

## CHAIR'S MESSAGE

### Summer & Fall 2005

I welcome you all to the final edition of the CRG newsletter. With all the challenges, we have had, the year 2005 turned out to be fairly successful year for CRG.

We had a very successful Golf and Tennis Outing held on June 16th at Wallingford, CT. Despite reduced donations from various companies, the Outing, as such ended up with a small profit. Many thanks to Mike DiPino and his family for their efforts in organizing these events.

The Basic Rubber Technology Course, the first ever offered by CRG, was an outstanding success. The 31 participants came from several Latin American Countries as well as from several corners of North America. Special thanks to Mike DiGiovanni and Russ Mazzeo for their efforts in organizing this excellent course which has generated additional income for scholarship money.

The Tri State Meeting was held in Sutton, MA and was attended by 61 guests including 2 students. The technical papers were well received by the audience and here again the group has made a small profit.

I would like to encourage you all to participate in the CRG activities to make it a success. And we would welcome new people for the Executive Committee for future activities.

If any of you have comments, or suggestions, please feel free to contact me, or any of the Board members, noted on the Contact list.

I thank you all for your support for the various events and wishing you all the best in 2006.

Best regards,

*Chitta R. Lahiri*  
2005 Connecticut Rubber Group Chair

### 2006 Annual Dues

With the start of the new year, it is time to pay the annual dues for membership in the CRG. Please send your check for \$15.00 along with the membership application form on page 3 in this newsletter, as soon as possible. You need to be a paid member to continue to receive mailings (for the golf outing and technical meetings), be eligible to sponsor scholarship applicants, and receive this Newsletter.

**Even if you are a life member or an emeritus member, you still need to return the membership application form, so that we can be sure we have your correct address and know that you are still interested in remaining a CRG member.**

Any questions, please contact your CRG Treasurer, Juan Cardona at:

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### Reserve these dates!!!

#### Spring Technical Meeting

Thursday, March 16, 2006

John J. Sullivans (Formerly Rapp's)

#### Golf Outing

Thursday, June 15, 2006

2006 CRG Golf Outing will be held at:

The Tradition, Wallingford, CT

Details to follow

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**Mark Your Calendars:**

2006 Meetings			
<b>ACS Rubber Division</b>		<b>Connecticut Rubber Group</b>	
May 8 -10	Technical Meeting	March 16	Spring Technical Meeting
	Akron, Ohio	June 15	Annual Golf and Tennis Outing
October 10 -12	Fall Mini Expo	Nov. 9	Fall Technical Meeting
	Cincinnati, OH		



# The Connecticut Rubber Group

A Subdivision of the Rubber Division, American Chemical Society

[www.ctrubbergroup.org](http://www.ctrubbergroup.org)

## 2006 Membership Application

I wish to \_\_\_ remain / \_\_\_ become a member of the Connecticut Rubber Group for 2005.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY / STATE / ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

- Yes /  No This is a change to my current CRG mailing address  
 Yes /  No I prefer to have newsletters and mailings sent to me by email\*

Primary function: \_\_\_ Sales/Marketing \_\_\_ Technical \_\_\_ Production \_\_\_ Purchasing \_\_\_  
Other (specify \_\_\_\_\_)

- \_\_\_\_\_ I am a Life Member.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I am an Emeritus Member.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I am at least 65 years old and request Emeritus status. I have been a member of the CRG for a minimum of 10 years.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I am a Rubber Division member.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I am a member of the American Chemical Society.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to serve on a committee of the CT Rubber Group.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to serve as an officer / director of the CT Rubber Group.

Please list any topics of interest that you would like to have presented at the meetings of the CT Rubber Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward the completed form with your check for \$15.00\*\* (the fee is optional for Emeritus and Life Members) made out to The Connecticut Rubber Group to:

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### 2006 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- March 16: Spring Technical Meeting – John J. Sullivans – Ansonia, CT  
 June 15: Golf & Tennis Outing – The Tradition, Wallingford, CT  
 Nov. 9: Fall Technical Meeting

\* Mailings by email are in Adobe Acrobat Reader (pdf) format.  
 \*\* Membership dues covers the printing and mailing costs of newsletters, meeting notices, scholarship notices, Golf Outing and Mixing Course Fund Raiser notices, annual ballots, publishing of membership directory every 5 years, and support our educational scholarships.

