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A Message from Dave Schwarz, Chairman, 2008

Welcome to a new year, and the first year for The Ohio Rubber Group.

In preparation for the coming year, I attended a training session this past fall. The course was provided by the ACS Rubber Division for new Area Directors and Rubber Group Chairs. As a group, the speakers and the attendees represented a diverse cross section of our industry, but it seemed one common theme was present in the discussions. Our industry is changing and for Rubber Groups that means having to change.

Change can bring challenges, but it also often gives us opportunities. We can evaluate our past practices and, when preferred, select a new direction. In my experience change is positive, when people stay involved in the process and continue working to refine things for the better. Participation is the key.

The Ohio Rubber Group will make changes this year. For example, by mid-year we anticipate distributing our newsletter primarily by email. When you see these changes, let us know what you think and we will continue to fine tune and make improvements.

It seems to me that as, our industry becomes more global and our time more precious, a vehicle for easily maintaining local contacts is even more important. The Ohio Rubber Group has three technical meetings, two golf outings and plans for a social event or two this year. Join us, we welcome you and appreciate your active participation.

A long serving board member of our local rubber groups is stepping down. Bev Lipinski has been the Recording Secretary since the inception of the Ohio Rubber & Plastics Group. Previously she served in that same capacity with the Northeast Ohio Rubber Group. Her service has been much appreciated. While Bev will not be continuing on with the ORG board, we have not let her husband Jim off as easily. Jim Lipinski has agreed to serve the ORG as Membership Chairman in 2008. Thus while Bev might not be at all our meetings, I'm sure we will see her with Jim at some of our dinners and social events in the future.

Filling the Recording Secretary position provided a challenge, but also an opportunity. I am very happy we were able to convince Mary Puskas to serve the ORG in this role for 2008. With her previous experience serving the Akron Rubber Group, Mary was ideally suited for the position. She has been able to hit the ground running. Please join me in welcoming Mary.

Our first technical meeting of the year is January 22. See you there.



2008

Coming Events

OHIO RUBBER GROUP

Winter Technical Meeting
Tuesday, January 22, 2008
Twinsburg Hilton Inn

Spring Technical Meeting
Tuesday, April 22, 2008
Twinsburg Hilton Inn

Golf Outing
Tuesday, June 17, 2008
Avalon Inn, Warren

Golf Outing
Monday, August 25, 2008
Silver Lake CC, Stow

Fall Technical Meeting
Tuesday, September 16, 2008
Twinsburg Hilton Inn

RUBBER DIVISION

173rd Technical Meeting
April 28-30, 2008
Dearborn, MI

2nd TPE Conference
May 1-2, 2008
Dearborn, MI

174th Technical Meeting
Oct. 14-16, 2008
Louisville, KY

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

*It's a new year and that means its time to renew your membership for 2008.
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Division News from the Area Director

Tom Nunley, Continental Carbon Company



1. The Rubber Division's October 2007 Technical Meeting and Exposition was a huge success, with 5,220 people attending from 44 countries. This year's meeting saw a number of firsts, such as the new International and Recycling Pavilions, Hosting the International Rubber Conference and its delegates, the International Dinner to honor Dr Yury L'vovich of Russia with the IRC Medal, keynote speaker ACS President Dr Catherine Hunt on "Reigniting Our Commitment to Science and Technology", an exceptional Job Fair where students and companies lined up to meet and interview, and an outstanding number of new exhibitors including a contingent from China. The Division is planning to continue with the pavilions in the future and add more, such as the TPE Pavilion. Remember that next year's meetings will be held on April 28-30, 2008 (173rd Technical Meeting) in Dearborn MI, on May 1-2, 2008 (Second TPE Conference) in Dearborn MI, and October 14-16, 2008 (Rubber Mini Expo and 174th Technical Meeting & Business Summit) in Louisville KY.

2. Division Councilor John Long from DSM Copolymer LLC was recently elected as the 2008 Executive Chairman for the International Rubber Conference Organization Committee (IRCO). He will work with the organization's Secretary-General in coordinating the work of the Committee, ensuring continuity from one meeting to the next. Mr. Long is one of two delegates representing the United States on the IRCO.

3. The Division's Executive Committee recently approved the new Division Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan. You can find the plan on our web site, www.rubber.org. The December Steering Committee meeting will assign committee chairs and staff to build Business Plans to implement the overall Strategic Plan over the next 3-5 years. Our new Vision and Mission are: (Vision) "Enhancing science, technology and business across the evolving elastomeric community", and (Mission) "To expand the elastomeric profession and individual development through educational, technical and interactive activities".

4. The New York and Philadelphia Rubber Groups completed their merger into the New England Rubber & Plastics Group. The Boston and Rhode Island Rubber Groups completed their merger into the MidAtlantic Rubber & Plastics Group. The Central Illinois Rubber Group was recently merged by absorption into the Chicago Rubber Group. All groups remain 501(c)(3) organizations and Subdivisions of the Rubber Division. This brings the total number of Rubber Groups to 20 plus 3 Affiliated Technical Organizations, all holding Area Director positions on the Rubber Division's Executive Committee.

5. Gary Horning from Polymer Valley Chemicals was elected as Division Chair-Elect for 2008 and Jacques Arseneault from Tech Pro was elected as Division Directors' Representative-Elect for 2008. Al Feit from Veyance Technologies moves up to the Division Chair position in 2008.

6. Gary Horning has led a task force throughout 2007 to develop special celebration activities and programs for the Division's Centennial Celebration in 2009. A new logo and Centennial theme have been selected and a Centennial Book is being written by Hank Inman, formerly with Goodyear, and should be completed next year. We are also planning a formal banquet at the spring 2009 meeting as well as an informal birthday bash at the fall 2009 meeting. A number of other events are being discussed and will be shown next year on our web site



WINTER TECHNICAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008
HILTON GARDEN INN, TWINSBURG, OHIO
8971 WILCOX DRIVE, PHONE 330-405-4488

AGENDA:

4:00 - Registration
4:30 - Technical Presentations
6:00 - Cocktail Hour
7:00 - Dinner

TECHNICAL *Presentations:*

**Comparison of Processability Parameters of Raw
Polymers to Final Vulcanized Rubber Properties**

JULIE ORLANDO, TECH PRO

Internal Mixing and Mixing Parameters

RICH JORKASKY, KOBELCO

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Dear Ohio Rubber Group Members;

I am now officially retired from the position of Recording Secretary. It has been my great pleasure to serve with the various rubber groups throughout the years. All of the wonderful people that I met and worked with will certainly be missed. Thank you so much for the good wishes, cards and gift. I will be at the meeting in January and look forward to seeing everyone.

Sincerely,
Bev Lipinski

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