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Fellowship News

What is a TAPPI Fellow?

The distinguished title of TAPPI Fellow is conferred upon a select group of members in recognition of meritorious service to the Association and the industry. TAPPI is grateful to these members for their years of outstanding service and contributions to the industry and the Association. The TAPPI Fellow designation is also conferred upon the recipients of the Gunnar Nicholson Gold Medal, the Herman L. Joachim Distinguished Service Award, and those who have served on TAPPI's Board of Directors upon completion of their term. *Fellowship News* is published annually to help Fellows stay in touch.

Where Are They Today?

Said AbuBakr

Greetings and howdy from Kalamazoo! Our enrollment continues to rise, our graduates are getting jobs, and our faculty members are doing state-of-the-art research in the areas of clean energy and printed electronics.

Stuart Alexander

Although we cannot join you this year, we wish everyone the very best in life. Travel takes much of our time, both for vacations and to visit grandchildren, of whom the newest young lady arrived this February. Cecile has gotten me involved with her in the National Assessment of Educational Progress, a federal program testing schoolchildren. Actually she's my

Team Leader, so there's a role reversal! In between we are enjoying ourselves thoroughly, with volunteer activities here in Sarasota with museums, civic associations, theaters, opera and botanical gardens.

Joseph E. Atchison

Last Christmas day, I reached my 94th birthday and fortunately, I still am in good health. We now live in Sarasota, Florida in a nice home which we built in a delightful gated community called Laurel Oak Estates. We moved here ten years ago from Larchmont, New York, where we had lived for 40 years. After traveling and working all over the world, in some 60 different countries, during which my

wife, Jeanne was able to accompany me to the most desirable countries, and even to a few which are not so desirable anymore, including Algeria, Iraq, Iran, the Sudan and Pakistan, we are very content to forego any further traveling and to enjoy our pleasant life here in Sarasota.

Unfortunately, due to two shoulder tears I was forced to give up both golf and tennis which I had enjoyed so much for so many years. However, I still keep fit by exercising for at least an hour every day. Not many of my classmates from the Institute of Paper Chemistry are still around, but I do keep in touch with my former roommate, Pat Forni, who is still very active.

Jim Atkins

Sorry I am not at the 2009 Fellows Luncheon, especially since I wanted to see my friend and colleague **Tom Rodencal's** induction. The consulting business was pretty good for 2008, but 2009 looks like a real bummer! China now will soon pass the U.S. as the largest paper producer in the world, as North American producers continue a downward progression with 41 machines and 18 mills shut down in 2008 alone. Does anyone remember the closing line of the Bob and Ray radio show? "Hang by your thumbs, everybody! Write if you get work!"

Brian Attwood

I am still working on multi-ply forming developments. I am with Janet, now taking more holidays world-wide. Could this be the reward for "good living," such as papermaking, over many years?

Jerry Ballengee

I am happy to report that I have no news to report. All is well with Miki and me as long as I don't look at our investment portfolio! Best regards to all.

Leroy Barry

Great winter in Naples, Florida. Still active on two company boards and three non-profit boards. Life is great!

Gary A. Baum

I am indeed honored and humbled by receiving the Gunnar Nicholson Gold Medal. There are so many people to thank who played a role in the research. I was very fortunate to have bright graduate students and colleagues, and in particular, **Dr. Chuck Habeger**.

Elwood M. Beach

I continue to be relatively active with AstenJohnson, working mainly on troubleshooting projects on paper machine forming sections and on internal and external training.

May brought about my annual migration to Maine for the summer. During the summer, I continued construction of a 16' cedar plank canoe. I finished the fiber glassing and installed the gunnels. Hopefully the summer of '09 will see the completion.

We greeted one grandson, a U.S. Marine, as he returned from Iraq. His cousin, who is a 1st Lt in the Air Force, has also returned home safely. A third grandson recently finished USMC recruit training and School of

Infantry training and is awaiting assignment to his next duty station.

AstenJohnson continues a program called AstenJohnson University where we contract for mill operator training at the mill site or full week sessions at AJ corporate headquarters for process engineers and senior operating personnel. We completed two of these sessions at corporate headquarters this year, which was very rewarding. The best sessions however are those where three or four of us visit a mill site, perform an operational audit of each section of the paper machine and then spend two to three days with operators, supervisors and process engineers.

I continue to be quite fit and active and in generally good health.

David Bennett

After 31 years of TAPPI membership it's great to remember so many industry friends. I still live in N. New Jersey, consulting in the corrosion field. My son Mark, now 20, is at Rutgers. With our Washington politicians clearly even poorer leaders than N.A. pulp and paper industry executives, I wish everyone safe passage through these difficult times.

