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N.K. Chandra Babu, see *JALCA* 109, 353, 2014.

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Meral Birber, see *JALCA* **106**, 342, 2011

ALCA 11TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

JUNE 10-13, 2015

PINEHURST RESORT, VILLAGE OF PINEHURST, NC

Welcome to an exciting venue of events that will be unfolding for us from June 10 to June 13, 2015. We will host the 11th Annual Convention at the beautiful Pinehurst Resort at the Village of Pinehurst, North Carolina. It is a first class facility that you can learn more about by logging on to their website at www.pinehurst.com.

Again this year will be an email the end of March letting you know that the brochure is online with all details about the convention. Also voting for our Slate of Candidates will be done via email in late April. The online convention registration form has been updated and is ready to use or you can print out a form and send it to us. Continue checking this website for a printable convention registration form and new information and announcements about the 11th Annual Convention.

The schedule this year is similar to that of 2013 at Pinehurst, but we are moving things up by one day. We are kicking off the convention on Wednesday, June 10, with the Opening Address in the Ross/Tufts/Olmsted Room. Dr. Dietrich Tegtmeier of LANXESS Corporation will give the John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture from 1:15 to 2:15 pm followed by a short break and then Session 1 of the technical program. The technical program will conclude at 5 pm followed by the Fun Run on the Spa Lawn from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. That evening we will have a cocktail reception at the Carolina Terrace followed by dinner there. From 8:30 to 9:30 pm that evening you will enjoy Chipping into the Fountain, something new for our group to do. The entire evening will be a great time to have conversations with old and new associates in the leather industry.

The second day of the Technical Program will start at 8:00 am on Thursday, June 11. This year's technical program is being organized by Vice President, David Peters, and will offer a focus on Sustainability including topics such as waste water technology, improved tanning systems and auto trends plus a

wide array of leather technologies covering tanning to finishing to environmental issues and can be viewed in the coming months under this section of our website. Technical sessions will conclude at 11:45 am followed by lunch in the Carolina Dining Room for non-golfers.

Thursday afternoon will be open for a variety of fun activities. The annual golf tournament will be held at Golf Course No. 1 beginning at 12:00 pm. Pre-registration for golfers is a must to facilitate the start of the tournament. Further information on the golf outing can be found under this section as well as the brochure available in late-March. Other activities will be announced as details develop under the entertainment section of this website. That evening we will again have Golf Pro Larry Shaver with his golf swing analyzer from 7:00 to 10:00 pm along with a cocktail reception at 7:00 pm at the Resort Club Veranda followed at 8:00 pm by dinner at the Donald Ross Grill. During the evening from 8:30 to 9:30 pm, you can do Nite Light Putting on the Resort Putting Green.

Technical papers will resume Friday morning at 8:00 am with the Annual Business Meeting following the technical program at 11:45 am. At noon everyone is invited to attend the Activities Awards Luncheon in the Cardinal Ballroom where prizes will be awarded for the Fun Run and golf outing. Friday afternoon will be open for activities that will be announced soon including a Tennis Tournament/lessons. Friday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 pm will be a social hour in the Cardinal Ballroom followed by the Annual Awards Banquet at 7:00 pm. The convention will close with check out on Saturday morning after breakfast.

Please make plans now to join us for a wonderful return to Pinehurst.

Doug Morrison
Convention Chair



11th ALCA Annual Convention June 10-13, 2015 Pinehurst Resort Pinehurst, North Carolina, USA

Tentative Technical Program starting Wednesday, June 10

John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture
“Sustainability – Our Passport for the Future” by Dietrich Tegtmeier,
VP Innovation and Leather Industry Relations , LANXESS Deutschland GmbH,
Germany, and Vice President of the IULTCS

Other Papers to be Presented on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday:

Combination Tannage by Eleanor M. Brown, United States Department of Agriculture, ERRC, Wyndmoor, PA

Probiotic Biochemicals as Leather Dyeing Auxiliaries by Juan-Carlos Castell, Proviera Biotech, LLC, Kansas City, MO

