Chairman’s Message

The 2014 TLARGI Oktoberfest/Mini Expo and Technical Conference was a huge success! Attendance was excellent as the Technical Committee provided a strong program in the afternoon, and the crowd grew even bigger for the Expo. The Board wishes to thank everyone who participated—particularly all the exhibitors. This is our largest attended dinner meeting of the year, and this time was no exception.

Only one dinner meeting remains for 2014. The meeting will be on November 4 at the Phoenix Club, and this is the last one before the TLARGI elections and Christmas Party. Additionally, the Grand Lodge of TLARGI Past Chairmen (GLTPC) will be considering the induction of the past three Chairmen into their hallowed halls. You will not want to miss it!

The Christmas Party will be held on December 6 at the Westin South Coast Plaza. The theme is “A Frosty Christmas,” and the Christmas Party Committee will once again be collecting unwrapped toys to donate to Toys for Tots. The date is rapidly approaching so please get your reservations in quickly as the tables are going fast. (November 7 is the reservation deadline. See additional details on page 5.)

Lastly, ballots for the 2015 Board of Directors will be arriving soon, so please VOTE! We need everyone’s participation to continue to bring the value that our industry has come to expect from TLARGI.

I hope you all enjoy the upcoming holidays and I’ll see you in November!

Respectfully,
Eddie Gonzales
2014 TLARGI Chairman
November Dinner Meeting and 2014 GLPTC Induction Ceremony

November 4 at 6:00 p.m.
The Phoenix Club
1340 S. Sanderson Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92806

OVERVIEW
At this month’s meeting, Russ Shorter will be inducting our three most recent TLARGI Chairmen into The Grand Lodge of TLARGI Past Chairman (GLTPC). The honorees will be Alan Gordon, Mike Haney, and Ron Sparks. They will be inducted, that is, if they can prove their worthiness to the existing members. You won’t want to miss this special ceremony. Be sure to get your reservations in by October 30.

Alan Gordon
2011 Chairman

Mike Haney
2012 Chairman

Ron Sparks
2013 Chairman

COSTS
For paid reservations made by October 30, the cost is $30 for TLARGI members and $40 for non-members’ dinner tickets. For paid reservations made after October 30 or at the door, the cost is $40 per person for dinner tickets. You may pay by credit card or check. Credit card payments can be made online at: https://squareup.com/market/the-los-angeles-rubber-group-inc

RESERVATION DETAILS
To reserve your spot(s), complete this reservation form and send it to Jennifer Perez. Payments can be sent separately or made online (see the link above). If you have any questions, contact Jennifer at jperez@rdabbott.com or (562) 944-5354.

Important note: At this time, there is no TIPS meeting for November. If this status changes, a separate email update will be sent.
Elections

The TLARGI Nominating Committee has selected the following candidates to run for the 2015 Board of Directors.

Official ballots will be sent to voting members after the November Dinner Meeting. The ballots must be returned and postmarked by November 28, 2014.

2015 TLARGI BOARD OF DIRECTORS (No voting required)

- **Chairman**: Larry Clarke, H.M. Royal of California, Inc.
- **Chairman Elect**: Christian Groche, Goodyear Rubber Company
- **Director at Large**: Eddie Gonzales, R.D. Abbott Company, Inc.
- **Treasurer**: Scott Kearns, R.D. Abbott Company, Inc.
- **One-Year Director**: Claudia Hargett, VIP Rubber Company, Inc.
- **One-Year Director**: Darren Marcoux, VIP Rubber Company, Inc.
- **Rubber Division, ACS**: Ron Sparks, Aurora Rubber & Distribution, Inc.

2015 TLARGI BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Voting required)

- **Vice Chairman**: Jennifer Perez, R.D. Abbott Company, Inc.
- **Secretary (Voting for One)**: Ian Begley, R.T. Vanderbilt Holding Company, Inc.
  - Doug Limkeman, H.M. Royal of California, Inc.
- **Assistant Treasurer (Voting for One)**: Marcie Erb, Aurora Rubber & Distribution, Inc.
- **Two-Year Director (Voting for Two)**: Peter Joneleit, VIP Rubber Company, Inc.
  - Graham Pence, Aurora Rubber & Distribution, Inc.
  - Sean Djuricic, Akron Rubber Development Laboratory, Inc.
  - Michelle Armstrong, Wacker SILMIX-California
  - Gary Jeffries, Akrochem Corporation
  - Sixto Castillo, R & R Rubber Molding, Inc.
November Golf Tournament
November 3, 2014
Tee times start at 10:30 a.m.

Western Hills Country Club
1800 Carbon Canyon Road, Chino Hills, CA 91709
(714) 528-6661 • www.golfwhcc.com

We need 40 golfers to make this tournament possible. Reserve your spot(s) today!

COURSE INFORMATION
Men will be playing from the white tees; women will be playing from the gold tees.
For men’s white tees: course rating 71.0; slope rating 128; and 6,401 yards
For women’s gold tees: course rating 75.9; slope rating 136; and 5,858 yards

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION
Scoring
For those that provide an SCGA number, your handicap will be used, based on your index. For those without a handicap, the Callaway Scoring System will be used to determine net score.