## BASIC RUBBER TECHNOLOGY

### COURSE

Our inaugural Basic Rubber Technology Course was held on September 20-21, 2005 at The Courtyard by Marriott, Buckingham Square, Waterbury, Connecticut. I am pleased to announce that it went well and again, I wish to express my gratitude to all the committee members for all their help in obtaining the speakers and working at the hotel during the course. Thank you.

We had about thirty attendees, including some from Costa Rica, Colombia and Mexico.

We covered topics from natural & synthetic rubber, black & non-black fillers, peroxides & accelerators, process oils, plasticizers, antidegradants to Mixing Equipment, vulcanization and testing.

The attendees were not from the traditional companies, some of the new companies that participated were Jonal Laboratories, Centrillift Cable, Crowley Chemical, and National Oil Well to name a few.

While presenting this important educational course we were able to turn an approximate profit of \$6,000 to be utilized for scholarships and other worthwhile causes approved by our Board of Directors.

This year's committee was made up of Chitta Lahiri, Russ Mazzeo, Ralph Annicelli, Juan Cardona, Linda Steckert, Dolores Ramsey, Bob Hancock, Ray Cash, Bob Cornell and Stan Gedansky.

Michael DiGiovanni  
Basic Rubber Technology Course Chair

## CT RUBBER GROUP WEBSITE

We invite you to sign onto our website which is [WWW.CTRUBBERGROUP.ORG](http://WWW.CTRUBBERGROUP.ORG)

After reviewing Chitta Lahiri's Chair Message for 2006 we direct your attention to the links which are to the left of the screen.

These links will place you directly into the Cradle of the Rubber Industry, our Historian's Corner, our file of past Newsletters, more details on Upcoming Events, the application forms for Membership and Scholarships, our CRG Contact List and a Links section that allows you quick access to the ACS, Rubber Division, The Naugatuck Historical Society, Rubber World Magazine and Rubber & Plastic News.

This website will be updated for 2006 shortly now that the Newsletter has been completed.

Art Delgrosso  
Newsletter Editor

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Use the scholarship application form on page 5 or visit the CRG web site ([www.ctrubbergroup.org](http://www.ctrubbergroup.org)) for the scholarship application form.

Also visit the ACS Rubber Division website ([www.rubber.org](http://www.rubber.org)) for information on the A. Wayne Place and Rubber Division scholarships.

Steve Gangi  
Scholarship Committee Chair

## TRI-STATE REPORT

The Tri State Meeting held on October 27, 2005 at Sutton, MA., CRG was responsible for organizing the meals & invitations and Kelly Lozier of BRG helped us very much in this effort. BRG was responsible for finances and RIRG for speakers. The meeting was attended by 61 guest including 2 students. The Technical papers were well received by the audience. Next Tri State meeting is to be held in 2007.

Regards,

Chitta Lahiri  
CRG Chair



- Start working on sponsoring a student for our annual scholarship award. The student must have at least one semester of college completed.
- Contact your customers and colleagues to reserve June 15<sup>th</sup> for our Annual Golf & Tennis outing. Let's get a big turnout this year!
- Please send in your membership dues promptly to Juan Cardona.

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### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The information provided in this application is confidential. Only the Scholarship Committee for the Connecticut Rubber Group scholarships will use it.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

College / University Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Major \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor (Member in Good Standing) \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a current transcript or arrange for its transmittal. Also, attach a summary of outside interests and a brief essay on any subject of interest to you. These should be postmarked by **April 30, 2006 to:**

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## 2005 CONNECTICUT RUBBER GROUP GOLF AND TENNIS OUTING

On June 16, 2005, the CRG held their annual Golf & Tennis Outing at The Tradition Golf Club at Wallingford and Healthworks (for tennis). After a barbeque lunch for all participants, about 70 golfers hit the links in a traditional Shotgun start, scramble format. Five tennis players fought it out in a group tournament. By the end of play, everyone was ready to relax and continue the comradeship over beverages, hors d'oeuvres, and a great buffet. By the end of the evening, prizes were awarded for the best players (of the day), and our huge raffle made everyone feel like a winner. Keep tuned to the newsletter and notices next year to be part of our outing. You won't be disappointed.  
Mike DiPino



Low Gross Foursome Winners:  
Mike Roman, Mike Tzivanis,  
Ken Ruszkowski, Dave Melanson



Closest to the pin  
Winner:  
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Longest Drive Winner:  
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