Kathleen M. Bennett

Hello, fellow Fellows—I wish I could be with you at the luncheon this year! Upon leaving AbitibiBowater, I opened a consulting practice offering services in government affairs, environment, and communications. I've remained mostly within the forest products and paper industry. Example projects have included sustainability communications, a TVA rate negotiation, and a corporate identity project, among others. Since we saw you last, Mick and I have moved to our new house on Lake Hartwell, near Anderson, S.C. Stay in touch! Best wishes to all.

Lee Bingham

I retired for the second time last May after helping Marcal Paper as its President and COO while in bankruptcy. This was the greatest challenge I have faced in my 43 years in the pulp and paper industry. I reopened my consulting business, Can Americas, LLC, and keep busy working for private equity clients.

G. Ronald Brown

I have been serving as Executive Director of the Agenda 2020 Technology Alliance, based in the

AF&PA offices in Washington, DC, since March 2008. We currently are actively engaged in developing an updated technology road map for the forest products industry, and I would welcome inputs and comments from other TAPPI Fellows about this initiative. I am sorry I can't be at this year's luncheon due to medical appointments, and am hopeful I will be present at next year's event.

Gene Canavan

Kathy and I remain in Prattville, Alabama, me teaching high school in a Christian Academy. She just finished cosmetology school. We're both involved with music at church. Grandchild #11 arrived earlier this year, a granddaughter to our son and daughter-in-law in Savannah. Daughter Nicole is in Grenada going to vet school (yes, the island off the north coast of South America). The rest of the families are struggling with the economy, as is everyone. God Bless.

Dave Carlson

I retired from Smurfit-Stone at the beginning of May, 2007 and almost immediately began working with the Fibre Box Association, the corrugated industry's trade

association, as its Technical Manager. It is a great situation and working with an excellent team is a real plus. I also remain an active participant in TAPPI. I enjoy using my 45 years of experience in corrugating to give back to the industry. Bonnie and I are reasonably healthy and continue to live in Lake Forest, IL.

Herb Connell

The years go by so fast now. I'm close to 83, but Diana is 8 years younger. We have enjoyed being together for 10 years. The past year has been good. No major health problems. I may have prostate cancer. Among treatment options is "IMRT". If anyone has experience with this, please call me at 207-799-2978.

I watch our industry struggle and am thankful I was active during the good years. Also, I try, without much luck, to understand the financial markets. Try to learn the merits of the born-again Christian belief. May the good Lord bless you all.



Chuck Courchene

I am unable to attend this year and offer congratulations to all the new Fellows. I switched jobs this year after 18 years in academia/research at IPST and am now experiencing the corporate side at GP Cellulose with the opportunity to apply some of those research ideas into practical applications.

Wayne Damrau

I am still retired from Consolidated Papers Inc. since 1999. I have been consulting at New Page as of this email. Everything is going well in retirement.

Dale Dill

Linda and I continue to travel a lot for enjoyment and to visit family. With the help of pills we remain in reasonable health. Best wishes to all of you!

H.S. "Duke" Dugal

Life in retirement has been quite satisfying and rewarding. The Paper Industry International Hall of Fame is keeping me busy, in addition to five grandchildren and travels around the world. I am also involved with many non-profit company boards and continue to write a regular column, "Paper Report," in the local newspaper,

The Appleton (Wisconsin)
Post Crescent.

Jerome Gess

To all, I want to say hello. Paul Wilson and I were happy to see our second book, *Sizing, Facts and Fallacies* published last year.

Don Gilmore

Another great year here in The Sunshine State. Lots to do and lots of company to do it with. Plans for a jaunt to Spain last fall were shelved thanks to the Euro and Wall Street—also referred to these days as Wal-Mart Street. Did manage a trip up to see the northern half of the clan in New Hampshire, Montreal and Quebec City. Otherwise all are well and active. Hope this finds you all the same.

Lyle Gordon

Gloria and I continue to be blessed with reasonably good health. We are enjoying life with kids, grandkids, graduations, gardening, volunteering, and church responsibilities.

David Goring

We went on a cruise in the Caribbean and contracted the sickness known as "Cruisitis". The only cure is to book another cruise.

Nils Hartler

I still retain my small office at the Royal Institute in Stockholm. In the summer season we play golf and enjoy our archipelago house, including boat life. In November we usually stay two weeks on the Canary Islands. Best greetings to all friends among TAPPI Fellows.

Mike Haas

It has been quite a ride this past year! In October, my 30-year career with Longview Fibre ended as the mill restructured. During my search for new employ, I learned the value of the network of the friends and colleagues I have through TAPPI, and of the skills and expertise learned through the great work I was privileged to do at Fibre. In March, I began a new career at the Longview Weyerhaeuser mill, a few miles downstream from Fibre. I am an environmental engineer, and Sandy and I continue to love our spot in the forest and rhododendrons in Kelso.

