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The President's Message

Dear Chicago Drug & Chemical Association Members:

Happy Summer! I hope everyone is enjoying the change in seasons and the summer weather with family, friends and loved ones enjoying time together.

I want to thank Katie Turner-Thompson, Cheryl DePasquale and our Program & Luncheon Committee members for a great luncheon on May 23rd at Wheatstack. Thank you to our CD&CA members and their guests that came out to support this event.

Our golf committee worked very hard and our 1st golf outing of the season was a big success at Seven Bridges Golf Club. It was great to see so many members and guests out there!

I want to remind all members that the Education Committee has opened application process for our 2023 scholarship program. Please check the CD&CA site under "education" for details on our annual scholarship program for college or college bound family members of active CD&CA members. Please note that the deadline for applications is September 6, 2023.

I also want to extend a warm welcome to our newest CD&CA members:

- **Ahmad Hasan** (APCO Packaging)
- **Ted Perez** (Caleb Chemical)
- **Kevin O'Malley** (Nachurs)
- **Alex Stone** (New Age Logistics)
- **John Barry** (Ward Transport)
- **Brian Coulston** (Americhem Sales)
- **Dustin Brudnicki** (ERCO Worldwide)
- **Maxamilliam Morales** (Hallstar)
- **Vincent Casalino** (Connection Chemical)
- **David Esquivel** (Acid Products)

Finally, as I have mentioned before; please spread the word to other chemical industry members you interact with daily and invite them to join our organization...all are welcome to join our group to meet other CD&CA members and expand their network, contacts and enjoy the fine camaraderie of members or our great organization! Dawn Drass and Lou DePasquale, our Membership Committee Chair, are happy to help you!

Until then, Cheers!

Chris Wrobel

President, Chicago Drug & Chemical Association

Lou DePasquale • Dan Berg • Ryan Sheets • Jim McHatton • Cheryl DePasquale • Tommy Turriff • Judi Swain
Ex Officio: Bob Miller

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Golf Outing

Our second golf outing of the year is planned for Tuesday, 08/01/23. Mark your calendars now and don't forget to register. All the "cool kids" will be there at Ruffled Feathers Golf (Lemont) for the start of the shotgun at 9:30 a.m. This course features a Pete Dye-designed championship layout!

We love a shotgun start because every golfer will get into the clubhouse around the same time for dinner! Hope to see you out there on August 1st! Register at: <https://cd-ca.org/event-5327378>

Golf Scramble

Mark your calendar for the Cassie Marino Foundation 2023 Golf Scramble. Saturday, August 12 (Afternoon tee times) at Nettle Creek Golf Club (Morris, IL). \$125 per player (\$500 per foursome) with BBQ Dinner (\$40 Dinner only).

Sign up by emailing the Foundation at info@CassieMarinoFoundation.org or <https://forms.gle/5y2aYjqxCtkBSPqP6>

In December 2022, 19-year-old Cassie (daughter of Angela Marino) passed away tragically after completing the first semester of her sophomore year at Western Michigan University. The Foundation in her name channels her family's grief and keeps her spirit alive. The CMF is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit. 100% of the money raised goes directly to causes Cassie would support (college scholarships & dog rescue).

Members Only Scholarship

Application for the Chicago Drug & Chemical Members Only scholarships will be due by 09/06/23; information can be found at: <https://cd-ca.org/Education>.

With school ending, now is the perfect time for students to start preparing for the application, by requesting transcripts from school staff. Questions or applications should be directed to CD&CA Administrator, Dawn Drass at admin@cd-ca.org. The Education Committee will select winners, and the scholarships will be presented at the Annual Meeting on 10/26/23.

REVIEW OF PAST EVENTS

Miskatonic Brewery Event

Katie Turner-Thompson (ECP) and **Cheryl DePasquale** (TLC Ingredients) and their committee organized a fantastic event on February 23rd at Miskatonic Brewery in Darien! Miskatonic served up some delicious brews (Jabberbocky or West Coast Wizard, anyone?)!

Miskatonic owner, Josh Mowry, gave a very informative tour, during which he explained the difference in the brewing process between a lager or a pilsener and the role of malt, hops and other crucial ingredients. We also learned how small batch beers are often barrel-aged, to provide them a unique flavor profile.

