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Our Next Event is...

The Basics of Rubber Technology 2012

March 21st – 23rd, 2012
 SKF Sealing Solutions
 900 N. State St.
 Elgin, Illinois

To Find Out More About the Rubber Course and How to Sign Up, Go to our Homepage:

<http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org>

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2012 CRG Schedule of Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Anticipated Date</u>	<u>Anticipated Location</u>
The Basics of Rubber Technology Course	Mach. 21 st - 23 rd	SKF Sealing Solutions, Elgin, IL
Spring Technical Meeting	May 8 th	Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva, WI
CRG Chicago Golf Outing	Jul. 19th	Hilton's Indian Lakes Resort, Bloomingdale, IL
CRG Wisconsin Golf Outing	Aug. 15th	Hawk's View Golf Club, Lake Geneva, WI
Fall Technical Meeting	Sept. 20th	The Doubletree, Arlington Heights, IL

President's Message

Hello Chicago Rubber Group and Happy 2012!

We have a fresh new year to look forward to, and I am going to be looking toward many of you for assistance and suggestions for programs, speakers and any other innovative ideas you may have to make all of our Chicago Rubber Group experience the most fulfilling it can be. I want to know what you all are looking to learn, and who we want to meet, who we want to learn from.

Please make a note that our board meeting is JANUARY 25th, 2012, and we are meeting at Bob Chinn's Crab House, Wheeling, IL, for a luncheon and having our meeting immediately following, so bring your ideas for this year.

I would like to take this opportunity also to say thank you to our outgoing President, Rich Alt for his hard work and a job well done last year.

Our 2011 golf outings came together with the hard work of Mike Szymborski and Tim Day. We had a great time, and some of us even played some pretty good golf! We are all looking forward to our 2012 outings, so, please be sure to bring forward any thoughts or ideas for improving this year's golf outings! Let's be creative! If you have an off the wall idea, bring it, and let see if we can make it work.

Regarding Golf Outings, Mike Collins from Barton Solvents will be taking over for Tim Day as CRG Wisconsin Golf Outing Chair beginning in 2012. I'd like to thank Tim for his efforts in the past, and Mike for volunteering in his place going forward.

Our scholarship program however is the most important component of our group. This year I would like to keep it our primary focus, and again, this is an area where any innovative ideas and thoughts would be welcomed. We need to remind our friends and colleges of the importance of this program and the opportunities that the scholarship program offers to our area youth.

Our Basics of Rubber Technology Course will be offered this year! It will be held at SKF Sealing Solutions in Elgin and will start on March 21, 2012 and run through March 23, 2012. I would like to Thank Ron Coia and his team for their work on this program. If you know of anyone who may benefit from this course, they should by all means take it. The course has received great feedback in the past, and this year's course looks to be another good one. The deadline for course sign-up is February 17th, so sign up today to avoid the waiting list!

As I look out across the snow-free landscape – I am keeping my fingers crossed that the snow keeps falling at its present rate!

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2012 Donation Appeal

The Chicago Rubber Group would like to thank the companies and individuals that have contributed to our group in 2011. To see how your donation helps our group, go to our Donations page:

<http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/donations.htm>

Please forward annual donations for 2012 in the suggested amount of \$300 or September Technical Meeting Donations in the suggested amount of \$50 to:

Michelle Rodriguez
CRG Treasurer
SKF Aerospace
900 North State Street
Elgin, IL 60123

...Or make your donation online using a major credit card from our Payments Page:

<http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/payments.htm>

Annual donations of \$300 account for \$150 donation for the CRG Chicago Golf Outing and \$50 for each CRG technical session (including the one now held at the Chicago Golf Outing).

2012 CRG Executive Board Update

CRG Elections were held in September of 2011. Jessica Petras from Chem Rep will join the CRG Board this year as the new Secretary with Mike Amis, Howard Robins, and Michelle Rodriguez all moving up one position as President, Vice President and Treasurer respectively. The CRG Board of Directors also takes on a new shape with Manufacturer Directors Mark Hlinak and Rick Davies, as well as Supplier Directors Tim Peterschmidt and Mark Guzzaldo beginning three year terms. Please join us in welcoming new board members Jessica Petras, Mark Hlinak and Tim Peterschmidt, and congratulations to the rest of the Board for winning their respective positions. To contact anyone on the CRG Board, click below to go to the Executive Board page of the website:

http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/Executive_Board.htm

Joining Our Group and Renewing Your Membership

Help support the CRG with your membership! Now is the time to begin or renew your membership with the Chicago Rubber Group for the 2012 membership year. Visit our Membership Page for details:

<http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/membership.htm>

Scholarship Update

The CRG is now accepting applications for the 2012 Harold Stark Memorial Scholarship, and nomination forms for the 2012 Robert Kann Education Award. Both forms are available for download at our Scholarships Page. The deadline for both the Stark application and Kann nomination form is **March 1st, 2012**. The Boris N. Dinzborg Memorial Education Award will also be given to one of the Basics of Rubber Technology Course Participants this year, so be aware of that if you plan to attend the rubber course, as you may have your course fee refunded to you if you are the lucky recipient.

<http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/scholarships.htm>

The Basics of Rubber Technology, 2012

The CRG's 2012 Basics of Rubber Technology Course is scheduled to be held at **SKF Sealing Solutions in Elgin, IL from March 21st through the 23rd, 2012**. This course is held every two years by the CRG, and we are looking forward to another successful session this year. The CRG Education Committee has been making the final preparations for this course. The course this year will include a social night for the students that will be held at Jimmy's Charhouse in Elgin on Wednesday, March 21st. **The deadline to sign up for this course is February 17th, 2012. Don't wait to sign up – past courses have filled up quickly!** To read more about the course or to sign up click the links below:

http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/rubber_course.htm < Rubber Course Page

http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/rubber_tech_course.pdf < Download Form

<http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/payments.htm> < Pay Using a Credit Card

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Rubber Division ACS Update

Please click one of the links below to see the latest CRG Area Director's report and other goings on at the Rubber Division ACS.

<http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/RDACS.htm> and

<http://www.rubber.org>



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