



PLASTICS PIONEERS ASSOCIATION

THE PLASTICS PIONEERS ASSOCIATION is an organization of individuals who are persons of accomplishment in the Plastics Industry, who wish to foster the bonds of friendship and fraternalism.

The objectives of the organization are:

- To recognize achievements in the fields of plastics and/or polymer science, engineering, technology, education, sales/marketing, or management;
- To support industry-wide educational programs; and
- To promote the study and improvement of plastics and/or polymer science, engineering, and technology in the plastics industry.
- To ensure the collection and preservation of the history of the plastics industry.

These objectives are achieved by:

- Conducting at least one meeting annually to enable members to decide on which programs should be initiated and/or supported, and what achievements should be recognized;
- Contributing funds from its treasury to educational programs deemed worthy of support by its members; and
- Administering a scholarship program for deserving students enrolled in programs leading to careers in plastics and/or polymer science, engineering, technology, education, sales/marketing, or management in the Plastics Industry.

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Plastics Hall of Fame

The *Plastics Hall of Fame* was established in 1972 to recognize those Americans who, through their dedication, work, and accomplishment, have contributed most significantly to the growth and success of the plastics industry. The *Plastics Hall of Fame* is administered by The Plastics Academy, and the National Plastics Center has a special wing dedicated to permanently record and display the accomplishments of these men and women. The awards are presented every three years during the National Plastics Exposition to living honorees, and posthumous awards are made at triennial SPE Annual Technical Conferences. The majority of honorees are members of the Plastics Pioneers Association, including:

Edward F. Bachner
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James Bailey
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John Beaumont
Samuel L. Belcher
Peter F. Bemis
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Charles Gatto
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The Much Traveled Shirt

It all started as a “gag” in 1954, when charter PPA member Gordon Brown appeared at breakfast wearing a particularly garish looking Hawaiian shirt, giving rise to many disparaging remarks. He stripped off the shirt and “awarded” it to his loudest critic, A.R. Van Horne, with the proviso that he present it to another “deserving” member at the next meeting. 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. Now considered PPA’s most prestigious award, honorees and the meeting sites where the presentations were made are:

1954 A. R. Van Horne	1977 Nicholas A. Backscheider at Buck Hill	2000 Glenn L. Beall at Homestead
1955 Neil Broderson	1978 C. William Cleworth at Hershey	2001 George Schmitt at Mission Inn
1956 Gordon Brown at Shawnee	1979 Stanley W. Jones, Jr. at Bermuda	2002 Frank R. Nissel at Mackinac Island
1957 Donald Dew at Shawnee	1980 Edward R. Borro, Sr. at Chatham	2003 John L. Hull at Oglebay
1958 Frank Shaw at Shawnee	1981 Chris G. Groos at Pinehurst	2004 Robert J. Munns at Mobile Bay
1959 Clint Blount at Shawnee	1982 Ralph Harding at Hershey	2005 David B. Woodman at Mission Inn
1960 Allan Brown at Shawnee	1983 Sterling Cramer at Homestead	2006 Robert D. Swain at Mission Inn
1961 Hans Wanders at Shawnee	1984 Edwin R. Rowan at Bermuda	2007 Michael F.X. Gigliotti at Mission Inn
1962 Stuart Landes at Shawnee	1985 G. Palmer Humphrey at Asheville	2008 Irvin Rubin at Mission Inn
1963 Horace Gooch at Shawnee	1986 Jack G. High at Buck Hill	2009 Theodore G. Debrecini at Mission Inn
1964 Allan Fritzsche at Bald Peak	1987 Albert Spaak at Pinehurst	2010 Paul N. Colby at Hutchinson Island
1965 William T. Cruse at Bald Peak	1988 William H. Willert at Homestead	2011 Harry Greenwald at PGA National Resort
1966 Lionel B. Kavanaugh at Bald Peak	1989 Charles W. Kleiderer at Otesaga	2012 Jack D. Michael at Villas of Grand Cypress
1967 Don Kendall at Bald Peak	1990 Lewis W. Hull at Ashville	2013 Vivian Malpass at Omni Resort, Hilton Head Island
1968 Garson Meyer at Bald Peak	1991 F. Reed Estabrook at Bermuda	2014 Anthony C. Mack at Loews Royal Pacific, Orlando
1969 B. Frank Hantz at Bald Peak	1992 Guy A. Martinelli at Equinox	2015 Daniel W. McGuire, Jr. at San Antonio
1970 Ed Vaill at Otesaga	1993 Bruno Wessinger at Homestead	2016 Ashby L. Rice III at Safety Harbor
1971 Sherwood Young at Otesaga	1994 John R. Kretschmar at Otesaga	2017 Lance M. Neward at North Charleston
1972 David S. Plume at Shawnee	1995 Peter E. Rodts at Pinehurst	2018 Gail R. Bristol at Safety Harbor
1973 Spencer Palmer at Shawnee	1996 Fred E. Schwab at Nashville	2019 Wolfgang Meyer at Santa Fe
1974 George Whitehead at Williamsburg	1997 Harold A. Holz at Sagamore	
1975 J. Harry DuBois at Hershey	1998 John C. Reib at Asheville	
1976 Carl H. Whitlock at Buck Hill	1999 Robert W. Sherman at Hershey	

Member of the Year

In 1972, Sterling Cramer began gathering his Florida-vacationing friends for an unofficial “PPA Southeastern Division” winter meeting at the Mission Inn Golf and Country Club in Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida. The attendance grew as the meeting became more popular, and in 1982 it was decided to create a *Southeastern Man of the Year Award*. Bill Cruse, known as “Mr. Plastics” for his long service to SPI, received the first award by acclamation. The tradition continued, and what makes this award particularly special to its recipients is that each winner is chosen by his or her peers; that is, the previous winners. In keeping with the changes in our membership, the award is now known as the *Member of the Year* award, and has been presented to (the award was discontinued in 2005):

1982	William T. Cruse	1990	Stanford H. Shaw	1998	Ellis F. Bignell
1983	Lewis W. Hull	1991	Sterling Cramer	1999	Bruno E. Wessinger
1984	Jack G. High	1992	Russell D. Hanna	2000	Albert Spaak
1985	G. Palmer Humphrey	1993	Guy A. Martinelli	2001	Harold A. Holz
1986	Earl C. Horton	1994	John C. Reib	2002	Robert W. Sherman
1987	Stanley W. Jones, Jr.	1995	Michael A. Kubico	2003	Glenn L. Beall
1988	Charles W. Kleiderer	1996	Edwin L. Hobson, III	2004	John R. Kretzschmar
1989	George A. Fowles	1997	Robert J. Munns		

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