Syracuse New York, Fall PPA Meeting
Turning Stone Resort & Casino

This will be a great venue for our fall meeting and in close proximity for our visit to the University of Syracuse. The importance of being at this meeting is our side trip to the University to view the PPA’s Reading Room & Library, which houses the Historical Plastic Artifacts collection that was donated by our own Glenn & Patsy Beall. This will take place on Friday, September 27th. Motor Coaches should leave by 9:30am and return sometime between 2:30-3:30pm. There will be further details to follow in upcoming mailers and e-mails.

Looking forward to sharing this event with all of you!
Site Selection Committee Chair
Alan Woll
President’s Message

By Dan McGuire

Our Annual Spring Meeting at the Omni Hilton Head Oceanfront Resort on Hilton Head Island was an outstanding success. Our turn out was excellent (74), the weather was beautiful, the facilities, activities and food were great, and a fun time was had by all. Bill and Anne Humphrey were our host couple, and we thank them for all the advance plans they made that we all enjoyed.

During our Board of Governors meeting, and again at the Saturday morning General Meeting, all our Committee Chairmen gave reports on what their committees have been doing for the past six months and what their plans were for the next six months. Many accomplishments have been made, and many more are planned for the near future. Several of the write ups are in this newsletter.

Three new Board Members were elected to serve four year terms. A new slate of Officers was announced to serve two year terms. Chairmen were announced for all committees. To be a part of our Association, and to have a lot of fun participating in our future, please make sure you are on at least one committee. This way you can help to make PPA the organization you want it to be. Please support all our members in their many activities.

The Much Traveled Shirt was awarded to Vivian Malpass. He has contributed so much for our plastics industry and especially to the PPA.

Our Fall Meeting will be held at the Turning Stone Hotel and Casino in Verona, New York, September 25-29, 2013. Two very special events have been planned – and you don’t want to miss either of them. First, on Friday we will all be bussed to Syracuse University where we will have the privilege of touring the NEW Plastics Museum and seeing the NEW Plastics Pioneers Special Reading Room. Second, on Saturday, a presentation and demonstration will be given to us by SPE’s Marjorie Weiner about the PlastiVan. The van will be at the meeting and Marjorie will teach us exactly what she teaches her students. This is a great way to see how some of our Educational Funds are spent. The casino, the program, and all the activities will make this a meeting we all will want to attend.

As my term of President comes to a close, I want to thank all of you who have contributed so much to help me rejuvenate and grow PPA. Darlene and I have enjoyed working and playing with all of you. Please give Steve Hershfield and his team your full support and I know our momentum of growth and prosperity will continue.

President’s Message

By Steve Hershfield

First of all, I am greatly honored to serve as President of The Plastics Pioneers Association. Thank you for having the confidence in me to continue the fabulous work of my predecessor, Dan McGuire.

This organization has a rich history and it is the responsibility of all of us to continue its traditions and good works in the areas of education, scholarship and preserving the heritage of the industry that has supported us and our families. We are an Association of volunteers who work hard to see that we have meetings at exciting venues, administer the programs we have established, and encourage friendship and camaraderie. I am asking every member to take part, volunteer, and assist our Board of Governors and PAL’s Committee to make this an even stronger Association!

I am proud to be serving with a great Board of Governors and PAL’s Committee Chair Carolyn Reed-Hodge.

Some members of Steve Hershfield’s Board of Governors gathered for a picture. Left to right are Steve Hershfield, Ashby Rice, Al Hodge, outgoing President Dan McGuire and Kurt Swogger. (Not shown: Alan Woll, Peter Bemis, Jack Michael, Tim Womer, Don Williams, Gail Bristol, and Steve Sopher).

This group, along with the Committee Chairs, is working to accomplish the objectives of:
1) Making an impact on education
2) Increasing membership and attendance at meetings
3) Fostering friendship and camaraderie among members.

Again, I’m asking everyone to be active, contribute to our association, and enjoy yourselves as we move forward.
The Spring Plastics Pioneers meeting got off to a rousing start on Thursday night when about thirty people went to dinner at Benny Hudson’s Seafood restaurant (often called Hudson’s Fish Market). It started as a fish market and a restaurant was added later so the names are used interchangeably. People were able to catch up with long-time friends and make new ones as they enjoyed a fabulous dinner.
Friday didn’t start as well as some had hoped – high winds made for choppy seas, so the fishing trip was cancelled and overnight rain made the tennis courts too wet for play. On the bright side, this allowed for a leisurely breakfast and a chance for more mingling. The majority of Friday was spent on one’s own – lazing around the pool, sightseeing, walking the beach, or just plain relaxing until cocktails and dinner at the Omni pavilion. Luckily, an afternoon downpour had stopped and the evening was calm and peaceful.

