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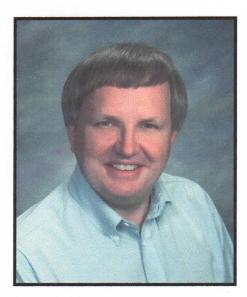
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This President's Last Message



Steve Miller 1998-1999 PPGO President

It has been a pleasure and a challenge this past year for me to serve as your president for the third term. When you make it this many times, you always look back and ask, "what can I do and suggest for different ideas, programs and events for our future". Reviewing my goals and objectives for PPGO and the board for 1998-1999 has me reviewing a lot of documentation I provided to the officers about a year ago. The officers probably thought with the 8 page document handed to them, they would have to take a day to decipher where the direction of PPGO was headed. PPGO's future was to be discussed further at some of our board meetings here at Lucent. Questions of what could PPGO offer our members, and what better business decisions could have been made in the way we were marketing and handling PPGO. Also, we have and will continue with the assistance of the MAIPP's board of directors, continue to offer a scholarship to this fine school. Another first for PPGO.

Happy to say, I feel the board officers have meet and even exceeded some of my goals. Yes, we do have fewer paying members, yet those who do attend are the ones willing to learn a lot more with the increase in the length of the program. Yes, we do mail out less newsletters (BIG thank you to Jeff Funk for layout and content of the new PPGO newsletter), yet we have a more professional looking and near photographic quality newsletter with photographs. Yes, we have increased our dues, only to bring in "top talent with desirable programing" with a four hour program (Thank you to Steve Reese in the programming and arrangement of the fine speakers and managing our funds). Also a Thank You to Rolland (Monty) Montgomery for his assistance in the operation of PPGO and assisting with the door displays. Now PPGO has a more unified appearance to the public, and our attendance and participation is consistent with all displays. I would like to thank Bob Shiley for maintaining and assisting with the photography of our meetings. Also I greatly appreciate all the hard work from Ron Deyo (past president) and his wife JoAnn. Ron has organized the golf outing, and JoAnn for the summer picnic events. In addition a very special Thank You goes to our unassigned board member, Mom (Darlene Miller) for she is the one who calls each member, reminds them of the next door display, etc. Thank you mother. Sincerely,

Sincerely, Steve Miller, C.P.P. PPGO President 1998-1999

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Display Schuedule

Set up between 8:00 - 8:30 Taken down 6:00pm *5:00

Jun. 14-20 Westroads
Jul. 12-18 Oakview
*Aug. 9-15 Southroads
Aug. 16-22 Oakview
Sept. 13-19 Westroads
Oct. 11-17 Oakview
Nov. 8-14 Westroads

PPGO Happenings

PPGO Program Schedule

June 21 - Golf Outing
June 27 - Family Picnic
Employee's Welcome!!!
September 12 - Roy Maderis
Oct. 10 Any Suggestions Call Jeff
Dec. X-mas Party
See future newsletters for more info

Date Change for Golf Outting

The Golf Outing will be on June 21st at Quarry Oaks Golf Course. Tee time is scheduled for 3:00pm. Call Ron Deyo 331-9514 by June 17th to reserve your spot!!!

Brun PPN's Photog. of Year

PPGO would like to congratulate Eric Brun for all of his achievements at the HOA Conference held in Kansas City this past April. Brun also brought home other awards too. Congratulations Eric!!!

Mall Display Date Added

Due to the damage to prints at the last Oakview Display the mall has agreed to allow us to do another display at **NO CHARGE** Aug. 16th.

PPGO Board Meetings

The board will meet every 3rd Monday of each month. The meeting will start at 6:30pm at the Garden Cafe in Rockbrook Plaza. If you have any comments, questions or concerns please call Steve Miller to arrange an agenda for you.

PPGO Distribution

Forward all newsletter comments, suggestions, articles, listings and advertisements to Jeff Funk, Newsletter Editor.

PPGO's Summer Fun Family Picnic

PPGO has planned a Family Picnic for June 27th at 11:00a.m. with lunch at 1:00p.m. It will be held at Zorinsky Lake. Enter at the 156th & F Street entrance. We will try to get the covered picnic area by the restrooms. Employee's Welcome!

