



# WESTERN PLASTICS PIONEERS

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ANTEC® 2017  
The plastics technology conference  
May 8-10, Anaheim, CA



It was 1987, 30 years ago, when the SPE sponsored ANTEC was last held in Southern California. This year, ANTEC, the largest SPE sponsored technical conference, comes to Anaheim from **May 8 – 10 at the Anaheim Hilton**. Western Plastics Pioneers might consider attending ANTEC 2017 to participate in the numerous technical presentations along with the opportunity to network, as well as renew your contacts and friendships during the conference.

If you plan to attend any of the technical and business presentations on new and updated technologies, participate in the panel discussions and tutorials, networking events, or other functions you can expect to interact with expert representatives from the largest industry segments.

The conference takes place at the Anaheim Hilton, 777 Convention Way, Anaheim, CA. Registration can be made on line at or in person at the conference.

## *Richard Nixon Library VIP Tour And Wine Tasting June 22*

Join the Western Plastics Pioneers for a Presidential Wine Tasting Gala at the Richard Nixon Presidential Museum in Yorba Linda, Thursday **June 22, 2017**.

This is a special upscale social event for WPP members and their guests featuring a ***Private VIP Tour of the Nixon Library and Museum, a Premium California and International wine tasting event, and Hors d'oeuvres from local Fine Dining Restaurants.***

This special event is sponsored by the Richard Nixon Library Docent Guild and benefits scholarship and education programs supported by the guild. There will be a silent auction and raffle prizes, along with the tasting, private tour and food. Tickets are \$65 each or \$50 for non-drinkers.

Tickets should be purchased in advance. Contact Roger France, (949) 612-1650 or Email him at [rogerfrancel@cox.net](mailto:rogerfrancel@cox.net). Mail checks to Roger France, 24782 San Andres Lane, Mission Viejo, CA 92691. Further information can be obtained from the Nixon Library Website events calendar.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### By Dolores Kentner

Dear Western Plastics Pioneers,

This is my first official message to the membership as I assume the role of President. The Board of Directors meets six times a year to plan, organize, and implement our vision throughout the year.

On page four of this issue you can review the objectives of the Western Plastics Pioneers.

**Annual Luncheon** - The 2017 event; is set for **Sunday, October 8, 2017**. Mark your calendars now, and join us at the Los Coyote Country Club in Buena Park, CA.

**WPP Welcomes New Members** - George Yule, Membership Chairman has been hard at work recruiting new members for our organization.

George has added eight new members in the past three months.

Join the WPP Board of Directors in welcom-

ing;

**Don Jackson**, Modified Plastics, who began his plastics career in 1970.

**Susan Granger**, Modified Plastics, is a 26 year plastic professional.

**Mike Kroth**, Poly One, has been in the industry for 30 years.

**Mike Friend**, President, Integrity Mold, began his plastics career in 1978.

**Charlie Dow**, Dow Engineering, has served the plastics industry since 1951.

**Gabriel Torres**, New day Sales Associates, joined the industry in 1979.

**Kurt Edwards**, Lubrizol Conductive Polymers, has been a plastics professional since 1978.

**Tom Jorgenson** joined the Western Plastic Pioneers last October.

Do you have a friend or colleague that would enjoy associating with other plastic professionals?

## Western Plastics Pioneers Officers

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**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. Some

Ideas for that have been suggested include:

- Santa Anita
- Del Mar
- Pageant of the Masters
- Reagan Museum
- Nixon Museum
- Wine Tasting in Temecula
- Harbor Cruise

## **Doug Halliday Joins the WPP Board of Directors**

Like father like son, Doug Halliday, following in his father's foot steps, has joined the WPP Board of Directors. Doug is the son of Bob Halliday, a founding member of the Western Plastics Pioneers. A true plastic professional, Doug brings his years of experience and dedication to the plastics industry to the WPP Board of Directors.

Doug began his plastics career working summer jobs at Jet Plastics and Mutual Plastics Mold. In 1971, after graduating from California State University at Fullerton, Doug joined Industrial Building Materials (FRP Division). His long career included sales and management positions at Tri Plas, PMS Consolidated, Decor America and Poly One.

Doug is a former president board member of the SPI and member of the SPE. Doug was born in Dayton, Ohio, and raised in Southern California. He has been married to Susan for 48 years and has two children, Anne and John, who like their mother are educators.

Please join the WPP Board of Directors in welcoming Doug Halliday to the Board.

## **WPP Social Event Suggestions**

**I would like to that the social committee consider the event options listed below.**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Event 1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Event 2** \_\_\_\_\_

**Event 3** \_\_\_\_\_

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For social events to be successful we need at least 10 couples or 20 participants. Without that type of participation the planning and execution are fruitless.

If you would like to help organize an event or outing, the Board of Directors would sincerely appreciate your assistance and would provide extra support.

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## **Ed Laird Honored By Orange County For Volunteerism**

WPP Board member Ed Laird was among Orange County's Outstanding Volunteers that were honored recently during the Annual Spirit of Volunteerism Awards banquet held at the Disneyland Hotel.

Ed's many years of service with the Boy Scouts of America was singled out as an outstanding example of community volunteerism. Ed has served on the Boy Scouts of America Board of Directors and advisory board for more than 25 years. Ed's company, Laird Coatings Corporation was also cited for its support of scouting.



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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.*

## 2017 CALENDAR

*January*

*February*

*March*

*April*

*SPE—April 19 Jaegerhaus, Anaheim*

*May*

*SPE—May 8-10—ANTEC, Anaheim  
Hilton*

*June*

*SPE Golf— June 22  
Richard Nixon Museum VIP Tour  
And Wine Tasting—June 22*

*July—Pageant of the Masters*

*August*

*August 17—SPE Western Plastics  
Trade Fair—Phoenix Club, Anaheim*

*September—*

*October*

*October 8. 2017 Annual Hall of Fame Luncheon  
Los Coyotes CC Buena Park*

*November—*

*Ladies Plastics Golf Organization Charity  
Golf Tournament. Date to be announced.*

*December*