



# WESTERN PLASTICS PIONEERS

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## WPP HOF LUNCHEON

The Western Plastics Pioneers annual Hall of Fame and Scholarship luncheon is set for **October 8**, at the **Los Coyotes Country Club in Buena Park, California**.

You may wonder, how the nominees for the Hall of Fame and WPP Scholarship are selected and considered for the honor.

The quick and easy answer is **the HOF Committee and the Board of Directors** considers nominees for the Hall of Fame from names suggested by the membership and industry at large. The HOF Committee is chaired by the past president or another officer appointed by the president. The committee is made up of at least three members including a past HOF inductee. The search begins on or before March 31st each year. The HOF Committee then presents their candidates and qualifications to the Board of Directors for selection by the Board.

The **Western Plastics Pioneers Scholarship Program** was established to further education of plastics and technology by awarding scholarships to deserving applicants attending colleges in Arizona, California, Oregon, and Washington. The Society of Plastics Engineers was selected to administer the scholarships awarded by the WPP. The Scholarship Committee Chairman works closely with the SPE administrator to evaluate all of the applicants with regards to academic achievement, community involvement, athletic participation, leadership activities, and social commitment. The finalists are submitted to the Board of Directors for the final selection. Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$1000 and or \$2000 depending on the applicants strengths as judged by the committee.

**Do you know a deserving student or have a relative attending a college or a university in Arizona, California, Oregon, or Washington? Are they actively pursuing a degree relative to plastics? Contact Ed Laird, Scholarship Committee Chairman with your questions. ([elaird@yahoo.com](mailto:elaird@yahoo.com))**

## LGPO Golf Tournament Supports Local Cancer Patients

Every year in the Fall, the Ladies Plastics Golf Organization sponsors a golf tournament to benefit cancer patients at the Robert and Beverly Lewis Family Cancer Care Center, at the Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center. The program reaches out to both men and women who have been afflicted with breast cancer. To date, the LGPO has raised more than \$500M towards assisting those affected by this disease.

The Western Plastics Pioneers proudly supports the efforts of this community outreach 501 C (3) Non-Profit and actively supports their mission. Two Western Plastics Pioneers are very involved in the fundraising endeavors of the LGPO. Dolores "Dee" Ketner and Rusty Miller devote untold hours to the success of this charitable endeavor.

We ask you to support their efforts by joining other golfers at their annual fundraiser to be held November 8, 2017, at the Coyote Hills Golf Course in Fullerton, CA. Please see the enclosed brochure for further information on registration and participation. (See Page 5)

## Plastics Pioneers Association Invites Western Plastics Pioneers To Join Them In Salt Lake City October 26-29, 2017

The Plastics Pioneers Association has issued an invitation to all WPP members to attend their 3 day fall convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. Lance (WPP 2013 HOF) and Donna Neward along with Steve and Wendy Hoenig are co-hosts of this event.

This national organization promotes camaraderie, education and scholarship and sponsors two meetings annually. It is a 501 c (3) organization and limits membership to 250 members. Applicants must have 25 years work experience in the plastics industry and made a contribution to the growth of our industry.

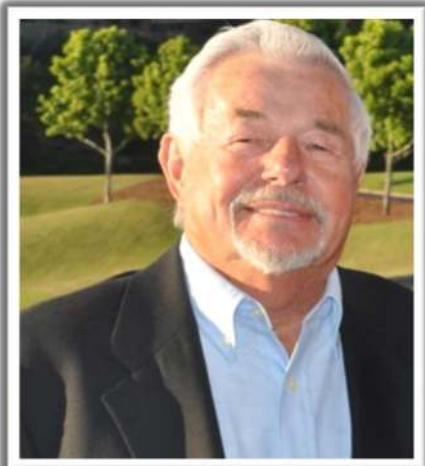
In addition to education and scholarship, the PPA actively preserves and archives the history and history makers who have contributed to the growth of the plastics industry. For more information on this event please go to page 5.