I am currently president of the University of Washington Pulp and Paper Foundation, and continue to support Lower Columbia College's pulp and paper program.

Despite the challenging economy, the Paper Science and Engineering program at the UW thrives, and the quality of students and graduates is exceptional. LCC's program, part of (npt)² (National Network for Pulp and Paper Technology Training), has a first-rate lab and curriculum.

Sandy and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary this past April. Ben graduates from Washington State University May 9 with a Viticulture and Enology degree, then heads for Switzerland for an internship with a small family winery. Walter is a sophomore at Western Washington University, and has chosen environmental science as his field of study. Congratulations to those successfully leading TAPPI through these crazy times!

S.G. Holt

We have downsized to a pleasant compact house in Minneapolis, about five blocks from two grandchildren, ages 2-5. We are both in good health and happy.

Clarence Hornsby

Greetings! Lynn (80) and I (83) are still busy with family, friends, and many organizations. Sorry we had to miss the lunch, but I look forward to hearing from you

and/or reading about you in the Newsletter.

Byron Jordan

Two years ago I took early retirement from Paprican although I continue to collaborate with research there and have remained active in the ISO where I have been appointed Chairman of ISO TC6. For retirement, we moved to Gananoque, Ontario, in the middle of the picturesque "Thousand Islands" midway between Montreal and Toronto. In May we are off to Scotland to visit our son's family in Edinburgh and see our new granddaughter.

Richard Kerekes

Three years into retirement, I continue to be active. I am finishing off some long-languishing research and have started a new interest in air filters made from dry fibrillated wood pulp. The aim is to capture and detect airborne viruses. The work is being carried out in the NSERC SENTINEL Bioactive Paper Network, in which I am a theme leader.

I also continue as director of PAPIER, the Canadian counterpart to PPERA in the U.S. One of PAPIER's current activities is assisting FPIInnovations (Paprican

Division) in implementing an exciting new Forest Sector R&D Initiative for universities funded by the Canadian Government. In this new program, a pool of \$7M/yr has been established by NSERC (university granting agency) for funding university research related to the forest industry. FPIInnovations plays the key role in selecting priorities, while NSERC reviews for scientific merit. The focus is on transformative technologies for the forest industry.

Charles P. Klass

Carol and I are enjoying life on the beach. I was slowed down a bit by surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff in my right shoulder, but made a good recovery to regain full range of motion after about three months of no travel – the longest time that Carol and I have spent together continuously in three decades. The current slump is the worst I've seen in five decades in the industry, but I remain busy. Much of my consulting work is overseas in South America and Asia, and I am still active as Adjunct Professor of Paper Engineering, Chemical Engineering and Imaging at Western Michigan University.

Carl Jentzen

About 75% retired – working one week per month. Enjoying golf and fishing!

Jon Kerr

I'm enjoying my 28th year in this fantastic industry, still working in Sales for Andritz Inc. At this stage in my career, I've had many friends retire or leave the business (or most recently, be 'downsized'), so I'm pleased to still be in the game. Life is still very rewarding as the company continues to grow and be profitable year-over-year, even under the present economic circumstances; I'm very fortunate.

Denice and I are now empty-nesters with both children at Ohio State University. Our daughter is a double major (Communications and Marketing) and our son is in Materials Science and Engineering. They enjoy being "Buckeyes" and have thrown themselves into college life with abandon. It's a fun time for all of us.

Look me up online in the Cellulose Community or on LinkedIn, both great places to catch up with old friends and seek new ideas! Wishing all my TAPPI friends health and happiness.

Do Ik Lee

Greetings to All! Since my retirement from the Dow Chemical Company in 2002, I have been continuously involved in Western Michigan and Lehigh Universities for graduate research programs and short courses. Also, I am working very hard on renewable starch latexes for EcoSynthetix Inc. as a Scientific Advisor.

Richard M. Ludwig

Worldwide, the paper industry in the Northern Hemisphere (except for China) is certainly in the doldrums. I hope that the latest generation of TAPPI members will be able to bring back some of the prosperity that we elder members enjoyed. My best wishes to all the Fellows.

Bruce Lyne

These days I am a long-distance commuter between Stockholm, where I am a professor at the Royal Institute of Technology, and Canada's National Institute of Nanotechnology in Edmonton, Alberta. This allows me to swing through Vancouver on the way home and visit my three older children. All three are snowboarders, so I have become a kamikaze downhiller on skis to keep up in

venues like Whistler and Cypress Bowl. Skype has also proven to be a great way to keep Warren, Margot and Alexis in touch with their younger siblings, Hallsten and Lauren, and my wife Osa -- with a High Definition camera, it is almost like being in the same room. My main technical focus is nanotechnology applied to the forest industry, and I am active on the boards of related excellence centers at the Royal Institute and Stockholm University. Perhaps we can meet again at the 2010 Nanotechnology for the Forest Industry conference, to be held in conjunction with PulPaper in Helsinki in the beginning of June. This is an exciting wellspring for new products for the forest industry; please get in touch at lyne@kth.se if you would like to participate as I will be chairing the meeting.