The PAL’s committee members were actively selling tickets for the 50/50 raffle to support the Education Fund and had cards to be signed for members unable to attend.

We took advantage of an open bar for happy hour and then we enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner.
The PALs Committee gathered for a first time photo. Members include Colleen Murdock, Jeanne Sopher, Doloris Mack, Roz Hershfield, Helen Michael, Darleen Stewart, Janice Woll, Rozann Caldwell, Patsy Beall, Lee Withrup, Ginny Williams, Darlene McGuire, and Beverley Lawry.
On Saturday morning a group of twenty-two Pioneers and/or spouses went to the Coastal Discovery Museum at Honey Horn. The Discovery House was framed by gorgeous Live Oak and Dogwood trees draped in Spanish Moss providing a very Low Country welcome.

After enjoying a box lunch on the patio while listening to a history of Honey Horn and Hilton Head Island, the group followed our docent, Carol, on a boardwalk tour of the Salt Marsh.

We learned that the Salt Marsh functions as a filter and nursery for the coast. On this hands-on tour, we saw snowy egrets, crabs, and periwinkles up-close. Carol also explained how marsh plants adapt to the salt water and why we should protect this interesting ecosystem. Carol taught us how the Fiddler Crab got its name by doing the Fiddler Crab Dance and several members got periwinkles to come out of their shells by singing “Happy Birthday” while holding them up against their voice box.
After touring the boardwalk, we saw what has been designated as the largest Southern Red Cedar tree in South Carolina with an estimated germination date of 1595.

We also saw carnivorous plants, including a Venus Flytrap, then went to the camellia gardens before heading back to get ready for Saturday night’s festivities.

The Discovery Museum outing was extremely interesting and informative. Souvenir no-see-um bites have faded and almost stopped itching, so fond memories of this PPA activity are all that exist.
Spring 2013 Meeting at Hilton Head - Saturday Afternoon

Saturday cocktail hour in the courtyard of the Omni Hotel.

Golfing Foursomes

Left to right: Alan Woll, Al Hodge, Dan Paradise & Kurt Swogger.

Left to right: Mark Wolverton, David Woodman, Martin Stark & David Murdock.

Left to right: Chuck Kolkeback, high school friend of Bill Humphrey, Bill Humphrey, Dan McGuire & David Harper

Left to right: Robert Hare, Priscilla Marse, Darlene Stewart & John Schmidt.
Following the presentation of the new inductees, Kurt Swogger could hardly contain his pleasure at being able to pass on the Chairmanship of the Golf Committee to Mark Wolverton.

Viv Malpass is presented with the Much Traveled Shirt.

The PALs Committee sold a 50-50 raffle tickets and presented 50% of the winnings to the lucky winner, Roz Hershfield.

The evening ended with the presentation of the table centerpieces to the person at the table whose birthday was closest to the date. Winners are left to right: Kurt Swogger, Ashby Rice, Ginny Williams, Beverley Lawry, Martha Wrede, Anne Humphrey, Roland Bechtel and Stan Jakopin.
In 1985, four friends met in Fort Pierce, FL and opened a brokerage account that eventually became the PPA Education Fund. Palmer Humphrey, Guy Martinelli, Al Spaak, and Bruno Wessinger contributed $250,000 to the fund which now contains almost one million dollars. Since then, many members have donated during their lifetimes and others have had contributions made in their memory. The “fine” for not wearing a PPA pin to Saturday night’s dinner, the proceeds from the 50/50 raffle, and other individual contributions also have increased the monies in the fund. The Fund is invested conservatively by the PPA Investment Committee in order to make it self-sustaining.

Viv Malpass, Co-Chair of the Education Committee with the current PPA Vice-President, explained that the role of the Committee is to identify ways to promote and encourage the education of students to pursue science and technology paths, hopefully leading to a career in the plastics industry. The primary way this is accomplished is to provide scholarships of approximately $3,000 to 10 or more students each year, an increase from the previous $1,500 award. The actual number that can be offered and budgeted is determined each year by the Education Committee based on the financial status of the Education Fund.

