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| **Our Next Event is…**  **The Basics of Rubber Technology, 2014**  **Tuesday, March 18th – Thursday, March 20th**  SKF Sealing Solutions 900 North State Street  Elgin, IL 60123    To find out more about our Rubber Course and how to sign up, please visit our homepage on the internet at:  <http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org>  **In This Issue of the Newsletter…**   * President's Message * 2014 Schedule of Events * Meeting Donors and 2014 Donation Appeal * 2014 Board Election Results * 2014 CRG Executive Board Update * 2014 Rubber Course Announcement and Preview * Scholarship and Education Awards Update * Membership and Renewal * Newsletter Advertisement Renewal Reminder * Rubber Division ACS Report  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **2014 CRG Schedule of Events** | | | | **Event** | **Anticipated Date** | **Anticipated Location** | | **The Basics of Rubber Technology Course** | March  18th-20th | SKF Sealing Solutions, Elgin, IL | | **Spring Technical Meeting** | May 13th | Hawks View Golf Club, Lake Geneva, WI | | **CRG Chicago Golf Outing** | Jul. 17th | Hilton’s Indian Lakes Resort, Bloomingdale, IL | | **CRG Wisconsin Golf Outing** | Aug. 13th | Hawk's View Golf Club, Lake Geneva, WI | | **Fall Technical Meeting** | Sept. 25th | White Pines, Bensenville, IL | | **President’s Message** Welcome to 2014! This arctic blast of snow and cold has me looking forward to spring and the much warmer weather.  As we begin the new year, there are many activities happening in 2014. First, the always popular and educational, Basics of Rubber Technology Course at SKF Sealing Solutions in Elgin IL. This course is three days with some of the best educators in the industry. I attended this course in 2008 and not only was this course valuable to my position here at SKF, but I was able to learn more about the people in the CRG organization. After the first day of class at this course, the CRG Education Committee has organized a social night for the course attendees to meet with the presenters and the Chicago Rubber Group Board members in a more unstructured setting.  In addition to our Rubber course, there are two golf outings to attend. The first golf outing is at Indian Lakes golf resort in Bloomingdale IL in July and the other is at Hawks View Golf Club in Lake Geneva, WI in August. These golf outings are a great way to meet others in the Rubber Industry and a perfect excuse to get out and work on your golf game.  We will also have two technical meetings. The Spring Technical meeting will be held at Hawks View Golf Club in Lake Geneva, WI in May. The Fall Technical meeting will be held in September. Please check the Chicago Rubber Group website for dates, times, guest speakers and locations for these activities.  So get involved! Come to the Rubber Course, a golf outing or meeting and bring others that might also find our organization beneficial to your career. All these activities are great ways to network and meet others in the Rubber industry.  Lastly, thank you to all the board members and Committee Chairs for making all these activities possible.  I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming CRG event!  Michelle A. Rodriguez, President  **The Chicago Rubber Group, Inc.** | **President**  Michelle Rodriguez  *SKF Aerospace*  **Vice President**  Jessica Petras  *Chem Rep*  **Treasurer, Editor and Webmaster**  Mark Hlinak  *RotaDyne*  **Secretary**  Yan Fayman  *SKF Sealing Solutions*  **Past President**  Howard Robins  **Rubber Division Area Director**  Leonard Thomas  **Manufacturer Directors**  Rick Davies  *Preferred Rubber*  Deidre Tucker  *SKF Sealing Solutions*  **Supplier Directors**  Mark Guzzaldo  *Harwick Standard Distribution*  Tim Peterschmidt  *Barton Solvents*  **Scholarship Chair**  Richard Alt  **Membership Chair**  Paul Stoeck  *Trostel Ltd.*  **Parliamentarian /**  **Registered Agent**  Mike Amis,  *American Phoenix, Inc.*  **Historian / Education Chair**  Ron Coia – Retired  **Necrology**  Paul Miller – Retired  **Golf Outing Chairs**  Mike Szymborski  *Trostel Ltd.*  Mike Collins  *Barton Solvents* |