Michael A. MacGregor

Though I am now deeply ensconced in full-time retirement, I still remain active on TAPPI's Water Removal Committee, of which I am a Charter Member. Come to think of it, I do have a new job now: golf. And I "punch in" just about every nice day that I can.

I've even received some favorable performance reviews. I still remain pretty physically active with cycling and, when the weather doesn't permit that, power walking four or five miles. I meet a bunch of my high school buddies just about every week for breakfast when I'm not out of town visiting the grandkids or traveling elsewhere. The numbers we used to talk about back then, like zero-to-60 mph in six seconds, have long since been superseded by our PSA and LDL readings. A great big greeting to all my TAPPI Fellow friends. Wish I could be there.

Paul Magnabosco

Susan and I are doing very well, excited about celebrating our granddaughter's first birthday in May. We continue to stay busy with part-time entrepreneurial ventures and also with volunteer work. I am upgrading several amateur radio emergency communications systems that cover southeastern North Carolina. Some of this equipment is installed on television broadcast towers, up to 1700 feet above ground. The view is superb from that height, but it sometimes can be very

windy and cold. During the summer, I plan to take some time off from volunteer work, spending less time in Wilmington and more at Topsail Beach. Best regards to everyone for 2009.

Tom McDonough

I hope this finds you all well. Maureen and I are fine, enjoying the flexible schedule that comes with (semi)retirement; May 2008 found us in England touring and visiting relatives. Our travels also included a few trips to Seattle and Milwaukee to spend some time with our grandchildren. I am still somewhat involved with CPBIS, TAPPI and IPST, even to the extent of being the manager of an IPST research project this year. Can't make it to St. Louis, but hope to see y'all at the 2010 luncheon.

John McEwen

Had a stroke in May 2008, and I am now in an assisted living apartment at Emerald Height in Redmond, Washington.

Albert B. Moore

In addition to my regular work at Buckman Laboratories, Inc. in Memphis, Tennessee, I am privileged to be on the Board of Directors at the University of Maine Pulp and Paper

Foundation, Syracuse Pulp and Paper Foundation and Miami University Paper Science and Engineering Foundation. My travels during 2008 included two weeks in Portugal during July, where we visited the Northern portion of the country. We spent two weeks in the State of Hawaii, with the first week being enjoyed in Kauai and the second week, with extended family, in Oahu over Thanksgiving.

I do visit Maine once in a while just to assure myself that my house is still standing after all the winter storms. I am looking forward to visits with many fellow TAPPI Fellows in St. Louis.

Max Moskal

I continue to be active in metallurgical consulting for M&M Engineering Associates, working mostly in areas of corrosion and welding. Additionally, I enjoy continued participation in TAPPI Corrosion & Materials Engineering Committee work and BLRBAC. I'm looking forward to a seven-day raft trip in the Grand Canyon during June.



Haydn H. Murray

I am still involved with kaolin coating clays at Thiele Kaolin Co. in Georgia and with CURD in Brazil, and BASF in foreign countries. Sorry I can't attend the luncheon, but will be travelling at the time.

Tom Myers

I finally retired from the forest products industry in November of 2008, leaving the family log home business. I now am donating about 30 hours each week as the VP Research of a cancer foundation. Grandchildren have increased to 12, so my wife Karen and I are kept busy celebrating their events. We'll be tandem bicycling around the Chesapeake this spring, so I am still an active exerciser. Also love skiing and golfing here in the mountains of western Maryland.

Willem Nikkel

Anneke and I have been married 57 years and slowing down, but we're thankfully healthy. Long distance trips are getting harder so we're taking more short ones. I've been a TAPPI member for nearly 48 years and am still involved in a few interesting projects in corrugating. Good health to all.

Wells Nutt

Pretty much retired from the industry, but still healthy and enjoying life and volunteer activities in beautiful Savannah, Georgia.

Herbert Ortner

Unfortunately, my wife and I cannot attend as we will be out of Germany during that time. Furthermore, I am still not able to fly such a long distance as I still have to walk on crutches. However, I still have the target to leave the crutches behind within one year's time. I wish you, your colleagues and your guests very interesting discussions and a memorable luncheon.

Robert Pelton

Hello friends. It is another busy year for Bob and Helen Pelton. McMaster is hosting the 7th International Paper Chemistry and Coating Symposium this June and we are looking forward to seeing many old friends on our home turf – the snow should be gone by then. The Sentinel Bioactive Paper research network is taking a lot of my time and it going really well. I hope that our industrial partners can hang in there with us in these difficult times. Our daughter Kate is getting married this August so it should be an exiting summer. I am sorry

to miss the Fellows luncheon -- I have to see you soon.