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## 2017 Hall of Fame and Scholarship Luncheon

### HOF Inductees

- '78 John Delmonte  
W. Brandt Goldsworthy  
Robert B. Gutsch  
Harry Hahn  
George Huisman  
Fred L. Kennerly  
J.D. McDonald  
David Swedlow
- '79 Elmer Meyer  
Martin Usab
- '80
- '81 Dr. Raymond Seymour  
Louis E. Tallman
- '82 Norry M. Hastings
- '83 Leroy Hughes
- '84 William Dewar  
Charles Zimmerman
- '85 Jim Prior
- '86 Warren Buschman
- '87 Robert Halliday
- '88 Charles Leighton
- '89 Erin Walsh
- '90 Christine Konecny
- '91 M.C Gill
- '92 Jim Prior
- '93
- '94 Jim Sharbaugh
- '95
- '96 Al Carmien
- DeWitt Cheney
- Elmer Davis
- Ralph Edwards
- William Hess
- Elmer Huling



Chuck Brewer 2016 HOF Honoree

### HOF Inductees

- '97 Jim Wolcott
- '98 Frank DeVore
- '99 Ripley W. Gage  
Betty Gage
- '00 Les Swanson  
Merrill Roth
- '01 Walt Hubinger
- '02 Tom Lee
- '03 Spencer Knapp  
Carolyn Knapp
- '04 Joe La Fountain
- '05 Rusty Miller  
Bruce Ray
- '06 Jack Gorman  
Bill West
- '07 Richard Luciano  
Al Schmid
- '08 John La Fountain
- '09 Art Buckle
- '10 Vishu Shah
- '11 John Hoven  
Alex Mora
- '12 George Epstein
- '13 Lance Neward
- '14 Ed Fleming
- '15 Ron Hoffman
- '16 Chuck Brewer
- '17
- Roy Peat
- John Rogers
- Don Welker
- Frank Wilcox
- Frank Kenyon
- Year Inducted Unkown

**Sunday October 8, 2017**

Hall of Fame Award

College Scholarship Award

Los Coyotes Country Club  
8888 Los Coyotes Drive  
Buena Park, CA 96021

**11 A.M. Champagne Reception**

**12 P.M. Luncheon**

**\$45.00 per person**

Choice of NY Steak, Roasted Chicken, or  
Salmon, Vegetables, Rolls, Sorbet and Beverage

**Mail Reservations To:**

**Roger France**

**6 Rimani Drive**

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# Hall of Fame Luncheon Memories



Ed Fleming 2014 HOF Richard Luciano 2007 HOF



Ron Hoffman 2015 Hall of Fame Inductee



Joe La Fountain 2004 Hall of Fame Inductee



Art Buckel 2009 Hall of Fame Inductee



John Hoven 2011 Hall of Fame Inductee



Rusty Miller 2005 Hall of Fame Inductee

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dolores "Dee" Ketner

\*We look forward to another exciting Hall of Fame and Scholarship luncheon October 8th. Please feel free to invite non-members and associates so that they can participate in our most successful annual endeavor.

\*As our membership ages, we need to add new enthusiasm to our numbers. Anyone with 25 years of plastics industry experience is qualified to apply. Members can make recommendations to our Membership Chairman George Yule ([Gyule-48@gmail.com](mailto:Gyule-48@gmail.com)).

\*I am also the president of the Ladies Plastic Golf Organization (LPGO). I am thankful that the Western Plastics Pioneers has been a strong supporter of our efforts to bring comfort to those that are afflicted with breast cancer, both men and women. Our annual golf tournament has raised more than \$500,000 over the past 17 years. Please consider joining us at Coyote Hills Country Club by putting together a foursome.

\*Ballots have been mailed out to the general membership with nominations for the Board of Directors. You may nominate another deserving WPP member should choose, including yourself. We are always open to welcoming new ideas and extra hands to share in the leadership of our organization. Please return the ballot in the envelope provided ASAP.

