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A Message from the SVC Foundation Chair

The SVC Foundation (SVCF) seeks to provide scholarships to people contemplating careers in the field of vacuum coatings, and we are seeking applications for the 2010 year (see article on page 55). Since its inception in 2003, we have granted 17 scholarships totaling \$77,500.

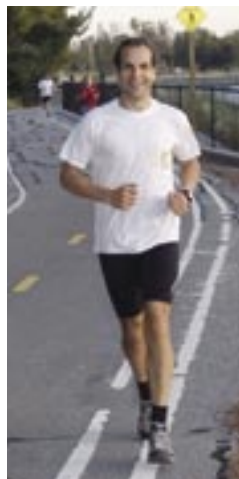
Current SVCF Board members include myself, John Fenn, John Felts, Wolfgang Decker, Paolo Raugei, and Steve Sedlak. Board members serve staggered six-year terms with one outgoing Board member, John Fenn, and two new members, Bryant Hichwa and Pamela Luecke.

John Fenn was a driving force behind the formation of the SVCF and is responsible for much of the initial growth of the Foundation. Pam Luecke is already organizing a fund-raising **Golf and Give Tournament** at the 2010 TechCon in Orlando (see ad on next page), and Bryant Hichwa is expected to add his academic expertise to the Scholarship Committee, as well as be our representative to the SVC Board of Directors.

The **Golf and Give Tournament** is an additional fundraiser to the annual 5K Run and Walk and we will be offering individual and joint sponsorship opportunities for these events at the 2010 TechCon in Orlando. To sponsor the 5K Run and Walk, contact Wolfgang Decker at w.decker@vastfilm.com or call 724/827-8827. To sponsor the Golf Tournament, contact Steve Sedlak at 248/681-5235 or Pamela Luecke at 605/578-1339.

2009 has been a difficult year for many of us, and no less so for the SVCF Board members who have had to focus on insuring their respective businesses continue to survive and prosper. As a consequence, we are lower than normal in fundraising and other activities. We ask to be in your thoughts as you decide on your year end charity contributions. Keep in mind that the SVC has once again agreed to match gifts of \$1,000 or more.

– James W. Seeser, Foundation Chair



Our 2009 5K Fun Run participants.

The SVC Foundation Thanks the 2009 5K Fun Run Sponsors

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If you would like to become a sponsor of the 2010 5K Fun Run in Orlando, contact Wolfgang Decker at w.decker@vastfilm.com or call 724/827-8827.

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This is Your Opportunity to Apply for a SVC Foundation Scholarship

The Scholarship Program of the SVC Foundation is entering its seventh year. Applications for the 2010 scholarships can be downloaded from the SVC Foundation website at <http://www.svcfoundation.org/ScholarshipPage/Scholarshipapform.pdf> and must be received on or before January 31, 2010.

In addition to a financial award, scholarship winners will be invited to attend the 2010 SVC Technical Conference, all expenses paid. This is a great opportunity to learn from top technology experts and to network with other conference attendees.

Previous scholarship winners are encouraged to apply again provided they still meet the requirements.

In the words of a scholarship winner who attended the 2009 SVC Technical Conference:

"I am very thankful to SVC for the Scholarship award. This scholarship gave me the opportunity to attend such a wonderful technical conference which is not only a technical conference but a school where I learned a lot. I took short courses/tutorials from the best experts in their fields. I congratulate SVC on organizing such a great conference. For a student, it's a blessing. Not only does it provide some financial support for the research but it also the opportunity to meet with folks that are really experts in various fields. I learned valuable knowledge in the 2009 SVC conference from the discussions which one cannot find in books."

Please forward this information to any individual or institution that might have qualified applicants.

– Paolo Raugei, SVC Foundation Scholarship Committee Chair, Galileo Vacuum Systems, Inc.



Bakthyar Ali, University of Delaware (left) and Michael Orthner, University of Utah, were 2008 SVCF Scholarship winners and attended the 2009 TechCon in Santa Clara.

SVC Foundation Planned Golf and Give Tournament

Sunday Afternoon, April 18, 2010

Orlando World Center Marriott Resort and Convention Center, Orlando, Florida

You do the golfing while we do the giving.

Tournament proceeds will be donated to The SVC Foundation.

The format will be a *best ball* so all players will have more fun and less frustration.

Sign up as a foursome or as an individual.

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