Douglas C. Pryke

My consulting practice continues to thrive and my responsibilities as Executive Director of the Alliance for Environmental Technology (AET) keep me busy with environmental issues related to bleaching in the international pulp and paper industry. As many of you know I am an avid golfer and last year had my first hole-in-one. What a thrill and it happened with one of my clients and fellow graduate of the UBC Chemical Engineering class of '73.

Jeff R. Reese

I continue to work for International Paper at the Cincinnati Technology Center in Loveland, Ohio with my focus on reducing paper machine energy consumption. Priorities this year have shifted from implementing capital projects to improving operation, since capital is currently not available.

For TAPPI, I continue heading the Paper and Board Division scholarship committee, am vice chair of the Papermakers Committee, and chair the Drying Subcommittee for the Water Removal Committee.

I am also track manager for “Paper Machine Measurement and Performance” and a mini-track on “Paper Machine Energy Conservation” at PaperCon09 -- hopefully we'll be basking in the success of the conference at the Thursday morning Fellows Luncheon.

At home we had a transportation milestone day as my five-year-old (now six) daughter rode her bike without training wheels for the first time the same day my 15-year-old daughter (to be 16 far too soon) had her first driving lesson. Our 11-year-old son was thrilled to be the only fifth-grader to win the rec-league basketball championship two years in a row. My wife Susan and all three children continue their taekwondo training, but my role remains as driver and cheerleader, although I have resumed playing some volleyball and racquetball. My latest obsession is a game called Verbosity at www.gwap.com (it stands for games with a purpose).

I look forward to the luncheon to cheer the inductions of **John Neun, Tom Rodencal**, and **Norman Marsolan!**

Richard A. Reese

I have stayed busy doing paper machine energy evaluations funded by the

Department of Energy (DOE) with your tax dollars. Thank you. DOE will fund an evaluation in any mill in the USA that wants one and has annual energy consumption over 0.3 trillion Btu. The evaluations have identified many opportunities to reduce energy consumption without any capital cost.

Tom Rodencal

It was indeed a great pleasure to receive a call from Larry Montague earlier this year to inform me that I would be in the 2009 TAPPI Fellows class. I am looking forward to attending the luncheon and induction “roast.” In other TAPPI news, I am busy supporting the planning efforts for PaperCon 09 to be held prior to our luncheon and my duties as a newly elected member of the Board of Directors.

The last few months have brought some dramatic changes in my professional life. In October I learned that my position as Director of Paper Machine Technology at Domtar was being eliminated along with so many others in our industry. With the current state of our industry, I decided to enter the world of consulting to help pay the bills while continuing to look for another full time position in the industry. So as of early

March, I am my own boss (at least for the business part of life) running Rodencal Paper Consulting Inc. It has been a steep learning curve, but enjoyable so far. One of the positive aspects has been that my marketing efforts have given me an excuse to call many old friends, some of whom I have not talked to in quite some time. I have also posted a profile on Linked In for those interested.

Gail and I continue to reside in Duluth, GA near Atlanta. If your travels take you to Atlanta, give us a call.

Barbara Russell

I now work for Sonoco in Hartsville, S.C. I have been here almost 2 1/2 years. I am currently the Senior Quality Engineer servicing three cylinder machines. We have six cylinder machines and one fourdrinier machine on this campus. We produce recycled paperboard for tube and core operations along with various other packaging materials. I was involved in obtaining Fiber Sustainability Certification for our Paper and Consumer Products Divisions, which we completed last year.

I still have my horses but have not had much time for riding. I hope to get back to that this summer.

I am married and have a 15-year-old son who is in the Hartsville High School Band which includes the Marching Band, Concert Band, and Jazz Band. He is also on the High School Tennis Team.

These activities take up most of my off-the-job time; however I still find time for Church activities which include Sunday School teaching and Relay for Life (American Cancer Society).

Thank you for the invite and I hope that some day I will be able to attend and visit with some old friends.

John Schulz

Kathy and I live in Aiken, S.C. and like it better every year. Eight grandchildren and three children keep us hopping. Health is good; we are still upright and have all our teeth. Best wishes.

W. B. A. (Sandy) Sharp

A few years ago North American pulp and paper companies employed 35 corrosion engineers. Now the total is down to five. I fear that the associated lack of awareness will produce an increase in serious accidents. Personally, I am fortunate to be busy with consulting work. Sorry not to be in St. Louis.

I'll be in Finland

gathering information for a newly-funded research project on corrosion-resistant superheater alloys for high temperature biomass boilers.

