



WESTERN PLASTICS PIONEERS

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Third Quarter 2014

WPP LUNCHEON SET FOR OCTOBER 5, 2014

Buena Park, CA—The annual Western Plastics Pioneers luncheon is set for 11 AM, October 5, 2014 at the Los Coyotes Country Club.

Each year the WPP “Man of the Year” is honored at this event and inducted into the WPP Hall of Fame. Recipients of this honor are selected by the Hall Of Fame Committee list of nominees submitted by active members. Some recent recipients of the Man of the Year include Alex Mora, John Hoven, George Epstein and Lance Neward. All deserving honorees join a long list of major industry contributors.

The nominees for this year comes from a long list of deserving candidates. Each year the committee renews the list of candidates and new names are presented by our members. The recognition is not a competition.

Nominees must meet the objectives of the Plastics Pioneers Association. The WPP presents the Man/Woman of the Year award in recognition of an

individual’s noted achievements 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.

When considering a recommendation to the committee, keep these objectives in mind. The standards that have been set by the committee’s choices are high and those that have been so honored are deserving of the honor.

This Year’s honoree is Ed Flemming. Come to the luncheon as we celebrate and recognize his contributions to our industry.

The Western Plastics Pioneers scholarship committee also names the recipient of the 2014-2015 scholarship at the luncheon honoring an outstanding student who is working towards a degree that prepares him/her for a career in the plastics industry.



Last year we honored Lance Neward as the 2013 WPP Man of the Year. Shown above with Rusty Miller.

LADIES PLASTIC GOLF ORGANIZATION CHARITY GOLF EVENT

November 5, 2014 is the day to play golf and fight cancer. The 15th annual LPGO event will once again be hosted at the Coyote Hills Golf Club.

The Ladies Plastics Golf Organization was organized in 2000 with two missions in mind: to provide an avenue for the many ladies in the plastics

industry to network with colleagues while enjoying golf and secondly, and more importantly, to support Breast Cancer Awareness by way of sponsoring an Annual Charity Golf Tournament.

The donations and proceeds benefit the Breast Health Fund Program at

the Robert and Beverly Lewis Family Care Center at the Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center in the Los Angeles and Inland Empire counties.

The LPGO has raised over \$330,000 since the inception of this annual event and in 2013 added another \$30,000 to the contributed total.

www.LadiesPlasticsGolfOrganization.org



LPGO Golf Information

For more information regarding the tournament please contact:
Tournament Director, Rusty Miller
562-947-5058

for more information regarding sponsor opportunities, donations or volunteer contributions, please contact:
Sponsors/Donations Director
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE & MEMBERSHIP NEWS

WESTERN PLASTIC PIONEERS - Call to participate!
by **Roger France**

Dear Western Plastics Pioneers,

Please join me in welcoming our newest WPP members:

- Troy Eubank
- Mike Jedlick
- Thomas Lemire
- James Mason
- David Goldstein
- Brian Kennedy

MEMBERSHIP - 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. You may contact Richard Luciano (lucirj@aol.com) or any of the WPP Board members. Richard has done a great job recruiting new members this year.

JOIN THE PIONEER (WPP) BOARD - While on the subject of membership we do need more member participation on the Western Plastic Pioneers Board as we move into the next term. As I've noted previously 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.

MEMBER ADDRESS UPDATES/CHANGES - Please keep us up to date on any address changes. E-mail your

updates to me at roger-france1@cox.net. This will help us keep our records in order. Please update your current address and email so that we can keep you informed regarding our WPP activities via the WPP newsletter.

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.

WPP LUNCHEON

Don't forget, Sunday - October 5th, 2014 is our annual
Pioneers Luncheon & Hall of fame Award Presentation

If you have not already register please call
Dee 909-753-9035 or email deeketner@aol.com
or mail in the registration form.

Come and enjoy the day!



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WPP MEMBER AND TOOLMAKER STEVE KAKUK REMEMBERED

On July 25, 2014 Steve Kakuk passed away at the age of 79. Steve is best remembered in our industry as a partner in KRK in Downey and owner of K5 in Huntington Beach.

Steve immigrated to the United States and began working as a mold maker. As a mold maker in the early sixties he was deeply involved in the tooling for the original "Barbie Doll" and went on to establish a successful moldmaking and processing business KRK. After leaving KRK Steve began consulting

and from that he founded K5 in 1983. K5 used advanced design-to-tooling process to build molds focusing on electronic connectors for use in computer peripherals, medical devices and military systems. In 1998 K5 was sold and Steve after so many years finally slowed down.

Prior to his career in tooling Steve also served in the U.S. Army, and after his discharge, he moved to Downey CA. Steve married Helen in 1963 and they were married for 51 incredible years.

He and Helen raised their family in Downey. His dry sense of humor was his hallmark. He is remembered as friendly, kind and Steve loved to play the roll of the questioning antagonist.



R.I.P.

WPP MEMBER PROFILE – RALPH EDWIN CARSON, COMPOSITE PROFESSIONAL

Ralph Edwin Carson is a true composites and plastics pioneer. He started on the ground floor as a technician and worked his way up through innovations and plain perseverance, to Branch Head Manager and Production Supervisor at the North Island Naval Air Station Composite Repair Depot. In fact, he was responsible for the formation and building of the North Island Naval Air Station Composite Repair Depot (the house that Ralph built).

He was the first recipient of the U.S. Secretary of Defense Award for Production Excellence awarded personally by Casper Weinberger.

He received dozens of corporate awards for his leadership in developing new methods for composites repair and related disciplines.

Currently he is still serving the Composite world by his volunteer efforts in SAMPE (Society for the Advancement of Material and Process Engineering) as he has served 23 years and counting on their Board of Directors.

In his lifetime, Ralph managed the repair facility for repair of numerous honeycomb assemblies on various Navy aircraft (F-4,

F-8, F-102, F-106 Jet Fighters; E-2B; E-2C Transfer Craft; H-1, H-2, H-3, H-34, H-46, H-53, H-60 Helicopters; and others). He also worked on Convair 990 Passenger Jet Liner, Anti-Submarine Warfare Surveillance Aircraft, and Atlas/Centaur Rocket.

Ralph retired from North Island to become a liaison consultant for Composite Technologies for the Dynamic Spin Test Facilities for H-60 Blackhawk Helicopter Composite Main Rotor Blades Repairs establishing the requirements for their Dynamic Testing.

Gregory Leighton
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 Society of The Plastic Industry

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

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 is interested in planning a reunion! If you know of someone who has held one of these positions,

PLEASE email or call Dee Ketner.

DeeKetner@aol.com or call 909.573.9035

Your help is greatly appreciated!



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<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>
<i>April</i> <i>SPE—April 19 Jaegerhaus, Anaheim</i>	<i>May</i> <i>SPE—May 22—Jaegerhaus, Anaheim</i>	<i>June</i> <i>SPE Golf—June 19</i>
<i>July—Pageant of the Masters</i>	<i>August</i> <i>August 14—SPE Western Plastics Trade Fair—Phoenix Club, Anaheim</i>	<i>September—</i>
<i>October</i> <i>October 5. 2014 Annual Hall of Fame Luncheon Los Coyotes CC Buena Park</i>	<i>November—</i> <i>November 5 - Ladies Plastics Golf Organization Charity Golf Tournament</i>	<i>December</i>