

The Newsletter of the Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers Our 50<sup>th</sup> Year of Education and Service to the Plastics Industry

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#### Costs, Schedules, Reservations

Member	\$40.00
Member and Spouse	\$65.00
Member and Guest	\$70.00
Student	\$25.00
Registration	5:30 p.m.
Dinner and	6:00 p.m.
Presentation	

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# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala



Wednesday, April 29, 2009 5:30 p.m.

# **Firestone Country Club**

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**"50 Years of SPE"** by Gail Bristol, Director of The SPE Education Foundation, Past SPE Liaison with Sections and Divisions

"Value of SPE" by Joseph E. Pfeiffer, Councilor

"Honoring the Past 50 Years of the Akron Section of SPE" by Vivian E. Malpass, Past President of SPE and the Akron and South East Ohio Sections of SPE

Please join us for this Gala Event to celebrate 50 years of the Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers.

See page 3 for speaker biographies

 Next meeting – May 18, 2009
 Board meeting – April 6, 5:30 p.m. at SteerAmerica





Hello Everyone,

For the past 50 years, our Section has served it members by providing technical and social events tied into the plastics industry. This year is no different, as we are looking forward to having our members participate in our 2009 Gala 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event this month. This is the big event we have been building up to all year with our monthly technical meetings and celebrations. I hope to see more of our members at our planned events through the rest of the year, including our annual awards banquet where scholarships are given to those outstanding students who are interested in careers in our industry.

Thanks to all the members who participated in our tour of Lockheed Martin in March. It is always exciting to catch a glimpse of one of our local industry leaders who is developing new advances in the plastics industry.

As our industry continues to grow, the Akron Section wants to grow with it and you, providing our membership with the activities, events and information that interests you the most. We want your participation in as many activities as possible in the upcoming year and want to hear from you on the types of events and activities that interest you. Please feel free to contact me with your suggestions and feedback. I am looking forward to seeing more new faces at our schedule of events throughout the upcoming year.

I look forward to seeing you at the rest of our 2009 monthly meetings and events.

Sincerely,

Joe Mattingly, President



The Akron Section is in need of New Board Members as this year continues. Please consider becoming a Board Member to help support your Section. Contact anyone currently on the board (see page 12) if you are interested.

**Thank You!** 





#### **Biography of Speakers**

#### Gail R. Bristol

Gail R. Bristol is Managing Director, Foundation and Corporate Outreach for the Society of Plastics Engineers in Brookfield, CT. A graduate of Alfred State College (Alfred, NY), Ms. Bristol has been employed by SPE for 28 years. She worked for 18 of those years in the Field Services area as liaison to the Society's Sections, Divisions, Special Interest Groups and Student Chapters. For the last ten years, she has concentrated on managing The SPE Foundation, SPE's philanthropic arm; SPE's awards programs; and the Society's corporate outreach efforts. Prior to her employment by the Society, she was Assistant Town Clerk in Brookfield, CT, worked for the Brookfield, CT school system, and for Kistler Instrument Corporation (then located in Clarence, NY). A member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, the American Society of Association



Executives and the Council of Engineering and Scientific Society Executives, she also does volunteer work for the American Cancer Society and serves as Treasurer for her community association.

#### Joseph E. Pfeiffer

Joe Pfeiffer worked as a chemist for the Santoprene business for over 28 years and helped develop several product lines around the utilization of additives in thermoplastic elastomers. He has a master's degree in chemistry from the University of Michigan and a B.S. degree in the same field from Central Michigan University. Joe is a past president of the Akron SPE chapter and has also served as secretary, program chair, and newsletter editor. He currently is working as an adjunct professor at Stark State College and is also consulting on thermoplastic elastomers. Joe resides in Bath with his wife and has two daughters and one grandson.