Peter Seifert

As you party in St. Louis, Gudrun and I are on the hiking trail in the Alps, heading BACK from Vienna to Nice. In case you missed it, we have completed our Nice to Vienna step-by-step backpacking tour and loved it so much, we cannot stop. Interested? Visit our website, www.hikeforyourlife.com. Greetings and good health to all of you!

Jeff Siegel

As the newly elected chair of TAPPI's Board of Directors I have the best volunteer job in the world. I am happy to have the opportunity to spend time with a large group of dedicated TAPPI Fellows, members, and staff at PaperCon '09 in St. Louis.

Robert C. Stamm

Despite putative retirement, serving as President and a Director of my Co-Op apartment building continues to keep me engaged in engineering. A year ago marked completion of a \$600,000 roof replacement and façade restoration contract. Early this year a

\$300,000 project has been completed, installing two new elevators. My health continues to be excellent, so I have no complaints!

Börje Steenberg

I just published my memoirs in Swedish. The translated title is *Service with Pleasure*. Some copies have actually been sold. Greetings!

Jim Stobie

Business has been difficult the past six to eight months, but lately there has been an encouraging increase in the activity level. We are hopeful it will translate into orders in the very near future. My current role is VP North American Sales for Brampton Engineering -- we design and manufacture blown film coextrusion lines - specializing in systems for the production of high barrier packaging films for the food and medical markets.

Ants Teder

My activity as well as my office space at KTH has decreased but is far from zero. We have now three professors in Pulp Technology at KTH (Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden): one active, Mikael Linström, and two emeriti, myself and Nils Hartler.

Must be a rather unusual concentration. Sometimes are we all three active, as a matter of fact just today.

My wife Krista is rather ill, and has spent the last year in a wheelchair at a nursing home. I visit her each day, and we discuss common memories, including visits to TAPPI events.

Herb Teeple

I'm very sorry to miss the luncheon again. My current health problem, Pulmonary Fibrosis, has me on oxygen 24/7, which precludes any traveling. Otherwise, I'm OK, and enjoying bridge sessions on Mondays and Thursdays. Another pleasing activity is e-mail correspondence with my Atlanta friends. I'm having a bit of difficulty in my solution of the world's financial problems, but I'm trying, I'm trying. I am enjoying being here in Morristown, NJ, except that I am not enjoying the harsh winter weather, so different from that of Atlanta. Take care all of you, I'm looking forward to reading the Fellows Newsletter to find out what you all are doing.

Ben Thorp

Grandson Beckett A. Thorp was born on my birthday last May. Hard to top that for a surprise. Consulting got more intense and interesting

with the financial crisis. Never thought I would be schooled in the 2008 Recovery & Reform Act.

Diane is doing well and says "Hi" to everyone.

Barbara van Lierop

Sorry to be missing the Fellows Luncheon; Martin and I are just leaving for a trip to Jerusalem, then on to Paris and Amsterdam. We are so blessed to be able to do this. Retirement is indeed wonderful!

Jan Walter

Change happened this year with my move from Western Michigan University to Western Polymer Corp. and I'm back on the road and back into the paper mills! I've been very lucky in my career and have enjoyed every opportunity. I am really enjoying working with Western's new coating potato starch. The work allows me to work out of home in Kalamazoo, as not to upset the dog. My niece is looking for colleges, she can look but has instructions to stay in Michigan and preferably sign up with Michigan State.

My nephew has sprouted up closing in on 6 feet and his voice has changed to his delight since he no longer sounds like his sister on the phone. I am looking forward to my post-PaperCon

vacation to New York City with the two of them. My best to all you wonderful Fellows.

Greg Wedel

I have been with Kadant Johnson since 2000, after 32 years with Beloit. I work in Three Rivers, Michigan, just south of our home in Kalamazoo. I am currently responsible for the Kadant Johnson operations in the USA, Latin America, and Southeast Asia. Many of our customers have been hit very hard by the economic slowdown, but even these challenges bring opportunities. We doubled the size of our field sales force by combining the sales groups of three of the Kadant USA businesses. This allowed us to take new products to a number of new markets. On the personal side, Jenny and I now have three grandchildren. Our third daughter was married last fall and our fourth daughter was married in April. Between weddings, I renewed my interest in woodworking and have been making tons of sawdust in my basement. Best regards to all of you.

Jim Wethern

Still enjoying life at Marsh's Edge, a retirement community on St. Simon's Island, Georgia.

William (Bill) Whitsitt

Hi! Ruth and I are in good health and looking forward

to spring visits with our son Andy. His work for medical software company Epic Systems continues to take up most of his time. Fortunately their business is still holding up. I wish our paper business was holding up as well. It hurts me to see the corrugating industry struggle.