Testing of Automotive Materials and the Challenges in Meeting the OEM Requirements by Simon Courtney, SATRA, Kettering, Northamptonshire, UK

Investigating the Cell Rotary Conditioning Mechanism Using Dynamic Mechanical Analysis by Karl Flowers, University of Northampton, Park Campus, Northampton, UK

High Performance Acrylic Polymer Technology for Use in Leather Finishing Processes Expanded Update by Joseph M. Hoefler, The Dow Chemical Company, Collegeville, PA

Elimination of Chromium Oxidation for Efficient Chromic Oxide Detections by Myron Hooks, Eagle Ottawa by Lear, Research and Product Development, Rochester Hills, MI

Automotive Leather Supply Chain Management by John Jennings, Lynch Leather Group, Troy, MI

Report on RSL Initiative by Steve Lange, Leather Research Laboratory, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

Biobased Films Prepared from Collagen Solutions Derived from Un-tanned Hides by Cheng-Kung Liu, United States Department of Agriculture, Eastern Regional Research Center, Wyndmoor, PA

Drum Technology by Joaquin Paez, Olcina Group, Lorca, Spain

Environmental Technologies - Sludge Drying and Lime Fleshings Drying and Stabilization by Antonio Polato, Officine di Cartigliano S.p.A., Italy

Rebirth of Leather Manufacturing in the USA by Tom Schneider, Tan Tec, Vicksburg, MS

Asia/Pacific Trade Initiatives Update and International Trade by Stephen Sothmann, U.S. Hide, Skin & Leather Association, Washington, D.C.

Leather – an Indispensable Part of Bentley DNA by Marc Stang, Bentley Motors Ltd., Crewe, Cheshire, UK

PrimeAsia’s Perspective on LWG and Associated Benefits to Our Industry by Sarah Swenson, PrimeAsia Leather Company, Exeter, NH

Reaction of Protein and Carbohydrates with EDC for Purpose of Making Products with Unique Functional Properties by Maryann M. Taylor, United States Department of Agriculture, ERRC, Wyndmoor, PA

Sustainability by Mike Tomkin, Stahl Europe bv, Waalwijk, Holland

How Far Away Are We from The Real “Green Tanning?” by William Wang, Biosk (SQ) Chemicals Co., Limited, China

Environmental Issues, CR23, California Latest Proposition and Latest OSHA Requirements by John Wittenborn, Leather Industries of America, Washington, D.C.

OBITUARY

LOWELL RASMUSSEN

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Lowell Dale Rasmussen - dear husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend on Friday, October 3, 2014. Lowell, born February 3, 1934, was the son of Harold and Evelyn Rasmussen, loving husband of Marge for 44 years. He was preceded in death by his parents but he will be lovingly remembered by Marge and three sons, Robert (Angela), Douglas (Cara) and Mark (Kate). He is also survived by his six grandchildren, Andrew, Tanja, Aiden, Ryan, Thomas and Megan. Additionally, Lowell is survived by his brother, K. Dale (Kathy), sister-in-law Rosie, nephews Steve and Scott, cousins and many dear friends.

Lowell was originally from Green Bay, WI. He attended Lincoln High School in Manitowoc, WI and then Northwestern University (IL), where he studied chemistry. In 1955 he accepted a position with Albert Trostel & Sons in Milwaukee and then transferred within the company to Eagle Ottawa Leather in Grand Haven, MI where he worked until his retirement in 1999. Lowell held various positions while at

Eagle Ottawa, from Lab Director to part of the sales and design organization. During these posts he travelled extensively to Europe and Asia. Following his tenure at Eagle Ottawa he accepted a position as a consultant with Innovative Leather Technologies. He sincerely enjoyed his challenging work and also the people he worked with.

He was a member of the ALCA (American Leather Chemists Association) where he served on various committees and was a council member. He enjoyed spending his free time with his grandchildren. A devoted Green Bay Packer football fan, Lowell was a proud season ticket holder since 1957. Additionally, he was a member of the First Presbyterian Church for 42 years. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 11, 2014 at First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made either to the First Presbyterian Church or to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

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