for the silent auction, live auction, raffle prizes, tournament prizes, as well as major sponsors for the dinner and post tournament activities. Contact Jeanne Brindle (Brindle@Balda-Group.com) for more information.



LGPO President, Dolores “Dee” Ketner presents a check for \$35,000 to the Robert and Beverly Lewis Family Cancer Center on behalf of the Ladies Plastics Golf Organization.

2012 MAN OF THE YEAR SHARES HIS LOVE OF TEXAS HOLD’EM

George Epstein’s love of poker has led him to publish three books on the subject. But, it doesn’t stop there. The 2012 Western Plastics Pioneers Man of the Year volunteers his time and poker knowledge teaching seniors the benefits and joy of playing Texas Hold’em. Playing

poker of recreation is a stimulating activity according to Mr. Epstein. He has helped to form social poker clubs all over Los Angeles and has watched the membership and participation grow significantly over the past eight years. The activity is now recognized by the

Los Angeles Parks and Recreation Department as well as the Veterans Administration in West Los Angeles.

George has authored three books on poker; “Hold’em or Fold’em?”, “The Art of Bluffing”, and “The Greatest Book of Poker Winners”.

Upcoming Industry Events

SPE

SPE May 22, 6 PM Dinner
Light Weighting of Plastics

SPE June 19

**32nd Annual
Golf for Plastics Education**
Sierra La Verne Country Club

SPE August 14

Western Plastics Trade Fair

SPI

SPI May 12-13

Biopolymers Symposium

SPI May 17

**32nd Annual
Mile Koebel Golf Tournament**

WPP

WPP October 5, 2014

Pioneers Annual Luncheon
Los Coyotes Country Club Buena Park

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Roger France

Dear Western Plastics Pioneers,

In my last message to you I noted some key items:

Annual Luncheon -

The 2014 event; the date has been moved to after Labor Day – **Sunday, October 5, 2014.** The location is still at Los Coyotes Country Club in Buena Park.

WPP Board – there is an urgent need for new **Western Plastics Pioneers Board Members to serve the membership.** Please give some consideration to volunteering a small portion of your time to a Board position.

Social Events - Do you have any idea for a membership social event? Wouldn't it be great to get together more than once a year? Please contact Ms. Dee Ketner with your ideas and suggestions. Of course, your participation at those events would be an important component

2014 Member Dues The Board of Directors voted to move to a fiscal year system for membership

dues. Many of you have already paid your 2014 dues, about 25% of the membership has not renewed their membership. We certainly want all of you to continue your membership in the Western Plastics Pioneers. If you are not certain please give Rusty Miller an e-mail at rmiller@timesync.com or a phone call at 562-947-5058 and she can advise you.

WPP Membership -

Our membership is shrinking, due to many factors; members passing, moving or perhaps very busy schedules. If you know of industry friends, colleagues, former colleagues that you'd like to invite to join the Western Plastics Pioneers, please let us know. Please contact Richard Luciano or myself with your nominees.

Finally, please do let the Board know of any suggestions that you may have that you feel would benefit the Western Plastics Pioneers membership and especially how we can better serve you.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Art Buckel (2009 Hall of Fame Inductee) took a very nasty fall after attending the January WPP Board meeting. He suffered intense pain and was hospitalized. "My lower leg and ankle were badly damaged: I broke my ankle, tibia, and fibula. And, I spent two months in the hospital recovering from surgery."

Art is at home now; trying to get caught up. Please send Art a note of encouragement. Art's address is: Art & Barbara Buckel, 2452 Bayone Drive, San Diego, CA 92109, phone: 858/273-6283.

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BOB HALLIDAY CELEBRATES 97TH BIRTHDAY WITH PIONEERS



It was a very special day for Bob Halliday when he was surprised by his Pioneer friends and family on his 97th birthday. Joe La Fontaine organized the event that brought together Bob's family and many of his close friends from the plastics industry. The Pioneers gathered at Bob's residence in Brea, CA to celebrate the special event and to reminisce about his 35 plus years in the plastics industry. Early in his career Bob joined

Wilson and George Myers as a technical representative providing service for their customers who purchased LDPE, PP, and Eastman Chemical cellulose. When the two companies merged Bob became Executive Vice President of Marketing and Sales, a position that he held until his retirement. Bob is a real Pioneer having begun his career in 1946 after completing his military service.

WARREN T. BUSCHMANN REMEMBERED

Warren T. Buschmann passed away in Pomona Ca. Mr. Buschmann was one of the first Western Plastics Man of the year. He was a 35 year member of the SPI and served as Chairperson in 1966-67.

He was an Indiana native and a graduate of Purdue University earning degree in Chemical Engineering.

He began his career with Union Carbide in New York. He was transferred to Los Angeles in 1954. He later joined the Maclin Company a division of Teknor Apex where he was the President until his retirement in 1989.

Paul Erskine, founder of

the Erskine-Johns Company passed away earlier this year.

Paul was a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he studied mechanical engineering. He was an Army veteran and studied engineering at Stanford University as part of his military training.

In 1962 he founded the Erskine-Johns Company that specialized in glass fibers and reinforced plastics in Santa Clara, CA.

After selling the company he spent the last several years enjoying his family and traveling.

PRESTIGE MOLD HOSTS STATE ASSEMBLYMAN

The SPI hosted 10 plant tours for federal and state legislators during 2013. California processors hosted four of those tours and locally Prestige Mold and Pres-Tek in Rancho Cucamonga hosted CA State Assemblyman Mike Morrell.

Donna Purcell, CEO/Owner Prestige Mold and Pres-Tek discussed the challenges facing mold makers and plastic processors in the current business environment. Ms. Purcell discussed the necessity to provide "Art to Part" capabilities in order to remain globally competitive in today's market.



Newsletter Ad's

Western Plastics Pioneers Newsletter has been an integral and vital part of the organization. The newsletter plays 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 make an interesting quarterly publication. We are requesting your help by asking your organization to advertise in the newsletter to help us defray the cost of publication and postage.

Single Space	1.88 x 3.38	\$ 100 per year (business card)
Double Space	2.70 x 3.90	\$ 200 per year
Triple space	4.25 x 2.625	\$ 300 per year

Contact: Rick Roelen, Rick.Roelen@cox.net

REUNION! REUNION! REUNION!

NOTICE To all current and past Presidents or Chairpersons for SPE and SPI, including Sections, Chapters, Western Regions and International/National Board of Directors....

WPP wants to plan a reunion! If you know of someone who has held one of these positions,

PLEASE email or call Dee Ketner.

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Your help is greatly appreciated!



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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.

WESTERN PLASTICS PIONEERS - CALENDAR

<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>
<i>April 19</i> <i>SPE Dinner - Jaegerhaus, Anaheim</i>	<i>May 12-13</i> <i>SPI Biopolymer Symposium</i> <i>May 17</i> <i>SPI Mike Koebel Golf Tournament</i> <i>May 22</i> <i>SPE Dinner - Jagerhaus, Anaheim</i>	<i>June 19</i> <i>SPE Golf for Plastics Education</i> <i>Sierra La Verne Country Club</i>
<i>July—TBA</i> <i>Pageant of the Masters</i>	<i>August 14</i> <i>SPE Western Plastics Trade Fair</i> <i>Phoenix Club, Anaheim</i>	<i>September</i>
<i>October 5</i> <i>Annual Hall of Fame Luncheon</i> <i>Los Coyotes CC Buena Park</i>	<i>November 5</i> <i>LPGO - Ladies Plastics Golf Organization</i> <i>Charity Golf Tournament</i>	<i>December</i>