Bruce Zobel

Still in Raleigh! I'm 89 and my wife Barbara is nearly 88. Wedding anniversary, nearly 68 years. Cannot travel, but still mobile with walker. I follow Forestry, wonder where all the "government stuff" will go to in the end. Still a Republican.

Paul W. Magnabosco Outstanding TAPPI Local Section Member Award

Michael (Andy) Easley

In recognition of outstanding leadership and exceptional service to a Local Section, TAPPI member Michael (Andy) Easley will be honored with TAPPI's 2009 Paul W. Magnabosco Outstanding TAPPI Local Section Member Award during the PaperCon '09 Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, USA, May 31 through June 3, 2009. Andy brought significant and demonstrable benefits to all Local Section members through his work with TAPPI's Gulf Coast Local Section .

Andy is a 24-year veteran of the pulp and paper industry and has served as the Manufacturing Services Manager at AbitibiBowater's Coosa Pines Operations in Coosa Pines, Alabama, since 2001. He started his pulp and paper career with Champion International at Courtland, Alabama, as a Software Engineer in 1984 after four years in the Nuclear Power Industry with TVA. In 1987, Andy joined Bowater's Calhoun Mill as a Systems Manager. In 1989, he transferred to Bowater's Corporate Office in Greenville, South Carolina as the Manufacturing Systems Development Manager. During this time, he was responsible for implementing common integrated supply chain systems at Bowater mills. In 1998, Andy became the I/T Manager for Bowater's Newsprint Division supporting divisional operations and both North American and International Newsprint Sales. He was a significant contributor in Bowater's acquisition and integration of the former Avenor, the Halla Mokpo (South Korea), Newsprint South, and Alliance mills.

Andy joined TAPPI in 1989. He became active in the Gulf Coast TAPPI Local Section in 2002 and held Local Section Executive Chair positions from 2004 through 2008. He has been involved with the TAPPI Student Summit Planning Committee since 2007 and is active with the Auburn and Alabama Southern TAPPI Student Chapters, and attended TAPPI's Leadership Forum in 2008.

Please Join Us in Congratulating the TAPPI Fellows Class of 2009

TAPPI will recognize seven outstanding professionals for their contributions to TAPPI, and to the pulp, paper, and packaging industries, by designating them as TAPPI Fellows. The title TAPPI Fellow is an honorary one bestowed on less than one percent of TAPPI's membership, and is given to individuals who have made extraordinary technical or service contributions to the industry and/or the Association. The TAPPI Fellows Class of 2009 will be inducted at TAPPI's Annual Fellows Luncheon, June 4, 2009, during PaperCon'09, May 31-June 3, 2009 in St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

Joseph M. Genco, Professor, Chemical and Biological Engineering Department, University of Maine. Genco has been a professor at the University of Maine for 35 years and a TAPPI member since 1976. He consults in the industry and holds three patents in oxygen delignification and paper formation. Genco's contributions have increased the body of technical knowledge to industry professionals working in oxygen delignification and paper formation. His work in delignification helps one understand the relative importance of mass transfer compared to the kinetics of the reaction. By contrast, his pulp drainage analysis was important to understand the short time behavior on the wire and the realization that the filtration resistance can change as the mat forms.

Norman F. Marsolan, Jr., Consultant. Marsolan began his career in 1976 teaching at Louisiana Tech University. During this time he began consulting with various companies and Marsolan subsequently joined International Paper in 1988. He served in their technical department for over 20 years. He oversaw process and product development work in pulp, paper, and packaging as Director of Research and Development. Marsolan began his service on the TAPPI Board in 2006 and was elected to Vice Chair of the Board starting in 2009.

John R. Martin, Vice President, Manufacturing, Packaging Corporation of America. Martin has been in the forest products industry his entire career. He has held positions in corporate engineering, sales and sales management, and plant management. Martin's TAPPI service began in 1991, and he is a member of the Chicago Local Section. In addition to his Board service, he has been a member of the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors and is on the Corrugated Packaging Council.

John A. Neun, Process Engineer, Albany International Press Fabrics. Neun started in the industry in 1979 and has been a TAPPI member since 1980. His experience is extensive and includes paper machine operations; pressing and press optimization; paper machine clothing design, application, and optimization; paper machine clothing cleaning and conditioning; mechanical vibration and press vibration; vacuum systems; sheet formation; sheet dewatering; and hydraulics. Neun has earned six patents in the course of his career. Many of them are team patents, an achievement of which he is very proud.

Thomas E. Rodencal, Consultant. Rodencal has been in the industry since 1972 having served as a chemist and engineer. He specializes in paper machine diagnostics and wet end operations. Rodencal is a key division and committee leader for TAPPI having served as the Paper and Board Division Chairman, Paper and Board Technical Program Chairman, Papermakers Committee Chairman, Papermaking Specialists Subcommittee Chairman, and PAPERCON Steering Committee Leader and Member. His committee work resulted in 14 TIPs (Technical Information Papers).

