



THE QUARTER-CENTURY SOCIETY, INC.

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Message From The Director

Given the current financial crisis, we are concerned about preserving our capital so that there will be funds to help members, both current and future. In answer to the question, where are Quarter Century funds invested. All QCS funds are managed by State Street Bank & Trust Company. Another question that has been raised by some chapters regards the timeliness of grant consideration. Specifically, is there a time limit for grant consideration? While there is nothing in the Constitution regarding time limits, common sense dictates that grantees' claims should be current. We will seek direction from the Board at the December meeting, but for future planning and until we have a ruling, use ninety days from the date of the invoice or time of the event.

SAVANNAH ANNUAL MEETING DRAWS OVER 300

The Savannah chapter met on September 25 for their annual meeting. There was a record turnout. There were speeches by Mill Manager, Walter Chastang and Arizona Chemical's Nick Merolli. Prizes were awarded in recognition for service. Former UCC CEO Gene Cartledge attended. This year the Savannah chapter meeting coincided with a reunion of the UCC Bag Business which drew eighty people. We want to thank Maurice Shepherd, Chairman, and the Governing Committee for their leadership, along with Judy Hawkins for all arrangements.

Hurricane Season

Extensive flooding in the Midwest impacted thousands of people this spring. The names Gustav and Ike have taken on a special significance in the Southwest and MidSouth. Over 100 lives have been lost from the hurricanes. Damage is in the billions. This has placed additional demands on the Society in the form of requests for help. While many victims were not covered by their insurance, they should look first to state disaster aid programs. We are doing our best to provide assistance to those in the greatest need. Contact your chapter Governing Committee if assistance is needed.

Mobile Chapter Inaugural Meeting

Mobile Chapter had its first general meeting on September 15 at the Saraland Civic Center. It was a standing-room-only crowd, with over 285 people registered. The principal speaker was Paul Karre, VP, Human Resources at IP, and Society Board member. Paul Langenus, Executive Director and Board member Terry Moore also attended. Special recognition is deserved by the Governing Committee which is being led by Sam Woodham and Mack Matthews. Over 1500 potential members reside in the Mobile area. If you are interested in joining the Mobile Chapter, contact secretary Doris Fontana at d_fontana@bellsouth.net

New Chapter Status

Prattville is still in the process of starting up. Moss Point has inquired about starting a chapter and the Franklin, Virginia mill has expressed interest in having a meeting in the fourth quarter. Interested in starting a chapter? Contact Paul Langenus.

IP Retiree Email

Did you know that IP sponsors a retiree email? It is called appropriately enough, IPRetirees@IP.com and is published quarterly by IP's Communication group. If you would like your name added to the distribution list, contact Katheen.Bark@IPaper.com.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The society's purpose is to provide financial aid quickly and confidentially to and for the benefit of a member or a deceased member's surviving eligible dependent who is in need of financial assistance in the face of misfortune or emergency.

4th Quarter 2008

Calendar of Events

12/4—*Memphis Chapter Annual Meeting*

12/5—*QCS Annual Meeting
Memphis TN*

12/5—*QCS Board Meeting
Memphis TN*

Let us know when you schedule events and we will add them to the web site.

Email your 1st Quarter 2009 events to plangenus@cox.net

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Negotiating For Reduced Charges

The Mobile chapter reported that they had been successful in negotiating reduced charges for a Society member from a collection agency. They were able to reduce a charge for one individual to 50cents on the dollar and received a complete written settlement for the individual. This should be considered a best practice. I urge each Governing Committee to designate a person to handle such claims, particularly for members who are aged and may have reduced capacity. These are the people who need our assistance the most. Ask to see documentation. It may present an opportunity for the Society to expand our capacity to help a member, and make our dollars go farther in the process.

The Society and Contributions

We are asked from time to time whether the Society accepts contributions. The answer is YES, we would be pleased to do so. In fact, several chapters have negotiated to receive gift certificates from local stores for use as door prizes at annual meetings. We should point out that the Society is registered under section 501(c)(4) with the IRS. As such, contributions are not tax deductible. Contributions may be made to a chapter or to the Society. As with all funds, they must be used exclusively for grants.

Need Certificates?

Chapters needing certificates or enrollment cards should contact me and I will get back to you soonest.

Having A Chapter Meeting?

Let us know when and where, and I will make every effort to attend. We can even have a Board member attend too. Want to start a chapter? All you need is ten people, a Governing Committee and a will to help. For more information contact me at plangenus@cox.net

BECOME ACTIVE IN YOUR CHAPTER!

Each chapter or location is managed by a Governing Committee. Officers are elected by chapter members. If you would like to get involved with your chapter, or would be interested in becoming an officer, contact your local chairman, or if you do not know your chairman, contact me and I will put you in touch with them.

GOT EMAIL?

"The Bulletin" is published on a quarterly basis, and, of course, it is available on our web site.

We can send *"The Bulletin"* to you by email. Send your address to plangenus@cox.net. We will add you to the list.

Story Ideas?

Submit your thoughts to me at plangenus@cox.net

Want Your Own Web Site?

Your chapter can have its own page on the web site. It's easy too. Simply provide information on your activities, including your next general meeting, the names of the Governing Committee and some history of your facility. Photos are most welcome! Send your material to Board member Ed Balder at Edward.Balder@IPaper.com.