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Congratulations to Josh Rechenberg and Aiden Rizzotti Hiram P. Ball Memorial Scholarship Award Recipients

JOSH RECHENBERG is a 2020 graduate of Pine Richland High School who is attending The Pennsylvania State University in University Park, PA. Josh is a GeoScience major who just completed his junior year. He will start a 6-week Geology field camp in June traveling to Yellowstone National Park, the Grand Tetons, and Utah. Josh's senior project will focus on metamorphism in subduction zones. Josh also plays for the Penn State Ultimate Frisbee team where he served as captain for the past year.

Josh is the son of Karen and Rick Rechenberg. Karen is a manager at PPG and Rick teaches middle school Math and Science at Holy Sepulcher Catholic School.

AIDEN RIZZOTTI is a senior graduating from RHAM High School in Hebron, Connecticut. His interests include playing the drums, listening to music, and spending time with friends and family. He is currently evaluating offers from several schools including the University of Connecticut, Temple University, and the University of Vermont.

Aiden would like to thank his family for all of their support, and especially the committee for reviewing and selecting my application to be a recipient of this scholarship.



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Dear PSCT Members,

On Monday, April 10th we attended our monthly meeting at KTA-Tator. We had our board meeting, voted on new officers for 2023-2024 and had a wonderful tour. Thank you to KTA-Tator for a great event and for being a gracious host.

For more information on their company please visit <https://kta.com>.

We had two qualified students who applied and were accepted to receive the 2022-2023 Hiram P. Ball Scholarship. The scholarship awards this year go to Aiden Rizzotti (Student Member) and Josh Rechenberg. Each student will receive \$1500.00. Josh also received the PSCT STEM Grant of \$500. Congratulations to both students on a job well done and thank you to Valerie Sherbondy and the Scholarship Committee for taking the time to review the applications.

At the April meeting we elected the 2023-2024 PSCT Officers and Board of Directors.

PPG is our first corporate sponsor, so if you work for PPG and want to join the PSCT for 2023-2024 please register using the PSCT Application (see form on Page 10). Over the next months, we will be sending brochures out to employees at PPG who may have an interest in our organization.

I would like to remind everyone that membership is open for next year, renew on-line at www.paintsociety.org.

I encourage anyone who is interested in advertising in the PSCT Newsletter to contact the Treasurer (treasurer@paintsociety.org). These advertisements help support the PSCT. Any membership or advertisement purchased after April 1st is good through the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

I would like to take a moment to thank this year's board and committee chairs for their efforts and helping to bring back in-person meetings. It has been a great year of talks and we look forward to everything that PSCT is going to do in 2023-2024.

Best regards, Art Kasson: PSCT President 2022-23

CALL FOR SPEAKERS

Potential opportunities exist for the 2023-24 year to present. If you are interested in presenting, please contact Barb Anderson at andersonb@troycorp.com. We have already filled up slots for Spring 2023 and have started with Fall 2023. We are also interested in getting feedback on incorporating a poster session for students into one of our Spring meetings.

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Thanks to all who voted.

Committee Chairs are appointed by our incoming president, Melissa Swogger.

MEMBERSHIP

It is time to renew your dues for the 2023 – 2024 membership year (July 1 – June 30) for the Pittsburgh Society for Coatings Technology.

This year is the 96th Anniversary of the PSCT. Our society was founded in 1927 as "The Pittsburgh Paint and Varnish Production Club." The PSCT objectives are promoting the welfare and education of the members through exchange of emerging technologies. Also, promoting educational scholarship to undergraduate students remains a prime objective of the PSCT.

We encourage you to check out the PSCT website (<http://paintsociety.org>). The website not only relays information about the Society and upcoming events, but also offers an easy way to JOIN or RENEW membership. (There is a \$5 convenience charge added to PayPal payments).

ADVERTISE IN THE PSCT NEWSLETTER

We would like to thank all of the companies who advertised with us in the past and hope we can count on your continued support. Advertisements will continue through the May 2023 newsletter. We can also do special announcements for one or two newsletters (prices vary by size and scope). Please contact Andy Meshanko at ameshanko@ppg.com.

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PSCT May Social Event at Liberty Magic: with Lucy Darling in INDULGENCE Recap



A GROUP OF 17 PSCT members and friends enjoyed a playful evening of banter and sleight of hand at Liberty Magic on May 10, 2023. Liberty Magic's intimate 66 seat theater left no one in a bad seat. But woe to those seated in the front row, you may be selected to partake in the show. **Kim Jablonski**, PPG, almost donated her ring to the 'world of magic'.

One of the highlights of the evening was the participation of **Josh Rechenberg** in one of the magic acts and in the middle of the show being presented the PSCT Scholarship and STEM Grant by Lucy Darling.

Before the Indulgence show, **Mark DePasquale** and **Josh Rechenberg** participated in a 'dark web' card trick being presented in the lobby. None could figure out how the 'dark web' was able to predict the number of face-up cards that Mark shuffled or how the 2 of spades was the only spade in the group of black face up cards while all of the other were clubs.

It was an enjoyable evening and may even be worth a revisit for another act in the future.



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2023 GOLF OUTING

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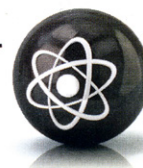
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Registration is now open for
**The 66th Annual Sink or Swim
Technical Symposium**
June 6 – 7, 2023

**Advances in Coatings Technology:
Current Trends And Implications for the Coatings Industry**

<https://clevelandcoatingsociety.org/event/2023-sink-or-swim/>

Welcome! Although the world has returned to a semblance of normalcy, the challenges we faced the past several years, including supply chain disruptions, shortages of raw materials, pressure to address regulatory and environmental concerns, etc., have all made it abundantly clear that we must quickly adapt. Our program will include presentations addressing green, biobased and sustainable options in all aspects of coating technologies, with novel formulation ideas in the utilization of polymers, resins, pigments, and additives. Presentations will address ultra-low VOC technologies, as well as the analysis and characterization of paint films. Take advantage of this unique educational opportunity to support your efforts in producing the next generation of waterborne and higher solids coatings.

John Du, Patcham USA, will teach a short course on “Introduction to Additives Technology” Tuesday afternoon for a separate fee.

As always, Tuesday afternoon will include an Industry Table-Top Exhibition, where you can meet with various suppliers to discuss their product offering. In the evening, get to know your fellow attendees and our speakers by joining us for our networking social, with great music, heavy Hors D’oeuvres and refreshments.

If you are a golfer (or not) consider joining us for golf and dinner on Monday June 5th, at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, for our Annual Scholarship Golf Scramble.



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