Michael Y. Sun, Senior Principal Scientist, MeadWestvaco Corporation. Sun began in the industry in the early 1980's and has been a member since 1987. He migrated to academia and then back to industry. His areas of expertise include: papermaking chemistry; wet-end processes and optimization; new product development; and training, teaching and mentoring. Sun has solved operations/quality problems on more than 80 machines in North America, South America, Europe, and China. In addition he has taught wet end chemistry to over 1200 paper mill employees in North America and Asia and has published more than 100 internal papers and 10 technical papers. He has been instrumental in TAPPI's publication efforts in China.

Peter D. Wallace Wallace started in the Nonwovens and Engineered Fabrics Industry in 1975 and migrated from the wood products industry to the resins industry. A member of TAPPI since 1980, Wallace has several areas of expertise: technical service, research and development, marketing, and business unit management in the resins industry. Wallace's TAPPI accomplishments are many, and he is noted as one of the founding members of the TAPPI Nonwovens Division. His accomplishments include developing committees to support the new Division; launching the International Nonwovens Technical Conference (INTC), a joint TAPPI and INDA event; and creating the concept of a joint technical journal involving TAPPI and INDA.

Herman L. Joachim Distinguished Service Award

Dr. James C. Abbott

Dr. James C. Abbott, consultant, Cincinnati, Ohio, will be honored with the 2009 TAPPI Herman L. Joachim Distinguished Service Award to be presented during the PaperCon '09 Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, USA, May 31 through June 3, 2009. This award is the highest honor the association can bestow upon an individual for exemplary leadership that has significantly contributed to the advancement of the Association.

Abbott earned a B.A. in Chemistry from The College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Analytical Chemistry from The Ohio State University. He joined Procter and Gamble in 1964 as an analytical chemist. He became associated with Procter and Gamble's paper and disposable products businesses in 1971 and remained in that business area until his retirement from Procter and Gamble in 1994. He spent his entire Procter and Gamble paper-related career in test method and quality system management and development.

Abbott joined TAPPI in 1972, and has held various leadership positions since that time, including all chairs in the Process and Product Quality Division (previously the Testing Division), as well as chairing the various committees within that Division. Abbott has served as session chairman, technical program chairman, and general chairman for recent Process and Product Quality Division seminars and conferences. Abbott continues as a member of the Process and Product Quality Division and several of its committees, leading and contributing to development of new testing methods and review and revision of those in existence.

Abbott served on the TAPPI Board of Directors from 1991 through 1994 and chaired or was a member of Board Committees in the areas of Test Methods, TAPPI Journal, and Publications, and was a member of the TAPPI Technical Operations Council during his service as a Process and Product Quality Division officer. He served on the former Test Methods Review Board, then later as Chair of the former Test Methods Management Committee. He is currently a member of the Quality and Standards Management Committee of the Board.

Abbott has spoken on topics relating to optimization of measurement and quality systems within the industry at several TAPPI conferences, seminars, and Local Section meetings. His papers on application of laboratory robotics and automated data systems to quality management have appeared in TAPPI PRESS publications and TAPPI Journal. He organized and taught a TAPPI sponsored short course titled The Properties of Paper for several years.

Abbott has been member of the American Society for Testing Materials Committee D06 on Paper and Paper Products since 1972, serving terms of office on the D06 Executive Committee and as D06 vice chairman and chairman, and chairing the Test Methods subcommittee for several years.

Abbott is also active in Technical Committee 6 (TC 6) of the International Standards Organization (ISO), and has participated in method development and revision of ISO methods related to paper. TAPPI sponsors the U.S. Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to the American National Standard Institute (ANSI). Abbott chaired this TAPPI sponsored TAG from 2001 through 2007. Abbott currently convenes the ISO TC 6 Working Group on test methods for tissue products.

TAPPI is proud to welcome our new Fellows! These exemplary industry leaders are received into the ranks of TAPPI Fellow. There have been 429 Fellows from 14 countries since 1968. This year's award winners enter a select group that is less than 1% of TAPPI's membership. As such, they are rightly considered industry thought leaders, and they richly merit the acclaim from TAPPI and their fellow members.

TAPPI Fellows represent some of the finest papermakers from nations around the world, including:

- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Canada
- Finland
- Germany
- Italy
- Japan
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom
- United States

A Fond Farewell

Please join us in remembering the TAPPI Fellows who passed away this year and the lasting contributions they made to the Association and the industry.

- Karl-Erik L. Eriksson
- Robert J. Farrell
- John W. Gilbert
- Waldemar Jensen
- William O. Kroeschell
- Oscar W. May
- William K. Metcalfe
- George H. Sheets
- Philip E. Shick