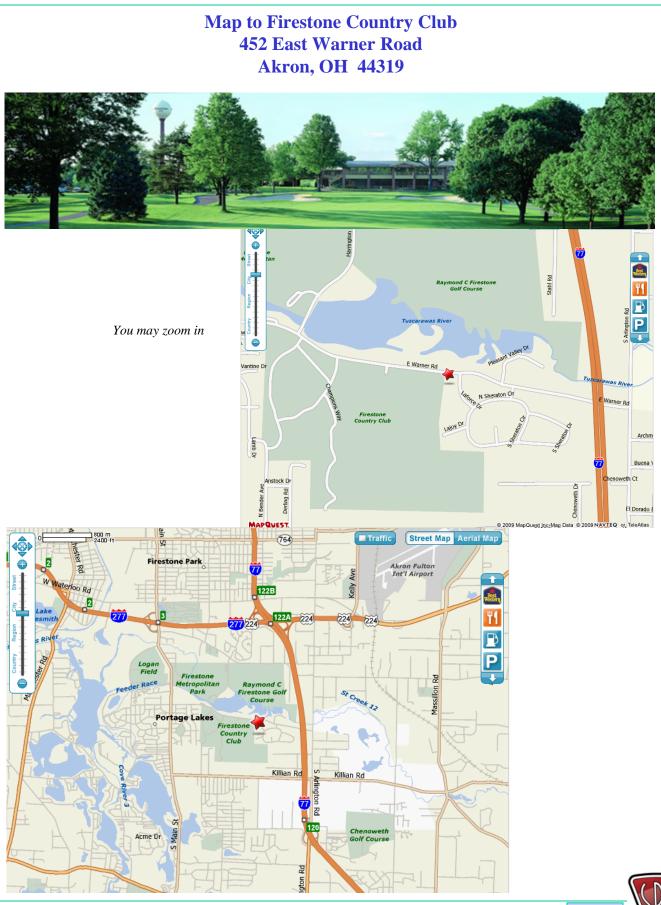
#### Vivian Malpass

Viv Malpass is a Past President and Distinguished Member of SPE International, Past President of the Akron Section and South East Ohio Section of SPE and the Plastics Pioneers Association. His career in plastics spans over 48 years starting in 1960 with Midland Silicones in Barry, S. Wales, UK and continuing in the US with Borg-Warner, Rohm and Haas, Ferro, Furon, Plasticolors and Tek-Mark International, his own plastics consulting company. He has published over 35 technical papers and book chapters, given numerous technical presentations and been General Chairman of a number of SPE Conferences. He is currently an SPE seminar instructor on Thermoplastic Elastomers and is most proud of establishing the Intersociety Polymer Education Task Force or IPED which lead to the Polymer Ambassador



Program which teaches teachers about polymers and plastics. Since its inception in 1992 this program has been instrumental in reaching out to over 4 million school children and encouraged them to follow careers in science and technology and particularly polymers and plastics.





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#### **PolymerOhio Internships**

The Third Frontier Internship Program links Ohio students with rewarding internship opportunities that provide hands-on experience within Ohio's private-sector business community. The goal is to build a young talented workforce for the future and assist students in gaining valuable work experience that can lead to permanent full-time employment in Ohio after graduation.

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	Tangier		Gordon Corky Keeler
	1000300		Guy's Party Centre
Oct. 27	A Schulman—A Global Company		
	A Schulman Technical Center,	Feb. 23	Moldmaking for Today and
	Tour, Joe Ocampo		<b>Tomorrow,</b> Fremont Plastic Molds,
	Royal Buffet		Daryle Damschroder
			Martin Center
Nov. 24	Polymers at the University of	Mar. 23	Lockheed Martin takes Akron to
1101121	Akron—Past, Present and Future,	101411 20	New Heights, Lockheed Martin,
	Frank Kelley, Miko Cakmak,		Tour, Clark Reed
	Sue Louscher, Sadhan Jana		Guy's Party Centre
			Guy s Furty Centre
	Martin Center	A	50th American Cala Nicht
		Apr. 29	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Night
Dec. 15	Holiday Social		Firestone CC
	Tangier		
		May 18	<b>Awards Night</b> Raintree CC

#### The Akron Polymer Training Center Congratulates The Akron Section of SPE!



# Thank you for providing outstanding service to the plastics industry for 50 years. We wish you continued success!

The Akron Polymer Training Center is committed to provide quality training courses for the plastics and rubber industries. Our classes are taught by University of Akron faculty and industry professionals. Visit our website at **www2.uakron.edu/aptc** for a complete list of our current course offerings.

