



INSPIRING PLASTICS PROFESSIONALS CHICAGO SECTION



January 2022 Newsletter

Happy Holidays SPE Members,

As 2022 draws to a close and we look forward, the Chicago Section of SPE wants to wish all of you a safe and festive holiday season. We also want to thank those who attended our educational and social events; John Bozzelli — Injection Molding, Mike Sepe — Material Choices by Design, Hot Topics in Medical, and of course our annual Golf Outing. Looking back it has been a busy year after two years of hibernation. We also want to thank the SPE Sections that partnered with Chicago to make these events successful; Milwaukee Section, PD3, & the Medical Section. We could not have done all of this without their support and collaboration. Lastly, I am personally thankful for the board members who regularly meet and support the group with their generous donations of time. It means so much to me personally that I can count on these people for support and they include; **Kim Rush, Matt Johnson, Chad Sypkens, Mark Wolverton, Glenn Beall, Kinda Abu Hawash, Brad Martin, Jakub Lison, Mercedes Landazuri, Adrian Hogg, Gaurav Nagalia, Ray Wyer, Nick Sotos, & Dan DeSimone.**

We look forward to 2023 and hope you will join us as we continue to inspire plastic professionals.

Season's Greetings,

Paul Calhoon

SPE Chicago Section President



Our Vision

What do we do? SPE Chicago is here to support, educate, and inspire professionals in the plastic industry to grow and enhance market innovation. This requires people who are creative, self-motivated, and have a willingness to give generously of their time and talents. If you wish to be a part of the board or support future events join us. I can be reached via email at pcalhoon@rhetechnology.com and will share more details with you.

Plans for the New Year

We are looking for new or additional ways to support our section. We have had several inquiries from technical sections that wish to partner with Chicago in hosting events, conferences, and educational seminars in the Chicagoland area. If you have a topic worthy of building an event around, please let me know by emailing me at pcalhoon@rhetechnology.com.

2023 Golf Outing

When: June 26, 2023

Where: Seven Bridges, Woodridge, IL

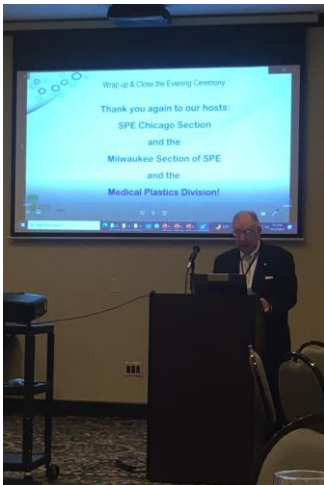
Registration: www.spechicago.org

This is a great event and significant fund raising event for the sections commitment to college scholarships and local support of the PLASTIVAN program.

Consider having your company outing with SPE!



Hot Topics in Medical
Len Czuba



Glenn Beall

CHICAGO SPE BOARD MEMBER IN THE NEWS

In 2020 the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) created the EMERITUS BOARD MEMBER” category. The purpose of this new category was to acknowledge SPE members who had many years of experience serving on the Sections and Division Boards of Directors. It was hoped that this special recognition would encourage senior members to remain active in order to pass on to the younger upcoming SPE leaders what they had learned about managing Section and Divisions.

SPE’s Medical Plastics Division (MPD) chose Glenn Beall as their first Emeritus Board Member. Glenn is a founding member of the MPD. He has been a member of the division since it was chartered in 1980 and served as its chairman from 1984-1985.

He served on the Board of Directors from 1981 to the present.

The 2020 pandemic prevented the MPD from holding their planned induction ceremony during that year’s annual meeting. That problem was rectified on October 12, 2022 with a joint induction ceremony arranged by the MPD and the Milwaukee and Chicago SPE sections.

The fifty or so attended the meeting and were treated to four excellent short lectures on emerging hot topics in the medical device industry. The presenters were Maureen Reitman of Exponent Corp, Rob Klein of Atricare, Inc., Pierre Moulinie of Covestro, and Louis Somlai of Eli Lilly & Co. These timely topics generated an abnormally large number of questions. This may be the result of each questioner being given a four piece, impossible Winzeler gear train and a piece of candy.

Len Czuba then introduced Glenn Beall and presented him with his Emeritus Trophy. Glenn gave a brief review of the founding of the MPD and his many years as a member of the MPD and its Board of Directors.