The PPA Scholarship program is administered by Gail Bristol, the Director of the SPE Education Fund. Gail is paid an administration fee for her services. SPE sends letters to advisors and administrators at more than 200 schools with a polymer or plastics orientation informing them of the latest scholarships. An interested student must be a U. S. citizen, an undergraduate in either a 4-year college or a 2-year technical program in a field of study related to plastics, write an essay on plastics, plus provide three references and a transcript (though there is no minimum GPA required) which includes the applicant’s school and personal activities. Evidence of financial need is also taken into consideration for awards. There have been as many as forty-five candidates for these annual scholarships. Members of the PPA Education Committee evaluate each candidate and reach a consensus on the scholarship recipients in a final conference call. Due consideration is given to candidates who have a strong interest in a hands-on career in plastics processing, such as injection molding, as that was a request of the founders of the Education Fund.

In addition to scholarships, the Education Committee also provides financial support through other avenues concerned with the science and technology of plastics education. The PlastiVan, once under the auspices of SPI, is now sponsored by SPE, but supported by the PPA, plastics companies, SPE Sections and Divisions, and individuals. Last year PPA provided money to co-sponsor five such visits to schools to introduce Middle and High School children to what plastics are and what they can do. It is hoped to continue, and possibly expand, this operation.

The Polymer Ambassador Program is also supported by the PPA Education Fund. Award-winning teachers present seminars and workshops at teachers’ conventions hoping to provide the teachers with the necessary knowledge and understanding of polymers and plastics so that these educators will then go back to their classrooms and schools to excite a new generation of students about going into science and technology careers – especially plastics. Support is provided in the form of a grant from PPA to help cover travel expenses and materials for the Ambassador’s training sessions and also some direct teaching of students. The Education Committee also
considers special educational requests. Last year $3,000 was donated to the John Leon Abrams Memorial Scholarship at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. The scholarship is open to upperclassmen majoring in plastics engineering, veterans, and descendants of veterans. It was started by eight of his Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity brothers who have raised nearly $41,000.

John Abrams graduated from UW-Stout in 1962. Upon graduation, Lt. Abrams qualified for the Naval Sea Wolf Helicopter Squadron piloting Huey gunships in an elite group formed specifically to assist SEAL and Special Forces operating in the Mekong Delta region of Vietnam. This group was to insert and withdraw these troops, with close air support, when they were in danger of being overrun or required extraction from the battle area. The duty was highly dangerous and the Squadron, called HAL-3, encountered about a 30 percent attrition rate in Vietnam. John and his three man crew went down while flying the lead helicopter during battle when enemy rounds disabled the gunship transmission at 900 feet. They kept firing continuously as their gunship went down on Doung Island in the Mekong Delta. Both SEAL and Green Beret ground forces rushed to their assistance, but found no survivors. The first John Leon Abrams Memorial Scholarship was awarded this fall.

As a token of their thanks, a framed photograph of Lt. Abrams was presented to the PPA. The photos below are of Lt. Abrams and of Viv Malpass receiving the framed photograph from Glenn Beall who introduced the PPA to this scholarship opportunity.
Joseph Richard Flesher, 81, of Ocean City, NJ, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on February 3, 2013 in Falmouth, ME.

Joe was born in Marietta, OH on November 9, 1931. He graduated from Episcopal High School and received degrees in Arts and Mechanical Engineering from Lehigh University. While at Lehigh, Joe was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. Joe served in the United States Army and the Ohio National Guard. Joe and his college sweetheart, Dorothy Martinity, were married for 52 years and had a full, fun life together.

Mr. Flesher worked for Union Carbide Corporation for 37 years. He started his career as an R&D Engineer in Marietta, OH and later moved into sales and marketing with positions in New Jersey, New York, Georgia, North Carolina, and Connecticut. He retired as Vice President and General Manager of UNICARB Systems. During his career, he traveled extensively throughout the United States, Europe and Asia. Joe loved his work and his colleagues; his motto was, “If work isn’t fun, it’s work.”

Joe enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He was actively involved in The Ocean City Yacht Club, where he served as a past commodore. He was a member of The Margate Community Church, Friends of the Ocean City Pops, and the Stainton Society. Joe was on the Board of Trustees of Cedar Crest College.

He is survived by his son Joseph Flesher, Jr., his daughter Jennifer Kameisha, her husband John Kameisha and two grandchildren, Daniel Joseph and Julia Elizabeth Kameisha. Joe was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy in 2006.

A celebration of Joe’s life will be held this summer in Ocean City, NJ.

(PPA MEMBER SINCE 2000)
WE FONDLY REMEMBER . . .
WALTER M. STARK

Walter Stark, of Bloomfield Hills, passed away January 17, 2013, at the age of 93.

Born in Munich, Germany, Mr. Stark was educated at Buxton College, in England, and at Wayne State University where he graduated with a B.S. in Chemistry. He immigrated to the United States at the age of 19 in 1938 and worked for 10 years at Ford Motor Company as a researcher. He then started his own business as a consultant and manufacturers’ agent in reinforced plastics, plastic tooling and printed circuit board industries. He was a life-long member of the Engineering Society of Detroit and American Chemical Society, and was elected to the Plastics Pioneers Association of America.

