



THE QUARTER-CENTURY SOCIETY, INC.

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## Message From The Director

2008 is shaping up to be the largest year for grants since 2000. Part of the demand is from new chapters which were added this year—Augusta and Mobile. The other part comes from a difficult economy. The Society's funds are prudently invested by State Street Bank, our Trustee. However, our portfolio will not grow in 2008. What will this mean to the chapters? Well, less money will be available for grants. Chapter leadership will have to be more judicious with grant money, and conduct more exacting investigations. Members who have received grants in the past will require more careful scrutiny in the future. Critical need must be the basis for grants. See "Grant Guidelines" article. Nevertheless, we will do our best to serve the needs of our members. The Board wishes all members a healthy and prosperous 2009!

## Mobile Loses Sam Woodham

After successfully leading the start up of the Mobile Chapter, Co-Chairman, Sam Woodham passed away in October following a brief illness. Sam's leadership and dedication brought together three different groups of former employees who had been meeting separately in the Mobile area. On September 15, 300 retired employees and spouses met at the Saraland Civic Center. Unfortunately, Sam wasn't able to attend. Sam worked his entire career with IP, in a variety of manufacturing management positions. He was highly respected for his knowledge, professionalism and teaching ability.

## Board of Directors Elects Officers for 2009

The Board met for its Annual Meeting on December 5 in Memphis. Elected to serve as President once again is Linnea Shaver. Vice President will be Robin Johnson. Ray Rabbitt will continue as Secretary, and Paul Langenus will be Treasurer. Charlie Schmidle will serve as Assistant Secretary and Jack Ward will be Assistant Treasurer. Thanks were expressed to all officers and directors for their service to the Society. Special thanks to Art Ehrlich, Vice President who will be stepping down from the Board after serving his second, three-year term.

## Stretching Grant Money in 2009

Several suggestions have been made on how to stretch Society funds. Getting interest-bearing checking accounts is a small but important start, as is eliminating accounts with banks with service charges. Perhaps the biggest bang for the buck may be negotiating on behalf of grantees. Many of them are aged and dealing with hospitals or collection agencies can be a real challenge. Mobile Chapter leadership has started negotiating on behalf of grantees. When conducting due diligence, take a close look at invoices and documentation. A reduction in claims may be possible which can help the grantee and the Society. We urge all chapters to pursue this approach in 2009.

## Regional Meetings in 2009

We are considering having one day regional chapter meetings in 2009, funds being available. Texarkana hosted a meeting in October 2007 which was enthusiastically received. This year we may hold meetings in the Southeast, Southwest and Mid Atlantic areas. Let us know of your interest in participating.

## 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](mailto: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.*

## 1st Quarter 2009

### Calendar of Events

"1099" Report—Due 1/15/09

Semi-Annual Financial Report—  
Due 2/15/09

Annual Audit Report—  
Due 3/15/09

Society Board Meeting —  
3/26/09, Memphis

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

*Email your 2nd Quarter 2009 events to [plangenus@cox.net](mailto:plangenus@cox.net)*

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### **Story Ideas?**

*Submit your thoughts to me at [plangenus@cox.net](mailto:plangenus@cox.net)*

### **Springhill’s Hardy Retires**

Evelyn Hardy, long-time member of the Springhill Chapter has decided to step down as Chapter Secretary. Evelyn served in this capacity for the past four years and has long been instrumental in maintaining the viability of the Chapter following closure of the mill in 1979. Her dedication and precision were well known throughout the Society. Springhill’s annual dinner has been a model program attracting over 300 members each year. Our thanks to Evelyn!

### **Montreal Chapter Closes**

The Montreal Chapter has officially closed operations. Montreal was the flagship of the CIP organization. CIP was sold in 1981, and parts of the company have subsequently been resold. With an aging membership and relocations, the chapter was no longer viable. The chapter returned its funds to the Society for redeposit in its accounts. We want to recognize chapter leadership for making the difficult decision. Our thanks to Chapter Secretary Paul Ferreira for handling the closure activities.

### **Board Approves Grant Guidelines**

The Board approved new grant guidelines for Chapters at its meeting on December 5. The directive contains three forms to use including General Guidelines, Monetary Guidelines and Financial Needs Assessment. The purpose of the forms is for the Chapters to administer requests for grants on a consistent basis. Timeliness is critical. Claims that are filed on events or invoices 90 days old should not qualify for grants. We will have limited funds in 2009. This is an effort to level the playing field. Consult the Society web site at [IPQCS.com](http://IPQCS.com) for details or contact Paul Langenus.

### **Memphis Chapter Names Martin**

The Memphis Chapter had its annual meeting on Friday, December 5. Officers were named for 2009. Jim Martin will remain President, Ernie Csedrik was named Vice President, Lorenda Barnett will serve as Secretary, Carl Jenkins will be Treasurer and Ann Morgan will be Social Chairperson. There are now 488 QCS members in the Memphis Chapter.

### **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](mailto:Edward.Balder@IPaper.com).