Prizes
R&S Processing and R.D. Abbott Company, Inc., are sponsoring $1,000 for the first “Hole-In-One.”

In addition to the “Hole-In-One” prize, awards will be issued for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Other prizes will be issued for “Longest Putt” and “Closest-to-Hole” (for two par-threes). A raffle with giveaways will also take place after dinner.

Dress Code
Players must wear soft-spike shoes, a collared shirt, and slacks or Bermuda shorts. Players may not wear jeans, short shorts, or t-shirts.

COSTS
The cost is $95 per player for TLARGI members and guests, and $80 per player for TLARGI Emeritus. These costs include 18 holes of golf, a cart, range balls, dinner, and prizes. You may pay by check in advance OR at the tournament. (Please see the reservation details below.)

RESERVATION DETAILS
To reserve your spot(s), complete this reservation form and send it to Claudia Hargett or contact her at claudiah@viprubber.com or (562) 905-3456.
86th Annual TLARGI Christmas Party
“A Frosty Christmas”
December 6, 2014

The Westin South Coast Plaza
686 Anton Blvd., Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Join us for a special evening with dinner, dancing, and prizes. Music will be provided by DJ Silvertunes. And, don’t forget to bring your un-wrapped toys to donate to Toys for Tots.

AGENDA

6:00 p.m. Cocktails
7:00 p.m. Dinner

Music and dancing until midnight. Door prizes will be drawn throughout the evening. (You must be present to win.)

COSTS

The cost is $1,250 for a table of 10 and $125 for singles. These costs include dinner, tip, entertainment, and prizes.

Valet parking at The Westin is $16 for the evening and $30 for overnight. Self parking is $10 for the evening and $20 for overnight.

RESERVATION DETAILS

The reservation deadline for all tables is November 7, 2014. Tables are assigned on a first come, first served basis, and upon total remittance for your party. Smaller groups will be consolidated.

To reserve your spots, complete this reservation form and mail it with your check to Mary Ybarra. If you have any questions, please contact Mary at maryann.ybarra@esterline.com.
Current Events and Reminders

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

- Dave Janes, President, PACMET
- Tom Ocegueda, Production Manager, Goodyear Rubber Company
- Paula Granado, Receptionist, R.D. Abbott Company, Inc.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Advertising in 2015: There’s no time like the present to reserve your advertising space. If your organization is interested in advertising in the TLARGI newsletter or 2015 Yearbook and Directory, please contact the following individuals:

  **For the Yearbook:** Contact Beth Sepulveda at beth.sepulveda@rdabbott.com (All completed advertising contracts are due to Beth by October 31, 2014.)

  **For the Newsletter:** Contact Tom Martin at tom.martin@rdabbott.com and cc: Amy Congo at acongo@rdabbott.com (The current ad rate is $275 per year.)

- **2015 Membership Dues:** Don’t forget to send your membership dues to Gabe Gonzalez by January 2, 2015, and keep in mind that any new members who apply in October, November, or December become members for the balance of 2014 and for 2015. If you have any questions, contact Gabe at ggonzalez@rdabbott.com.

INDUSTRY UPDATES

- The Rubber Division, ACS, will be presenting the following advanced rubber technologies courses February 24–27 at R.D. Abbott’s Cerritos location:
  
  - **“Raw Materials Supply Chain for Rubber Products”**  
    Presented by: John Dick (Alpha Technologies)
  
  - **“Compounding for Performance”**  
    Presented by: John Dick (Alpha Technologies) and Rick Ziebell (R.D. Abbott Company, Inc.)
  
  - **“Solving Problems in Rubber Compounding and Processing”**  
    Presented by: John Dick (Alpha Technologies) and Rick Ziebell (R.D. Abbott Company, Inc.)

  **To learn more or to register for these courses,** contact Christie Robinson at crobinson@rubber.org or visit www.rubber.org/upcoming-training.

If you have current events or member updates you’d like to share, please send them to Tom Martin at tom.martin@rdabbott.com for consideration of being included in future issues of TLARGI News.

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**Ralph S. Pallett**

1926–2014

Ralph passed away on October 8, 2014, at the age of 87.

Ralph grew up in Pittsburg, KS. In 1943, he moved to La Habra, CA. He and his wife, Delores, were married in 1950 in Las Vegas.

Ralph worked for Kirkhill Rubber Company, in Brea, CA, as well as BF Goodrich, in Los Angeles. He made a career out of each job, putting in more than 20 years with each company.

He and his wife finally settled in Lake Havasu City in 1994.

Ralph was a member of TLARGI, the London Bridge Golf Club, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the California Roadster Association.

Ralph is survived by his wife of 64 years, Delores; sons (Craig and Brett); and daughter (Denise). He also leaves behind three grandchildren.

No services have been planned at this time.
Complimentary Mailing List

If you have nominations for the complimentary (non-TLARGI members) mailing list, send their names and contact information to Christian Groche at cgroche@goodyearrubber.com for review by the TLARGI Board.

Has Your Information Changed?

Help TLARGI keep its membership information current. Please send any updates to Gabe Gonzalez at ggonzalez@rdabbott.com.
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