Mr. Stark was active in the Detroit Jewish community, serving as a religious school teacher, as president of the Metro Detroit Federation of Reform Synagogues, as a member of the Roundtable of Christians, Muslims & Jews and the NCCJ, its successor organization. He was a founding member and past president of Temple Emanuel in Oak Park and current member of Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills. Mr. Stark was an instrument-rated pilot and a life-long tennis player, winning championship well into his 80’s. He retired from both tennis and business at the age of 89.

He is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 67 years, Margaret; and his four children – Dr. Robert (Helen) Stark, Barbara (Dr. Barry Nemon) Stark-Nemon, Joanna Stark (Jay) Abramson, Julie Stark (Rabbi Steven Stark-Lowenstein); 11 grandchildren and three great-grandsons.

(PPA MEMBER SINCE 1987)

WE FONDLY REMEMBER . . .
RICHARD F. AND VANDA STOTT

Richard F. Stott of Massapequa, NY, passed away on March 20th, 2013, age 89. He was the devoted husband to Vanda Stott who passed away nine days prior. Dick Stott, met his true love, Vanda Storelli in High School. They wed in 1944, and lived in harmony for 69 years.

Mr. Stott attended Steven’s Institute, was a flight instructor in the Army Air Corps during WWII, and moved to Massapequa in 1948. Dick was a mold maker for the plastics industry and headed Stott Tool and Machine Co. in Mineola. He was a pilot, an avid sailor and loved camping and the Boy Scouts, where he was an active leader in Troop 73. Mr. Stott had been a PPA member since 1981.

Vanda Stott passed away at home peacefully in her sleep on March 11th 2013. Vanda attended NYU where she studied music and art. She was an active community leader since 1948, as President of the Birch Lane PTA, the Massapequa Women’s Club, and the Fort Neck Garden Club since 1963.

The Stotts are survived by daughters Sheryl Fratino of Chester, VT, Mara Liesegang of Brookhaven and son Richard of Southampton; 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. They were predeceased by daughter Hollie Stott of Apalachicola, FL.

(PPA MEMBER SINCE 1982)
NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

We are proud to welcome three new members into the PPA. The membership is limited to 250 active members who must have 25 or more years of experience in the industry to be considered. In addition, an existing PPA member must sponsor the nominee who is judged on their contributions made to the advancement of the plastics industry.

Wendy Hoenig
Wendy Hoenig had a 25-year, distinguished career with Dow Chemical, working in plastics, thermosets and elastomers in roles ranging from technical service, new business development, project management and R&D management.

While at Dow, Wendy was the business development lead on a number of very successful new product launches, four of which were recognized by Industrial Research magazine. Wendy is a holder of 15 U.S. Patents, and has authored and presented numerous technical papers at conferences and symposia.

Wendy was a member of SPE from 1986 to 2010, and from 2007-2009 served on the Science and Technology Committee of the National Paint & Coatings Association. She is a past member of the Georgia Institute of Technology external advisor board for the school of Polymers, Textiles and Fiber Engineering.

Wendy Completed the Entrepreneurial Studies Executive Education Program at Babson College in 1998. She retired from Dow in 2010 and joined forces with her husband Steve to form H&H Business Development LLC, based in Houston. H&H is a private consulting group focused on the development of technology-based, start-up companies and business, specializing in plastics, coatings, adhesives, elastomers, and packaging.

In her spare time, Wendy is an avid runner. She and Steve also enjoy recreational travel. Wendy was nominated for membership to the Plastics Pioneers by Ashby Rice.

EDUCATIONAL FUNDRAISING

The Educational Fundraising Committee has developed a program to solicit companies and corporations in our industry as another source of funds to support and expand our educational programs. Through the generous assistance and guidance of Burce Shaw, a retired fundraising consultant, we have put together a 3-step program.

We will be asking each PPA member to select up to 3 firms (or more if he or she wishes) to solicit. We will be mailing out a letter that describes the whole program shortly after this issue of the Much Traveled Sheet is published.

Harry Tenny, Jr
**Dennis Paradise**

Dennis Paradise has been in plastics machinery sales since 1986, when he joined McNeil Akron as sales manager. Since then he has worked in a variety of sales positions for Krupp Machinery, HPM, Dynisco, and Extrusion Dies Inc.

