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Spring Technical Meeting Monday, May 15th, 2017 Hawk's View Golf Club



Guest Speaker

Victor Nasreddine - Arlanxeo

"Levapren / EVM Rubber and its Use in Cable Applications"

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<http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org>

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2017 CRG Schedule of Events

Event	Anticipated Date	Anticipated Location
Spring Technical Meeting	May 15th	Hawk's View Golf Club, Lake Geneva, WI
CRG Chicago Golf Outing	Jul. 20th	Village Greens, Glen Ellyn, IL
CRG Wisconsin Golf Outing	Aug. 9th	Hawk's View Golf Club, Lake Geneva, WI
Fall Technical Meeting	Sept. 21st	White Pines Golf Course, Bensenville, IL

President's Message

Spring means a lot of things in Chicagoland: from barbecues and baseball to gardening and golf. But best of all, spring means that summer is right around the corner! At the CRG, it is of course a time for our spring technical meeting and to look forward to some of that summer weather and the golf outings that come with it.

This year is also a year of change at the CRG.

Our first technical session of the year is approaching quickly, and in fact represents the first change in our schedule from years past for 2017. That is to say that we have moved the Spring Technical meeting back a week to Monday, May 15th, 2017 to avoid a scheduling conflict with the annual Rubber Roller Group meeting. Our meeting however will still be at Hawk's View Golf Club in Lake Geneva, WI. Victor Nasreddine from Arlanxeo will be talking to us about "Levapren / EVM Rubber and its Use in Cable Applications." Registration begins at 3:30 PM and our technical session begins at 4:00 PM. After the presentation, please stick around to join us for a cocktail reception and dinner. We hope to see you there!

The second change for the CRG this year is a change of venue for the CRG Chicago Golf Outing. For years we have held this event at Indian Lakes in Bloomingdale, but unfortunately this course is no longer in operation and we have decided to move this outing to Village Greens in Glen Ellyn, IL. This outing will take place on Thursday, July 20th, and the shotgun start for this event has also been moved up to 11:30 AM.

Hawk's View Golf Club in Lake Geneva, WI will again be the site of our second outing of the season, which will be held on Wednesday, August 9th. We would like to thank Jessica Petras of Chem Rep for volunteering to take over the Chair position for this outing from Mike Collins. I'm always happy to see our past presidents staying involved in our organization!

Both outings are shotgun starts, followed by cocktails, dinner, and prizes! Our outings are a great opportunity to meet and speak with others in the rubber industry in a more fun and social setting than our typical day-to-day business dealings. Prize donations and sponsorships are always greatly appreciated. To donate please get in touch with one of our golf chairs, Mike Szymborski (Chicago) or Jessica Petras (Wisconsin).

Finally, please remember to renew your memberships, corporate donations, and newsletter advertisements for 2017. We are, as always, welcoming new members so please pass our information along to any friends or colleagues you think may be interested in joining our group. For current members looking to get more involved, please contact myself or one of our other board members for information on how to run for board office in 2018, or for other ways to get involved and help out.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at one of our events in the coming months!

Mark Hlinak
President, The Chicago Rubber Group

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Jessica Petras
ChemRep

2017 Donation Appeal

Special thanks to those companies who chose to make an annual donation in 2016. The CRG would also like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who saw fit to donate to the CRG at our golf outings, and to remind the membership that 2017 promises to be a year with even greater need than ever for CRG Donations. Please make your 2017 donation to the CRG by visiting us on the internet at <http://www.chicagourbbergroup.org/donations.htm>. From here, you will learn how to donate and what your donation means to not only the CRG, but also to you and your company. The help of both suppliers and manufacturers enables us to maintain our scholarships, education awards, the Basics of Rubber Technology course, the Golf Outings, and other interesting programs.

Please forward annual donations for 2017 in the suggested amount of **\$300** to the address listed below. If you wish to make a single donation to the September Technical Meeting, a suggested amount of \$75 is requested. Please direct all donation checks to:

**Charleen Heinke
CRG Treasurer
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...Or make your donation online using a major credit card from our Payments Page:

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

NOTE: Annual donations of \$300 account for \$150 donation for the CRG Chicago Golf Outing only and \$75 for each CRG technical session -- CRG Wisconsin Golf Outing donations are separate.