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# Akron Section SPE Past Presidents

50 years of excellence

1959-1960	Donald F. Siddall
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1965-1966	John R. Russell
1966-1967	Clyde H. Jones
1967-1968	Alan Corry, Jr.
1968-1969	Bernard M. Saffian
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1970-1971	Robert G. Hills
1971-1972	John J. Satterfield
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1973-1974	Francis J. Maurer
1974-1975	Leverett A. Anderson, Jr.
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1976-1977	Richard L. Fleshman
1977-1978	David Curtis
1978-1979	John A. Zelek, Jr.
1979-1980	Gerald W. Whitnable
1980-1981	Kathleen N. Bechter
1981-1982	Victor E. Giuffrida
1982-1983	James Steiner

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#### Technical Assistance Initiated On Akron SPE Web Site

Do you have a technical question on plastics, polymers, rubbers, etc. Our web site now has a place where you can detail your question and the Akron SPE Board will use their collective knowledge and resources to answer your questions. Check it out at www.akronspe.org. If you post a question we will post it in the following newsletter along with the answer.



### Minutes of Board Meeting – March 2, 2009

Call to Order: 5:30 PM. at SteerAmerica, Inc.

Present: Joe Mattingly, Bob Wegelin and Tony Dean (scribe)

Absent - Kevin Malpass, Lloyd Goettler, Kaan Gunes, Sadhan Jana, Alexei Melnikov, Joe Pfeiffer, Michael Gintert, Dave Katz, Gary Taylor, Vivian Malpass, Dave Schultz and Reza Sadeghi

President: Joe Mattingly

- Joe stated that three members did not constitute a quorum.

- Only 14 people, including speaker, attending the February 23 meeting. Joe was concerned about meeting attendance for the balance of the year. The attendance at the Lockeed Martin tour should be good. Gala Night attendance is a concern. Everything should be done to publicize the Gala Night.

Past President: Viv Malpass – No report.

President-Elect: Dave Katz - No report.

**Treasurer:** Gary Taylor – Joe Mattingly, for Gary Taylor, reported that the national rebate has been reduced to \$1500.

Councilor: Joe Pfeiffer – No report.

Secretary: David Schultz. Minutes not approved due to lack of quorum. Tony Dean was acting secretary.

#### Awards: Hall of Honor

- Picture of Hall of Honor Awardees were removed from the Polymer Science Building. They will be converted to digital format and placed on the wall at the Polymer Engineering Center.

- Joe Mattingly contacted Bruce Ford, photographer who took Hall of Honor pictures, and got an estimate of \$20 per picture for providing low and high resolution pictures to us. Total cost is \$400 to \$500.

- Joe Mattingly to send out e-mail to board for approval.

Newsletter: Dave Katz - Joe Mattingly, for Dave Katz, states March newsletter has been sent out.

Membership: Reza Sadeghi – No report.

**Program and 50th Anniversary:** Joe Mattingly/Vivian Malpass Everything on schedule. Need to work for good attendance at Gala Night.

Student Chapter: Alexei Melinkov - Joe Mattingly for Alexei Melnikov

- Polymer Awareness Day postponed to June 17, 2009.

- Career day being planned for March/April. Hope to have some participation involvement from Akron SPE board members.

Education Committee: BOARD – No report.



# Minutes of Board Meeting – March 2 (cont.)

#### Education Foundation: Bob Wegelin.

- Meeting with Merrill Lynch scheduled for March 30, 2009.

- Scholarship brochure and application form were updated. Contact list for area schools was updated. Forms and brochures sent to 190 high school contacts.

- Bob Wegelin and Michael Gintert have been receiving applications from students. Bob and Michael to meet in the near future to decide processing the applications.

#### Public Interest / Website: Tony Dean

- Tony Dean reported that website has been updated.
- Joe Mattingly suggested that announcements of coming meetings be displayed on the home page.
- Tony Dean will contact Polysort to have meeting announcements prominently displayed on the Home Page.
- Tony Dean will put upcoming meeting announcements in the Akron Beacon Journal and elsewhere.

Advertising: Dave Katz - No report.

Fall Golf: No report.House: No report.ACESS: No report.Polymer Ohio: No report.Communications: No report.

Old Business: No report.

New Business: No report.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

**Closing Comments:** The next meeting of the Akron SPE Board of Directors will be Monday, April 6, 2008 at SteerAmerica, Inc. starting at 5:30 p.m.