Dennis is currently Senior Vice-President of Sales and Marketing for Processing Technologies Inc., a global supplier of sheet extrusion systems based in Aurora, IL. Dennis has served on the Regional Advisor Board of the SPI and has presented papers at numerous conferences around the world. He is also a member of the Society of Plastics Engineers.

Dennis graduated from Kent State University in 1976 with a BS in business administration. He was sponsored for membership to the Plastics Pioneers by Al Hodge, Tim Womer and Gary Oliver.

**Mark Philip Wolverton**

Educated in materials engineering, Mark Wolverton graduated from Drexel University in 1977 to start his career in plastics. Building on his accomplishments as a Rotary Foundation Scholar from the University of Liverpool and his making of Eagle Scout, Mark took the technical route for his profession starting with LNP Engineering Plastics where he received the “Employee of the Year” award in 1988. His professional progress then moved him to positions at Black & Decker, Riddel Inc., and Montell USA. Mark is currently a Senior Technical Engineer with FHR Polymers (formerly Huntsman Corporation).

Mark’s hard work and influence in the plastics industry continues with SPE. He is on the Product Design and Development Division’s BOD and President of the Chicago Section.

His efforts in the plastic industry also include lectures at both SPE and SME events, RETEC®s and ANTEC®s. In addition, Mark has authored 18 publications on thermoplastic composites, runnerless molds and risk management of new product development. He remains relentless on educating the industry he serves.

Mark resides in Aurora, IL. He has been sponsored for PPA membership by Glenn Beall and Larry Schneider.
Anne and I have always enjoyed the outdoors and road trips by automobile. After our honeymoon in Bermuda in 1966, we went to Maine with a pup tent and she was hooked. As the family grew we added a 9x12 wall tent to the pup tent and summers were spent in New England, mostly Maine.

In 1991 we bought a class C motor home, a 28 foot Mallard on a Ford chassis. We took off that summer for Portland, Oregon with our daughter and her girlfriend. We traveled 8,800 miles in 6 weeks and had a ball. We were hooked on motorized camping. When school started up in September, we knew that our weekends were filled with school stuff and sold the Mallard. Anne kept all the “stuff” that we had accumulated for the Mallard such as dishes and such in a couple of cartons that made the move from Long Island to Greer, SC in 1993. Those boxes sat in the garage waiting for the next motorized vehicle to occupy.

In January of 2000, when we were at the Mission Inn for the winter PPA meeting, Anne convinced me to spend Saturday with her instead of on the golf course. As we drove down US 27 towards Clermont, we happened upon an RV place with a used 1996 gas Rexhall bus for sale. It was beautiful inside and we made an offer. We found ourselves with two vehicles to drive back to Greer! My Dad wasn’t thrilled that we had made such a purchase, but he rode home with me, while Anne and Mom followed us north.

Three years later, the ‘96 gas coach got traded for a ‘97 diesel pusher Discovery and we thought we were in seventh heaven. In 2005, when I knew we were to retire in the spring, we traded up to a 2001 Discovery with two slides and a bigger diesel engine. We retired, drove 13,000 miles to Alaska and back in 95 days and now were convinced that the RV lifestyle was for us. In 2007 we bought our first brand new coach and put 41,000 miles on it before we traded it in 2010 for our current Discovery. By now we had three slides and found that three slides make it very roomy for us.

The thing about RVing is that all of your stuff is right at your fingertips. With a wifi card and a cell phone, laptop and printer you can communicate with everybody. Satellite TV keeps you in touch with what’s happening and entertained. On-board water lets you stay in a campground or out in the boonies. We have spent as much as 5 days at a NASCAR track without any hookups. We have been out west several summers and even one winter. We have seen almost all the National Parks and loved every one of them. We “flat tow” a car behind us to allow us to park the coach, hook up to water, sewer, and electric, and then travel to attractions nearby.
Bad things about the hobby include the problems encountered with any stationary home, but it is all multiplied because you are basically moving your house down the road at 62 miles per hour and you weigh over 15 tons! I have had occasional water leaks with the plumbing, but never anything I could not repair. As a matter of fact, after a really rough ride, I know where to check to see if anything loosened up. Our worst experience happened in Nova Scotia two summers ago when the EGR assembly on the engine failed and we had to stay next to a truck repair facility in Moncton, New Brunswick for 6 days waiting for the part. That happened at 15,000 miles and then it happened again at 17,000 miles in CT. That time it was only 2 days. It was all covered under warranty, but I had not had any issues with my Cat diesels, so I had a bad feeling about Cummins. Now we are at 34,000 miles and it seems to have settled down!

