



Western Plastics Pioneers Newsletter

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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

Dear Western Plastics Pioneers:

Our fiscal year began on April 1. As I look back on the last twelve months' achievements, I see expansions of programs and activities. We added to scholarship giving, increased our donations to the LPGO breast cancer golf event, continued our financial support of the Cerritos

College Recycle Trailer, saw the trailer go to events equipped with a new molding machine, suggested a new contest to award high school students, teachers and schools for pro-plastics essays, added a WPP web site, added new Pioneer members, upgraded Board meetings and increased Board attendance, opened Board meetings to all Pioneers, published quarterly newsletters, held an outstandingly successful Annual Luncheon, honored Pioneer Art Buckel to the Western Plastics Hall of Fame, established a new permanent address due to the closing of the SPI office, started updating the WPP Constitution and Bylaws and prioritized attractions for more WPP member activities.

One such WPP group activity you can read about in this Newsletter is the Ocean Institute tour that we enjoyed in March. More special activities are planned in 2010, so give us your feedback on the events that you would like to attend. Several suggestions are included in this Newsletter. Of course, our Annual Hall of Fame Luncheon & Raffle scheduled for August 15 is the main event to mix with your Pioneer friends. Mark that date on your calendars, BlackBerrys and i-Pads.

In March your Pioneers Board of Directors reelected Officers for the next year with each office holder expressing willingness to continue another year. We have an amazing team of creative and energetic Board members. You should be proud of them. Our Board meetings are productive and fun and they are open to all Pioneer members to attend as our guests. The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 15 at the luxurious Los Coyotes Country Club. Join us for a Board meeting, delicious lunch and watch your Board in action. You can RSVP by contacting any of the Officers and Board members listed in this Newsletter.

I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely, *Spencer L. Knapp, President -Western Plastics Pioneers*

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Your Voice Counts

Hello Fellow WPP Members:

Our recent tour of the Ocean Institute was enjoyed by those who participated with our personal guide Frank Capolupo. We are planning other events for our members their friends and families. A few ideas discussed during a recent board meeting include **Nixon Library, Reagan Library, Palm Springs Follies, Getty Museum and a local matinee show.**

Which of the above choices would you prefer and attend? Do you have other venues that you would like to suggest?

Please send your comments to Richard's email, LUCIRJ@AOL.COM.

Thank you, Richard Luciano - Vice President

Pioneers Scholarship Program

The Western Plastics Pioneers scholarship program is in its second year . The board of directors voted to increase the individual 2010 award to \$2,000.00. Fall mailings have been sent to various colleges as prepared by the SPE Foundation which administers the program on our behalf. Student applications are due by February 15, 2010 . Once reviewed by the SPE foundation for completeness and accuracy, all applications will be sent to the WPP board for review and selection.

The scholarship award is available to undergraduate students including those enrolled in associate degree or technical degree programs. Applicants attending a school in Arizona, California, Oregon or Washington who have demonstrated an interest in a plastics industry career will be considered for the \$2,000.00 award.

Our members' donations for the 2009 program were greatly appreciated. We extend a special thank you to those who donated \$100.00 or more; Lewis Barnett, Warren Buschmann, Frank Capolupo, Spencer Knapp, Greg Leighton, Richard Luciano, John La Fountain, Terry Price, and Brian Ray.

Once again you have an opportunity to make a donation for this wonderful program. Let's get the giving spirit in high gear and double the \$1125.00 donated last year. The recipient of the 2010 award will greatly appreciate the \$2,000.00 which will go a long way toward paying college expenses.

Please note our new mailing address:

Western Plastics Pioneers
1840 W Whittier Blvd. #143
La Habra, CA 90631

Name _____

Company _____

Ammnt \$ _____ Check # _____ Date _____

Thank you for your participation in the scholarship program.

Richard Luciano, Vice President

Constitution & Bylaws Revisions

Our Pioneers Historian, Bob Halliday, tells me that there have been revisions to the Western Plastics Pioneers Constitution & Bylaws that eliminated the class of Trustee Memberships leaving only the class of Pioneer Memberships, but we cannot confirm it. If any of you elder Pioneers have a written copy of Constitution & Bylaws documents dated later than those referenced here, please let me know. It will help with the updating process.