\*Membership dues are normally solicited in February along with donations for the Scholarship Fund. Because Roger France was involved with selling a home, packing, moving, and unpacking, the letters were delayed. However, we need to collect the 2017 annual dues as soon as possible to continue funding our efforts. Thank you for your cooperation.

Finally, I look forward to serving the Western Plastic Pioneers for the next two years. It is my sincere desire to grow our membership and expand our base of activities so that we encourage more participation on a regular basis for our members at large. I am always open to suggestions for additional activities. Please comment.

## Western Plastics Pioneers Officers

**President Dolores "Dee" Ketner**

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### Board Members

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**Joe La Fountain**

**Doug Halliday**

### Members Emeritus

***Joe La Fountain***

***Robert Halliday***

***Spencer Knapp***

***Richard Luciano***

# Ladies Plastics Golf Organization




Join the **LPGO Wednesday, November 8, 2017** for their **18th annual golf tournament** and help raise funds and awareness for a disease that affects so many women and men around the world.

**Coyote Hills Country Club**  
1440 East Bastanchury Road  
Fullerton, CA 92835  
(714) 672-6800

## Event Registration

Register on line at the Ladies Plastics Golf Organization before October 30th



## Plastics Pioneers Association

*Honoring the past...Ensuring the Future*

Hotel Registration

Salt Lake City Marriot Downtown at City Creek

75 S West Temple

Salt Lake City, Utah

October 25-29,, 2017

PPA Special Rate \$175 per night

Group Code: PPAPAA

1-800-228-9290

**Reservation Deadline Wednesday October 4, 2017**

**Reservation forms are available on line at**

[Plasticspioneers.org](http://Plasticspioneers.org)

Registration fee is \$260 per person

Includes planned meals and beverages

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK  
(payable to Plastics Pioneers Association)

TO: Cathleen Connell

Plastics Pioneers Association

3900 Dayton Street

McHenry, IL 60050

**Return by September 29, 2017**

## HOW CAN WE GROW OUR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP?

AS A MEMBER OF THE WESTERN PLASTICS PIONEERS OUR MEMBERS REPRESENT THE HEART AND SOUL OF AN INDUSTRY THAT GREW OUT OF THE DISCOVERY OF SIMPLE MONOMERS AND ADVANCED TO THE DISCOVERY AND PRODUCTION OF COMPLEX POLYMERS. PLASTICS PIONEERS GREW PLASTICS INTO A MEGA MANUFACTURING, MATERIALS, TOOLING, AND DESIGN ENGINEERING INDUSTRY SERVING OTHER INDUSTRIES LIKE AEROSPACE, AUTOMOTIVE, MEDICAL, RECREATION, APPLIANCES, TOYS, ELECTRONICS, SPORTS, CLOTHING, CONSTRUCTION, ET AL. ALL THE WHILE SUPPORTING AND ADVANCING THE TECHNOLOGY OF ALL OF THESE INDUSTRIES BECAUSE OF THE UNIQUE PROPERTIES AND PROCESSABILITY OF PLASTIC.

INVITE A PLASTICS PROFESSIONAL TO JOIN THE **WESTERN PLASTICS PIONEERS** TODAY. CONTACT **GEORGE YULE** ([Gyule-48@GMAIL.COM](mailto:Gyule-48@GMAIL.COM)) TO SUBMIT YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.



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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 8-10—ANTEC, Anaheim</i>	<i>June</i> <i>SPE Golf— June 22</i>
<i>July—Pageant of the Masters</i>	<i>August</i> <i>August 17—SPE Western Plastics Trade Fair—Phoenix Club, Anaheim</i>	<i>September—</i>
<i>October</i> <i>October 8, 2017 Annual Hall of Fame Luncheon Los Coyotes CC Buena Park</i>	<i>November—</i> <i>Ladies Plastics Golf Organization Charity Golf Tournament. Date to be announced.</i>	<i>December</i>