The best place for classes to learn about your RV is in Florida at Lazy Days outside of Tampa. It is the largest dealership in the US and they have a driving course, a campground and hundreds of RVs to check out. They offer classes on microwave ovens, heating system repair, air-conditioners, and all sorts of things that you might need to know. We have also found that joining a club for your specific RV will allow you to learn about your RV from folks who have had the same brand. We have found that expenses range from $10.00 to $60.00 per night in campgrounds. Most RVs get 8-12 miles per gallon regardless of gas or diesel, the only real difference is initial cost and room. If you are going to spend several months on the road, and carry a lot of stuff, diesel is the way to go. If you only intend to spend weekends and not carry a lot of weight, then gas is for you. Our tank holds approximately 100 gallons of fuel.

Our favorite places to visit are the national parks out west or New England in the summer to stay cool. The best part is being able to follow the sun knowing all your essentials and the comforts of home are right there with you! I hope you have enjoyed our hobby and if anyone has any specific questions, we would be glad to help you find the answers.
General Business to Order at 8:30AM. Dan asked for a moment of silence for PPA Members who passed since the Fall 2013 meeting. Motion made and accepted for approval of the Fall 2012 BOG meeting minutes.

Financial Report by Tony Mack
Tony reviewed the 2012 Budget versus Actual and then approved 2013 Operating Budget. There was a positive $6,331.38 surplus for the 2012 year (income less expenses). There was a checking account balance at the end of 2012 year of $37,069.41. For the 2013 year, there is a surplus of $2,800 Budgeted (income less expenses). Education Fund Status: Starting January 1, 2013 the fund value was $951,176 and as of March 31, 2013 the fund’s value was $993,455.

Education Report by Vivian Malpass
In 2013 the committee plans to spend $63,000 on scholarships including $30,000 in scholarships not awarded in 2012. IPEC, PPA scholarship efforts typically receive 20 - 40 applications. Scholarship dollars must be spent for PPA to remain compliant with IRS non-profit rules. After the General Membership Meeting on September 28, 2013 Marjorie Weiner of SPE will present the PlastiVan program to the PPA membership.

Plastics History and Artifacts Committee Report by Glenn Beall
Glenn updated the membership on the activities being conducted at Syracuse University’s (SU). The Curator position for the Plastics History Museum has not been filled. SU is conducting an internal fund raising effort so that a new curator can be hired. Correcting and improving the website is a priority. The Plastics Pioneers Reading Room is now ready for use at SU Plastics Museum. During the Fall 2013 PPA meeting, members will tour the Plastics Museum on Friday September 27th. Transportation will be provided. The movie All About Bakelite will be presented at the Fall meeting as well as The Plastics History Road Show.

Membership Committee Report by Al Hodge
Current PPA membership stands at 179 and, of this number, 13 have yet to pay their 2013 membership dues. Committee members are contacting these members to encourage their payment. There are a total of eight new members awaiting induction into the PPA organization; three will be inducted at the Saturday April 12, 2013 dinner and induction ceremonies: Wendy Hoenig, Dennis Paradise and Mark Wolverton. The Marketing Sub-Committee has written the biographies of the new members. These bios and a press release have been created by the Publicity/Public Relations Committee and submitted to the trade publications. Membership Committee will remain active in the recruitment of members into PPA and have set a goal of 10 new members per year. New members into PPA are being assigned to the Membership Committee in hopes they can bring in additional qualified members. PPA is losing members through attrition at the same rate new members are being added.

Discussion on the difficulty being experienced in contacting past due in payment of membership dues. Typically 5 -6 members per year become delinquent in dues and are dropped from their membership with PPA. There was no Distinguished Service Member Award for the Spring 2013 meeting. Tim Womer is arranging for a PPA slide presentation to be included with other presentations at the Extrusion Division Award event at ANTEC® 2013. Membership Committee to review a separate membership category for inactive members with 25 years of membership and that can no longer attend meetings due to health issues.

Site Selection Committee Report by Alan Woll
The Fall 2013 meeting will be at Turning Stone Hotel and Casino in Verona, NY September 25 - 29, 2013. Tentative dates for the 2014 meetings were presented. February 13 - 16, 2014 location TBD. The October 16 - 20, 2014 location being investigated as a possible meeting site is Nemacolin Woodlands Resort in Farmington, PA. Discussion on the Fall 2013 meeting at Turning Stone continued. On Friday, September 27, 2013, PPA will tour the SU Plastics Museum. Transportation from Turning Stone will be provided by PPA. After the General Membership Meeting on September 28, 2013 Marjorie Weiner, of SPE, will present the PlastiVan program to the PPA membership. Alan to develop an email blast message to the membership regarding the Fall 2013 meeting for Cathy Connell to send out. The purpose is to increase attendance at the Fall meeting by informing the membership of the meeting’s agenda. Comments on cost and meeting locations were discussed and Alan and his committee are open to suggestions.