# **Membership Report**

Akron had 4 new members join in February. Our membership number is at **360.** 

We had no transfers in or out of our section.

Membership chair, Reza Sadeghi

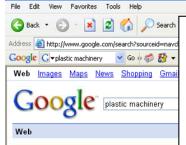
<u>New Members</u> - Say "hello and thanks for joining" if you know the following:

John Braver, student at the Case Western Reserve University Joe Nogosek, Johnsonite Company Sharad Thakkar, Polymer Technologies Felix Zacarias, ExxonMobil



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#### **Akron Section Society of Plastics Engineers, Inc.**

The Akron Society of Plastics Engineers Educational Foundation operates exclusively for the benefit of and to carry out the purposes of the Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers, Inc., which is to promote scientific and engineering knowledge relating to plastics by making educational scholarship grants to deserving students in the field of plastics engineering and related subjects. The Organization is supported primarily by contributions from the Akron Society of Plastics Engineers, the Society's individual members and corporations like yours affiliated with the polymer industry.

Since the inception in 1988, the Akron Society of Plastics Engineers Educational Foundation has grown to its current position through the hard work of many volunteers and the generosity of the local business community. Over the twelve years that the foundation has been in existence, it has provided scholarships to over 250 young men and women, totaling in excess of \$200,000 to assist them in furthering their careers in the polymer industry.

Our goal is to continue to grow the assets of the Foundation in order to increase the number of scholarships awarded as well as the size of the awards, and to do so in perpetuity. In doing this, we hope to be able to contribute to the supply of well-trained individuals to support the growth of the polymer industry in the Northeast Ohio area today and well into the future.

When the Foundation began its fund raising activities in 1988, we offered those companies who contributed \$30,000 a scholarship in their name. To date we have three named scholarships – *Omnova, Rubbermaid* and *Goodyear*. We are asking your company to help with the growth of well-trained individuals in the local polymer industry. Please check below:

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Our named scholarship donors are recognized at the annual Awards Night of the Akron Society of Plastics Engineers. We invite you to present your donation at our Awards Night, which will be scheduled in May.

We are looking forward to your support of this very worthwhile cause by your fine company. Please contact me at 330-414-1498 or e-mail at robert.wegelin@sbcglobal.net with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Bob Wegelin, Chairman Akron Section Society of Plastics Engineers, Education Foundation Committee



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address:			
	General Management Manufacturing Self-Employed Student		
address:	□ Marketing/Sales □ Tech Support		
city: state:	Cher Cher		
zip: country:	Materials (choose all that apply) Composites Polyolefins		
zip: country: Phone/Fax Format: USA & Canada: (xxx) xxx-xxxx All Others: +xx(xx) x xxx xxxx	Film     Polystyrene		
Work Phone: Fax:	General Interest  Kylon  General Interest  Thermoset		
Work Phone: Fax:	□ PÉT □ Vinyls		
Email: used for society business only	□ Foam/Thermoplastics □ No Interest		
	Process (choose all that apply) Blow Molding Injection Molding		
Home Address:	Compression		
address;	Compounding Product Design		
	Engineering Properties     Construction     Constructin     Construction     Construction     Construction     Construct		
city: state:	□ Fabrication □ General Interest		
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zip: country:	The SPE Online Membership Directory is included with		
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□ Euro** (€124.00) □ Euro** (€224.00) □ Euro** (€23.	00) Membership Amount		
My Primary Division is (choose from below)	Primary Division FREE		
Additional Divisions are available for a fee. Check below to select Additional Divisions.			
Additives & Color Europe (D45)	Additional Division(s)		
Automotive (D31)     Mold Making & Mold Design (D     Blow Molding (D30)     Plastics Environmental (D40)	costs for each Additional Division		
Color & Appearance (D21)	<b>1yr. 2 yrs.</b> US \$10.00 \$20.00		
Composites (D39)     Decorating & Assembly (D34)     Product Design & Developmen			
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□ Engineering Properties & Structure (D26) □ Thermoforming (D25)			
Extrusion (D22)       Thermoforming, European (D4:         Flexible Packaging (D44)       Thermoplastic Materials & Foa			
□ Injection Molding (D23) □ Thermoset (D28)	TOTAL		
Marketing & Management (D37)     Vinyl Plastics (D27)			
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