The oldest document that I found, dated October 12, 1978, is entitled ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION of WESTERN PLASTICS MUSEUM AND PIONEERS, INC. This document establishes a nonprofit California corporation to establish and manage a museum to collect and display equipment, memorabilia, photos and mementos representing the history of plastics in the western half of the United States. The plastics Hall of Fame was created to honor the most deserving and renowned Pioneers. The Directors that signed this document were Irwin H. Groner, Norry Hastings and Claire Zweiback.

We have a copy of the 1980 and 1981 Revisions to the CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS of WESTERN PLASTICS MUSEUM AND PIONEERS, INC. The revisions define two classes of membership which are called Trustee Memberships and Pioneer Memberships. The fifteen (15) Trustee Members elect the eleven (11) Directors of the Corporation from their ranks and are responsible for managing the museum and all assets of the Corporation. Pioneer Memberships are unlimited for plastics industry participants of 25 years or more. Pioneer Members are entitled to participate in the activities of the Corporation. Duties of the President (CEO), Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and committees are defined. The President and the Secretary must be members of the Board of Directors, but the other officers need not be. These revisions have no signatures or official state certification, so I can only assume they were adopted and utilized for some period of time.

Documents from 1985 changed the name of the Corporation to WESTERN PLASTICS PIONEERS, INC. The Trustees document is entitled UNANIMOUS WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WESTERN PLASTICS MUSEUM AND PIONEERS, INC. signed by John Delmonte, Benb Lench, William J. Dewar, Charles Leighton, W. Brandt Goldsworthy, Elmer Meyer, Sr., Robert Halliday, Merrill R. Roth, Dr. Raymond B. Seymour, James H. Walcott, Christine Konecny, Charles C. Zimmerman and Thomas A. Lee.



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The Directors document is entitled UNANIMOUS WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WESTERN PLASTICS MUSEUM AND PIONEERS, INC. signed by Robert Berwick, Frank Devore, Ripley Gage, John Hawley, John Moricoli, Augustus Mierson, Leslie Swanson and Louis E. Tallman. President Robert K. Halliday and Secretary Christine C. Konecny certified to the State of California of the name change to WESTERN PLASTICS PIONEERS, INC. Therefore, it became the official name in 1985.

Please reply to Spencer L. Knapp, President

Membership Report May 2010

Membership renewal letters have already been mailed by Rusty Miller. Please renew early and advise of any changes in contact information and email addresses. I would also ask if you would nominate TWO new candidates for membership in our Western Plastics Pioneers to contact me by phone at 714-974-3999 or by email at westernpioneers@aol.com.

Have a great summer.

John Szary, Membership Chair



Annual Pioneers Luncheon & Raffle Sunday - August 15, 2010

Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club - Corona Del Mar, CA

Hello Pioneers. Can you believe it, August is just around the corner and we're gearing up for another great party at the beautiful waterfront Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club. This is a great opportunity for you to invite your family and friends to enjoy fantastic food and entertainment. I say entertainment because that's what the raffle really is.

We also will award the 2010 Western Plastics Hall of Fame to a deserving inductee. You surely do not want to miss this ceremony.

Our luncheon begins at 11:30 AM. The club's award winning chef will provide gourmet cuisine priced at only \$40.00 per person for the entire meal including salad, steak and salmon entree, rolls & butter, desert, tea & coffee. We were completely full to capacity last year so be sure to get your reservation in quickly.

The private Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club is located just south of Newport Beach at 1601 Bayside Dr. in Corona Del Mar. Phone the club at 949-644-9530 if you need last minute directions.

Please make your reservations by clipping the reservation coupon below and enclosing it with your check. We need your reservations and check no later than August 1.

RESERVATION COUPON

Name _____ Name _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____ Date ____/____/____
(\$40.00 per person, \$80.00 per couple)

Make checks payable to "Western Plastics Pioneers"

Mail to: **Rusty Miller**
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Whittier, CA 90603

If you have questions regarding the luncheon please call Rusty Miller 562-947-5058



28th Annual Golf Tournament for Plastics Education

!! Saturday, June 5th !!



Society of Plastics Engineers—Southern California. This year's tournament will be held at the Jurupa Hills Country Club. This privately owned club, open to the public celebrates it's 50th year of operation. It has just completed a two year renovation. A jewel of a course in a mature setting just off of the 15 freeway in Riverside.

We will have a Shotgun start, Scramble format with prizes for Longest drive, Closest to the tee and low score 4sum.

Start time 11:00AM. Putting contest before the start. Bag lunch provided and awards banquet to follow the tournament.



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Help sponsor this event

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For more details, email golf@socalspe.org

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