Glenn concluded his comments by thanking the Milwaukee and Chicago Section for co-sponsoring the event. A special thanks went to the MPD and their four speakers who made the meeting a success. He then thanked everyone for attending and wished them a safe trip home.

The Chicago section SPE Educational Foundation then announced that they are establishing the “Patsy and Glenn L. Beall Chicago SPE Endowed Scholarship for Plastics” students at the Pennsylvania College of Technology.

In a separate October 20, 2022 ceremony Glenn Beall was inducted as a member of the STARK COUNTY ALUMMI HALL OF FAME. This annual program was created to acknowledge and reward the accomplishments of people who used what they learned in the Stark County Educational System to excel in educational, scientific, commercial or personal accomplishments that reflect positively on Stark County and their education system.

Glenn and Patsy Beall were born, raised and educated in Stark County, Illinois. They started dating in high school. They married in 1953 and had a fairytale marriage until cancer took Patsy in 2014.

After Glenn graduated from Bradley University in 1957 they left Stark County to pursue a career in the thriving Plastics Industry in and around Chicago, Illinois.

The Induction ceremony was conducted by Brett Elliot, Superintendent of Stark County Schools. He reviewed Glenn’s major accomplishments and introduced him to the audience that consisted of over 400 Stark County students and approximately 40 family and friends.

In his acceptance comments Glenn said that for the past 64 years he has resided in the Chicago area, but he always considered Stark County as his real home.

He reviewed his life and education in Stark County and how they contributed to success in his professional and personal life. He finished his comments by thanking his nephew, Mr. James Langdon, a Stark County High School teacher who had submitted his name to the selection committee. Glenn also thanked the Board of Education for the Alumni Hall of Fame Award and the honor that goes

Louis Somlai



Maureen Reitman



Pierre Moulinie



Rob Klein



SPE Chicago is grateful for your support. We believe this is money well spent. The Girl Scouts wanted inspire Scouts in the polymer sciences, and working with Eve Vitale – Chief Executive SPE Foundation and Mercedes Landazuri – Councilor SPE Color & Appearance Division who responded to a request from the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas to collaborate with them on creating a STEM based badge. When the Detroit Automotive SPE Section learned of the financial needs to create the badge they committed to matching the first \$10,000 in donations from other SPE Sections. SPE Chicago and the SPE Chicago Education Foundation each contributed \$2,500 for a total of \$5,000. While the badge will first be introduced in Northeast Texas, the badge will be made available to the Chicago Girls Scouts in the next roll out. Thank you members for your support in our events to help support these causes! This is an ongoing effort and if you wish to contribute directly you can at <https://give.4spe.org/campaign/spe-girl-scout-patch-program-for-givingtuesday/c429544>



From the www.4SPE.org - In collaboration with the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas, the SPE Foundation has created its first SPE Color Your World with Polymer Science Girl Scout patch! To earn the patch, Girl Scouts see first-hand how scientists and engineers are improving the world by developing new materials to make items like shoes, bike helmets, car parts, and more.

We need your help to bring this patch to more Girl Scout councils around the country and to create a second patch focused on Biopolymers and Sustainability.

Help us share the exciting world of polymer science with young aspiring female STEM leaders! Let's show the Girls Scouts that SPE supports their future in STEM!

PLASTIVAN! Mark Wolverton – PlastiVan Educator has been working with students for nearly four years and inspiring them on the positive impacts plastics have in their lives. Until educated, many students take for granted all the necessities in their lives that are better because of polymers; backpacks, cell phones, laptops, shoes, cloths, water bottles. As stated on their website (www.plastivan.org) – “Students are educated about the chemistry, history, processing, manufacturing, and sustainability of plastics and how the science and real-world applications relate to their everyday lives.”



Students learn of the space between the molecules

PlastiVan educates an average of 1,200 Chicagoland students per year. The cost is \$1750 per day to provide the students with the materials, and a qualified educator to teach them. **If you would like to sponsor PlastiVan and/or know of Chicagoland area school that would be interested in having this STEM based introduction to polymers taught in their school you can contact Mark Wolverton via email at MWolverton@4spe.org**

Book Your Company's 2023 Golf Outing with SPE at www.SPEChicago.org

If you've ever had to coordinate a corporate golf outing you know the amount of work that goes into it to make it a successful event. Therefore, have your outing within the SPE's outing where we will coordinate tee times, prizes, food & beverages, and a day that you can enjoy rather than coordinate. **Contact Matt Johnson at mjohnson@jmpolymers.com.**



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