PPGO will supply the meat, condiments and charcoal for the picnic. We are asking the members to bring a side dish or dessert with them. Please **R.S.V.P. by June 20th** to Darlene Miller at 331-0271. Let her know what you plan to bring so we

do not end up with a lot of the same thing. Also let her know how many hotdogs, hamburgers, and steaks you and your family would like. We will have games for the kids(Young or Old). So mark your calendar for a day of great fun!

PPGO's Annual Golf Outing will be held June 21st at Quarry Oaks by Mahony State Park. Tee Time is at 3:00. The golf outing is open to past and present members. R.S.V.P. by June 17th to Ron Deyo 331-9514. PREPAYMENT REQUIRED!



Calendar Of Events

PPGO Golf Outing	June 21, 1999	Quarry Oaks Golf Course
PPGO's Summer Picnic Employee's Welcome	June 27, 1999	Lake Zorinsky 156 & F St
PPN Summer Conference	July 17-19, 1999	Kearney
PPA National Conference '99	July 23-28, 1999	Atlanta, Georgia
PPGO September Program	Sept. 12, 1999	Four Points Hotel, 120 & L
PPGO October Program	Oct. 10, 1999	Four Points Hotel

PPA MEMBER ALERT! Write Your Congressman! Now!!!

Proposed Tax May Cause Dues Increases! The Clinton Administration has made a proposal that could drastically reduce your Association is ability to maintain lower dues and meet unexpected expenses. This measure could mean higher dues and fewer benefits for members of Professional Photographers of America, its affiliates and the members of other trade associations.

In its budget, the Clinton Administration wants to force 501(c)(6) organizations, like PPA and PPA affiliates, to pay a hefty tax on certain types of investment income, including rent, dividends, royalties and interest. This amounts to a whopping tax increase of \$1.4 billion over the next five years.

Professional Photographers of America is firmly against this new tax, and has united with more than 2,700 other Associations to defeat the proposal. We can prevail but only if we keep up the pressure in coming months.

You can help protect your Association benefits by contacting your member of Congress and urging him or her to oppose the "Anti Association" Tax.

You can now contact members of the House of Representatives and the Senate by e-mail. Go to w w w . h o u s e . g o v a n d www.senate.gov to find and contact your legislators? make your voice heard on this important issue!

Below is a sample letter you can use when writing your Senator or Representative:

Dear (Senator or Representative)

I am writing to urge you to oppose the "Anti-Association Tax" included in the latest budget proposal. This measure, which places a hefty tax on the investment income of 501(c)(6) organizations, would greatly reduce the ability of professional trade associations to serve their members and the country as a whole. My professional association helps my business. My small business helps the economy. A good economy helps everyone. Again, I urge you to oppose the "Anti-Association Tax" included in the latest budget proposal.

Sincerely, (YOUR NAME)

Member, Professional Photographers of America

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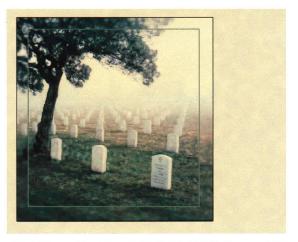




M'Lady, Your Carriage Awaits #1 HOA Wedding-Masters HOA Kodak Gallery Scored 87 Two Ships That Pass in the Night PPN Kodak Gallery Scored 84 Both by Eric Brun M. Photog.,CPP Eric is PPN's Photog. of the Year



"If Hogs Could Fly" by Jeff Funk CPP #1 HOA Commercial - Non Masters HOA Fuji Masterpiece Award PPN Kodak Gallery Award Scored 81



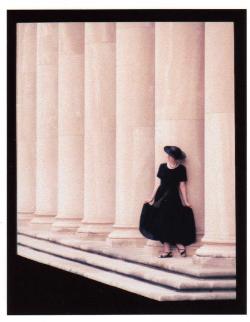
Not Forgotten by Jeff Funk, CPP Score 85 Jeff Placed 3rd PPN's Top 10 Non Masters



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"Do You Love Me?" Scored 80 By Jim Reese M. Photog.,CPP Jim Placed 5th PPN Top 5 Masters



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Deliberation by Kurt Brink Scored an81 Kurt Placed 9th PPN's Top Ten Non Masters