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| **2014 Donation Appeal**  The Chicago Rubber Group would like to thank the companies and individuals that have contributed to our group in 2013, especially those who chose to give a $300 annual donation, namely **Harwick Standard Distribution and Chem Rep**. Annual donations account for:   * **$150** for the CRG Chicago Golf Outing and * **$75** each for the Spring and Fall Technical Meetings   Donations help to fund our scholarships, technical meetings, and other interesting programs. The continuing success of YOUR Chicago Rubber Group depends on help from YOU and YOUR COMPANY. To see how else the CRG puts your donations to work, go to our Donations page:  <http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/donations.htm>  Please forward your ANNUAL DONATION in the amount of **$300** to:  **Mark Hlinak**  **CRG Treasurer**  **RotaDyne**  **2512 West 24th Street**  **Chicago, IL 60608**  …Or make your donation online using a major credit card from our Payments Page:  <http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/payments.htm>  **CRG Election Results 2014**  The CRG Board Election for 2014 concluded on December 20th, 2013. Only 26 ballots were cast thereby unanimously electing Yan Fayman from SKF Sealing Solutions to the 2014 Board as Secretary. Moving up in the ranks of the Board this year are incoming Treasurer, Mark Hlinak, incoming Vice President, Jessica Petras, as well as incoming and first ever female President, Michelle Rodriguez. Congratulations to all of our incoming Board members, and thank you for all of your time and efforts! A full list of Board Members is available here:  <http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/executive_board.htm>  **Scholarship Update**  The CRG is now accepting applications for the 2014 Harold Stark Memorial Scholarship and nominations for the 2014 Robert Kann Educational Award. The Stark Scholarship is $1000 awarded annually for four years to a deserving graduating high school senior with the highest ACT test score. The Kann Award is $1000 awarded to someone who is already working in the rubber industry nominated by his or her peers to defray the cost of ongoing training or continuing education. 2014 will also see the return of the Boris N. Dinzburg Education Award, which is a $375 reimbursement of course fees at the upcoming Spring Basics of Rubber Technology Course. | *Scholarship Update (cont’d)…*  In 2013, the Stark winner was Joseph May who attended High School at York Community High School in Elmhurst, IL. He now attends college at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, MI. The winner of the 2013 Kann Award was Jim Krough from MC Products. Special thanks to his coworker Kathy Hurka for nominating Jim. Please click below to go to our Scholarship Page to find out more about the winners and our scholarship programs:  <http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/scholarships.htm>  **2014 Basics of Rubber Technology Course**  The CRG’s 2014 Basics of Rubber Technology Course is expected to be held at SKF Sealing Solutions in Elgin, IL from **March 18th through the 20th of 2014**. This course is held every two years by the CRG, and we are looking forward to another successful session in 2014. The CRG Education Committee met in November of 2013 to wrap up planning for this course. We have begun gathering a slate of speakers and instructors for the course. A tentative schedule is available for download at our website.  2014 will mark the second awarding of the Boris N. Dinzburg Educational Award during the course, which amounts to reimbursement of course sign-up fees to one student attending the course – a $375 value.  **The deadline to sign up for this course is February 18th, 2014. Don’t wait to sign up – past courses have filled up quickly!** To read more about the course, go to our Rubber Course Page or click below to download the sign-up form:  <http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/rubber_course.htm>  <http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/Rubber_Course_Application_Form.doc>  **Renew or Begin your Newsletter Advertisement**  Further help our group by placing your business card-sized advertisement in this newsletter, and on our website. Begin or renew your advertisement for 2014 now! Your newsletter advertisement helps pay for the cost of distribution of the newsletter as well as maintenance and up-keep of the CRG’s website. Click below to download the signup form.  <http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/newsletter_ad_form.pdf>  **Rubber Division ACS Update**  Please click one of the links below to see the latest on what’s going on in the Rubber Division, as well as our Area Director, Leonard Thomas’s 2013 Division Accomplishments Report.  [http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/RDACS.htm](http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/golf_outings.htm) and  <http://www.rubber.org>  **Joining Our Group and Renewing Your Membership**  Help support the CRG by paying your dues!  If you haven't already for 2014, join or renew your membership today by visiting our Membership Page. The deadline to sign up or renew for 2014 is January 31st, 2014:  <http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/membership.htm> |