Rubber Division ACS Update - Rick Webb, Area Director

The 191st Technical Meeting was held April 25 - 27 in Beachwood, OH. The Keynote speaker for the event was Kurt Aerts Vice President of Specialty Elastomers with Exxon Mobil. Attendance was over 230 making it the best attended Spring meeting in several years. Some of the motions passed in the meeting was the acceptance of student chapter of Lodz University (Poland) into the Rubber Division., as well as 2019 and 2020 cost for a booth per square foot was increased by \$2 per square foot. The 2017 Fall International Rubber & Advanced Materials in Healthcare Expo will be held in Cleveland, OH October 9 - 12. We already have 203 exhibitors registered - so we hope you can join us there this Fall.

<http://www.rubber.org>

Joining Our Group and Renewing Your Membership

Help support the CRG with your membership! If you haven't already, join or renew your membership today by visiting our Membership Page:

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

Scholarship and Education Awards Update

The CRG would like to congratulate **Meghen Smith** who is the winner of the 2017 Harold Stark Memorial Scholarship. Meghen is from Arlington Heights, IL and will attend Notre Dame in the fall. Congratulations Meghen! There were again no nominations for the Robert Kann Educational Award for 2017. The CRG Board will be meeting on May 15th and will discuss what this means short and long term for the CRG. Please visit our Scholarship Page to find out more:

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

Newsletter Advertisement Renewal

We really would like to see more companies represented as advertisers. As you can see, this edition of the newsletter has no advertisements, and if you go to the newsletter advertisement page of the website, you can see that it also is blank. Although there is no longer a paper publication, our e-newsletter still reaches many relevant industry professionals in the Chicago area. For the low cost of \$100, your business card sized advertisement is placed in all three newsletters, and on our website's Sponsors Page for the current calendar year. The website advertisement also includes a URL link to your company's website. Start your Advertisement today by clicking the link below or contact Mark Hlinak at mhlinak@rotadyne.com.

http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/newsletter_ad_form.pdf

2017 CRG Golf Outings

The Chicago Rubber Group is pleased to announce that both the CRG Chicago and the CRG Wisconsin Golf Outings will once again be held in 2017. **The CRG Chicago Outing** will be changing venues, and will for the first time be held at Village Greens in Glen Ellyn, IL. This outing will take place on **Thursday July 20th, 2017** with a shotgun start at 11:30 AM. The **CRG Wisconsin Outing** will be held on **Wednesday, August 9th**, at Hawk's View Golf Club in Lake Geneva, WI. Please visit our Annual Golf Outings Page for the latest information and to register your foursomes. Please be advised that you will not be able to sign up for the Wisconsin Outing until after the Chicago Outing in July – this is simply to avoid confusion among the Golf Committee and the Treasurer for the two outings. If you have any questions regarding the golf outings, please contact Mike Szymborski for the Chicago Outing (mikes@trostel.com), or Jessica Petras for the Wisconsin Outing (jessica@chemrep.com).

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

Election Results and 2017 Executive Board

Thank you to everyone who cast a ballot in our election this year! With a typically limited candidate pool, and Izabela Strons from ITW Fluids having to leave our board last year, this election, like many of our elections was held with uncontested seats. In fact, we even had to invoke past precedent and allow the sitting president to run for a second term, so Mark Hlinak will once again hold this seat for 2017.

Congratulations go out to Benjamin Nelson from SKF, our most recent addition to the Executive Board, on his election to CRG Secretary. Ben is one of many younger faces in our industry that we hope will continue to get involved in our group moving forward, as well as with the Rubber Division ACS, of which we are a subdivision.

One new face on our Golf Outing committee, Jessica Petras from Chem Rep also deserves to be mentioned here as well. Jessica is again Past President of the CRG for 2017, but she has also graciously volunteered to continue to stay with us beyond that office and become our CRG Wisconsin Golf Outing Chair with the exit this year of long time chair Mike Collins. Thank you Jessica!

An enormous amount of gratitude and heart-felt congratulations also go out to the rest of our 2017 Executive Board Members and volunteers for their continued support and efforts. Your full Executive Board roster is shown to the right here with contact emails. If you or one of your colleagues would like to volunteer for a position on our Board, or would like to help out with any of our events, please contact one of us and let us know.

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