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Web Site Committee Report by Gordon Lawry
Various web site issues were discussed. Members have complained about log in problems. Recent members have not been provided passwords and their Who’s Who have not been constructed. Gordon Lawry commented that Jon Lawry the web site administrator is ready and willing to assist. Al Hodge will discuss the issues with Tim Womer and develop a plan for correcting the website problems.

By-Laws Committee Report by Gail Bristol
Gail Bristol Chair absent. Report by Steve Hershfield. By laws are up to date – no issues

Publicity and Public Relations Committee by Jim Callari and Matt Naitove Co Chairs
Jim Callari and Matt Naitove Co-Chairs not present, report by Al Hodge. Al Hodge noted that the committee has done an excellent job in getting new members. Committee report thanked Plastics News for their cooperation in publishing PPA news events. Expressed interest in contacting past scholarship award winners and determining career paths they have chosen. Discussion from the BOG meeting regarding past scholarship award winners.

Pioneer Action League (PAL’s) Committee Report by Delores Mack (for Carolyn Reed Hodge-Chair). Delores discussed various efforts of the PAL’s in supporting the PPA. Helen Michaels is organizing the PAL’s volunteers for the meeting and also the welcome registration area. This PAL’s Committee has contacted the PPA membership base through phone calls regarding their attending the Spring 2013 meeting. PALS will be conducting a 50/50 raffle with 50% of the proceeds going to the Education Fund. PALS will be organizing the seating and providing the table centerpieces for the Saturday evening dinner event. Special recognition was given to Bill Humphrey by PAL’s for his design contribution to the table center pieces. Reminded all attendees to leave their name badges on the table following Saturday’s dinner. Recycling the name badges saves the organization $200.00 annually.

Newsletter Committee Report by David Caldwell
The newsletter is being distributed in digital e-mail format and can be sent via email versus hardcopy thru mail. Members have commented how improved the newsletter appears in digital format as it is now in color. Hard copies of the newsletter are available to members via mail upon request. Committee continues its efforts to control cost and has maintained the $2,200.00 operating budget. Dave commented that the committee’s two new members, John and Moira Fearncombe continue to be a good addition for the newsletter. Moira will be conducting a questionnaire of members at the meeting as to what person has had the biggest influence in their life. Dave discussed the possibility of the newsletter increasing from its current 25 pages to 30 pages. Dave called upon the membership to send in special interest articles that can be placed in the newsletter.

Nominating Committee Report by Vince Witherup
Vince informed that the committee will be recommending 3 members for the BOG at the Spring 2013 meeting.

New Business
Hall of Fame is now accepting applications:
  posthumous members for induction at ANTEC® 2014
  living inductees for NPE 2015
Steve Hershfield as the new PPA President
  Appealed to the membership to attend the meetings and continue support in obtaining qualified new members
  Challenged the Education Committee to return the scholarships to PPA
    Let PPA review and determine appropriate scholarship awards and/or
    possibility of sending PPA funds to designated colleges and let them award scholarship
Recognition given to past BOG Members
  Introduction of new Officers and Members

Old Business
None

Adjourned the General Business Meeting at 10:00AM
Note: for a full version on the minutes please visit our website at: http://www.plasticspioneers.org
On Saturday night (April 13, 2013) Dan McGuire’s term as President of the Pioneers ended and Dan handed off the office to incoming President Steve Hershfield. Steve presented Dan with a nautical compass mounted in a hardwood box. The box has a plaque that was inscribed “Dan McGuire, PPA President, 2011-2013”. Steve went on to say that “Dan has steered PPA through some rough seas and this gift was in appreciation for his leadership”.

PPA Committee Chairs And Members

EDUCATION:
Gail Bristol and Vivian Malpass, Co-Chairs.

PLASTICS PIONEERS EDUCATION FUND (PPEF):
John Michael, Sr., Chair.
Members: Gerald Harriman, Anthony Mack - Designated Signatory
Don Williams

MEMBERSHIP:
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At the Hilton Head PPA meeting, the question asked of all in attendance was “Other than your parents, what one person had the most influence on your life?” The results are:

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**Total Respondents** 67 100.0%

It has been the privilege of the Pioneer’s President to present what has become known as the most prestigious award in the Plastics Pioneers—the “Much Traveled Shirt”. It began as a gag in 1954, when a Charter Member appeared at breakfast wearing a garish looking Hawaiian shirt. Gordon Brown stripped off the shirt and awarded it to his loudest critic with the proviso that it be awarded the following year to another “deserving” member. That same shirt, now bearing the signatures of each member receiving the award is presented at the Annual Meeting to a member, who, in the opinion of the current President, typifies the “Spirit of the Plastics Pioneers”.

