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### SVC FOUNDATION NEWS

The SVC Foundation begins its first full year under a new Board of Directors separate from the SVC Executive Committee. This Board includes several SVC Past Presidents and other individuals who have demonstrated a long-term commitment to the cause of the Foundation, including Wolfgang Decker, John Fells, John B. Fenn, Jr., John Marcantonio, Paolo Prange, and Jim Seeser. The primary focus of the SVC Foundation is to strengthen the vacuum coating industry by attracting new talent and providing additional education to practitioners. Scholarships are given to deserving applicants at all academic levels, with emphasis on those already involved in vacuum coating technology. Travel grants are made to recipients so they can attend the TechCon and become more involved with the Society. In the future, we expect that grants will be made for successful applicants to attend SVC short courses. Since inception, the Foundation has given out \$33,000 in Scholarship grants, and expect to give out at least \$6,500 this year. Paolo Prange chairs the Scholarship Committee. People interested in helping on this key committee should contact Paolo at [prange@comcast.net](mailto:prange@comcast.net).

The SVC continues to be closely affiliated with the Foundation, appointing the members of the Board, providing administrative support, and funding. This year the SVC provided matching funds of \$30,000, and the donations by the SVC to the SVC Foundation since its inception total \$65,000. Yet the largest source of funds comes from companies and individuals, whose contributions total \$150,000 as of January 1, 2007. Most recently, we received a donation from The Jane and Frank Warchol Foundation for \$50,000. Frank was among the early members of the SVC, and, partially motivated by the example of an earlier grant of \$50,000 from Dr. John B. Fenn, used the Foundation donation as a way to give something back to a society that had been so important to him. We also received a recent donation of \$5,000 in the memory of Past-President Michael Hansen. The GK run, now headed by Wolfgang Decker, raised \$6,000 last year, and should exceed this in Louisville. Individual contributors via mail or the SVC membership dues payment process are also an important source of funds. We ended the year with an endowment of \$180,000, and budget ourselves with increasing it significantly this year.

The SVC Foundation Board certainly hopes that the example provided by these recent donations help motivate other members of the vacuum coating community to add funds to this very noble cause.

The Board is committed to operating the Foundation as cost effectively as possible to maximize the payout to students. The donation of large amounts of time and resources from Board members and other volunteers is critical to achieving this, as well as the support of the SVC Board, Virginia Mattor, and the MPI management team members. Thanks to all of you.

We thank the members for their support, and invite not only donations, but people interested in contributing their time and effort toward helping the Foundation grow its programs and become more effective at achieving its goals by working on committees or potentially joining the Foundation Board.

Jim Seeser (314)918-0160; [jseeser@svc.com](mailto:jseeser@svc.com) is the SVC Foundation Board Chair.

### Frank and Jane Warchol Donate \$50,000 to the SVC Foundation

Frank has said — "Jane and I want to give back to the society — and the vacuum coating industry that it serves — some of that which it has given to us over the past 50 years. We are proud to be associated with the SVC — it has come so far over the years. We want to support the education of young people coming into this industry. We were impressed by the goals of the Foundation that were described in the 2006 summer issue of the SVC *Bulletin*."



Frank & Jane Warchol at Frank's 50th birthday party

Frank Warchol served in the Army Air Force 1944-1946. He attended Wayne State University under the GI Bill and graduated in 1951 with a major in chemistry. His early employment was with Chrysler Corporation in the mid to late 50s. He was employed as a project chemist with General Motors Manufacturing Development staff located at the Technical Center in Warren, Michigan. This is where his interest developed in chemistry, combined with metallurgy, electrochemistry, paint, plastics, and vacuum technology. Frank and family (Richard and Jerry) founded Vacuum Finishing in June 1959. Vacuum evolved through the years to Masco Tech Coatings in 1986, followed by Innovative Coatings in 1998. In the 1960/2000-time period Jane and Frank formed VacuCoat Technologies, Inc. The family is still supporting the Society of Vacuum Coaters today as they did on Day 1 in 1967.

### SVC Foundation Sponsors the Student Scholarship Program

The two 2006 Scholarship Recipients will present their work in the Poster Session to be held on Monday afternoon in the Exhibit Hall at 4:30 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.

Yong Yang  
Drexel University Philadelphia, PA

Yong Yang will present his work on "Characterization of Continuous and Pulsed Dielectric Barrier Discharge Regimes in Air, Oxygen, Nitrogen, Helium, and Argon."

Lisa Anne Diebler  
Washington State University Pullman, WA

Lisa Ann Diebler will present her work on "Fabrication of pMUT Arrays for Medical Ultrasonic Imaging."

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