This year’s award was presented to a member who was born and raised in Wales, UK attended Swanson University and received his Masters and Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from University College of Wales. He has worked for Borg Warner Chemicals, Rohm and Haas as Section Manager of Polymer Science and Technology. He then worked at Ferro Corporation as General Manager of the Thermoplastics Division.

His professional activities in the Plastics Industry include President of the Akron Section of the SPE, President of SPE International in 1989 and 1990. He joined the Pioneers in 1987, moved thru the chairs and served two terms as President of PPA. He is currently Chairman of the Education Committee. It was my pleasure to award the Much Traveled Shirt to Vivian Malpass.
After the Saturday morning General Business Meeting, the Plastics History and Artifacts Club had a preview of the movie *All Things Bakelite*, narrated by Hugh Karraker, a great grandson of Dr. Leon Baekeland who invented phenolic (or Bakelite) in 1909.

Committee Chair, Glenn Beall, then gave a short presentation on billiard balls. The first written record of billiards was in Europe in the 1340s and billiards came to America in the mid-1600s. From the late 1500s to the late 1900s ivory was the most widely used billiard ball material, but they were very expensive to manufacture. By the mid-1870s, John Wesley Hyatt was in full production of celluloid billiard balls. In the early 1900s, they were replaced by compression molded phenolic balls. In 1928, the American Catalin Corporation introduced cast phenolic balls, which are the first choice for today’s serious billiard and pool players.

There were two presentations of artifacts to be donated to the PPA Collection at the Syracuse University Library and accepted on their behalf by Glenn.

Dave Woodman explained that in the late 1930s his father, Ed, helped develop the Kodak Baby Brownie camera while working for Durez. Dave donated one of his Dad’s original cameras.
New member Dennis Paradise donated a September 22, 1924 issue of Time magazine which he found on eBay. This issue is important because it featured Leo Baekeland, the inventor of phenolic (Bakelite) on the cover.

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SENIOR DRIVING

As a senior citizen was driving down the motorway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife’s voice urgently warning him, “Vernon, I just heard on the news that there’s a car going the wrong way on I90. Please be careful!”

“Hell,” said Vernon, “It’s not just one car... It’s hundreds of them!”
SPOUSES OF PPA MEMBERS

This is the first in what we hope will be a series of articles spotlighting the spouses of our PPA members

The first person to be interviewed for our new feature “Spouses of PPA Members” is Roz Hirshfield.

She is a Psycho-Therapist. She became interested in psychology while in graduate school. She read about it there and liked it. She specializes in children, adolescences and adults. Her work with children includes anxiety, eating disorders and depression.

An example of one of her cases was two children living with their Father and Step-Mother. The biological mother was an alcoholic and drug addict but was pressing for joint custody. Roz’s job was to evaluate the mother. She found the children to be traumatized by the mother’s abandonment and one of the children wanted no contact with the mother. The other child would have met with the mother in Roz’s office but the mother cancelled the meeting because of relapse.

She and Steve joined PPA in 1998. She is a member of the PALs committee and thinks it is a wonderful group that fosters friendship, raises money, helps new people and makes phone calls that are good for contact.

Roz is the wife of our new President Steve Hirshfield.

FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITORS, JUNE 2012

By David & Rozann Caldwell, Co-Editors

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Much Traveled Sheet. This is the second newsletter with Co-Contributors Moira and John Fearncombe and the newsletter has definitely benefited from their ideas and enthusiasm.

We continue to look for new ideas and we are adding new feature-interviews with the spouses of PPA Members. Our first interview is with Roslyn Hershfield.

We also want to recognize the PAL’s committee for becoming increasingly pro-active and bringing new ideas to the PPA including a new idea of having those members and spouses present at the meeting sign get well cards to absent members and or spouses. We have also added more photos to this issue and we hope you enjoy it.
WHAT’S NEW WITH YOU?

Let us know what’s new and/or exciting in your life, or that of any other of our Pioneer friends. No foolin’, your friends want to know!

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MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR THESE UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Sept. 26 – 29, 2013
Turning Stone Casino and Resort
http://www.turningstone.com/

Feb. 19 - 23, 2014
Loews Royal Pacific Resort
http://www.loewshotels.com/Royal-Pacific-Resort/

Oct. 15 – 19, 2014
Stage Neck Inn
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