Later, we all enjoyed some local pizza (and maybe a second beer choice, but who's counting?). Miskatonic is a great venue and proved the perfect backdrop for one of our most fun networking events in a long while!

Hamming it up for the camera:



President **Chris Wrobel** (Univar Solutions) and Former President **Bob Miller** (Dubois Chemicals).



Dan Berg (Producers Chemical), **Pat O'Neill** (Rainbow Printing), **Jeff Nelson** (VLS Environmental) and **Jack Pohlmeier** (Rowell Chemical) and **Kevin O'Malley** (Nachurs).



Cheryl DePasquale, **Bob Batzold** (Univar Solutions), **Tim Ryniec** (LA Chemical), **Dawn Drass** (Rowell Chemical), **Lisa Kringas** (Siltech), **Tommy Turriff** (TLC Ingredients), **Katie Turner**, **Stacy O'Connor** (ECP), **Eric Earl** (Wego Chemical), **Derek Paulowski** (Columbus Chemical).

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Legends Indoor Golf

CD&CA members and their guests gathered on March 30th at Legends Indoor Golf, in order to get a head start on their golf season and tune up their swings early.



Katie Turner-Thompson and Stacy O'Connor led a group of seven guests, and did their best to master the Legends golf simulator.



Birthday girl, **Lisa Kringas** (Siltech), celebrated her big day with friends and some indoor golf.



At least **Cheryl** and **Lou DePasquale** (Acid Products) didn't have to go far to retrieve their shanked golf balls!



Pictured left to right are the winners of the longest drive contest: **Keri Heenan** (Estes Express, Womens 2nd), **TJ Hass** (Mens, 1st), **Brian Shannon** (Producers Chemical, Mens 2nd) and **Dawn Drass** (Womens, 1st).

Wheatstack Luncheon

May 23rd attendees met at Wheatstack in Lisle for a fantastic meal and not one, but two informative speakers.

Mark Biel, Chief Executive Officer for the Chemical Industry Council of Illinois (CICI), entertained all present with his unique take on “How the Illinois General Assembly impacted the chemical industry in 2023!”

Later, David Reiser, who has more than three decades of experience advising clients in all areas of environmental law, brought everyone up to speed on the emerging issue of Environmental Justice and related developments in the State of Illinois and on the Federal level.



Mark Biel (CICI) entertains attendees with his witty update on events in Springfield.

REVIEW OF PAST EVENTS

Seven Bridges Golf Outing

Golfers of varying handicaps enjoyed a beautiful day on the links for a shotgun start at Seven Bridges Golf on June 19th. It was definitely warm out there, but a light breeze and moderate cloud cover contributed to make the day pleasant. More than a few balls were lost in the omnipresent water (Hello? It's called "Seven Bridges" for a reason!), but the best ball format helped take the edge off this challenging course.

Straightest Drive winner was **Alex Stone** (New Age Logistics). Eating their Wheaties that day were Longest Drive winners were **Jill Reese** (Seeler Industries) and **Paul Hoban** (guest). Not only did they find the center of the fairway, but they crushed the ball to boot! Guest, Paul Hoban, impressed his fellow players with his short game in the Hole-in-2 (this guy made the rest of the field look like amateurs!) CD&CA volunteers, **Cheryl DePasquale** and **Megan Peboontom** (Aurorium) report that they were savagely attacked by local fauna (Weird, but true!) At the end of the round, Seven Bridges laid out a great spread for an early dinner.



Our fearless volunteers for the day were: **Bob Miller** (DuBois Chemicals), **Heather Grimm** (Essential Ingredients), **Cheryl DePasquale** and **Megan Peboontom**.



CD&CA President, **Chris Wrobel** (Univar Solutions), and his guest enjoyed a day out of the office!



Mark Polen (EMCO Chemical), **Jim McHatton** (EMCO Chemical) and **Keith Pinkonsly** (First Priority) pose for outing volunteer, **Cheryl Depasquale**.

MEMBER NEWS

After 6 years of dating, **Laurie Pedziwiatr** (Shamrock Chicago, President 2014) got married to Jim Teska and she became a wife, stepmom, and grandma all in one day! Even better: grandbaby number 2 is due in early August! The couple got engaged late 2021 and had a small wedding on 11/12/22. Wearing her favorite color, purple, and her engagement ring same color as well. Laurie states that Jim is proof that it is never too late to live happily ever after!

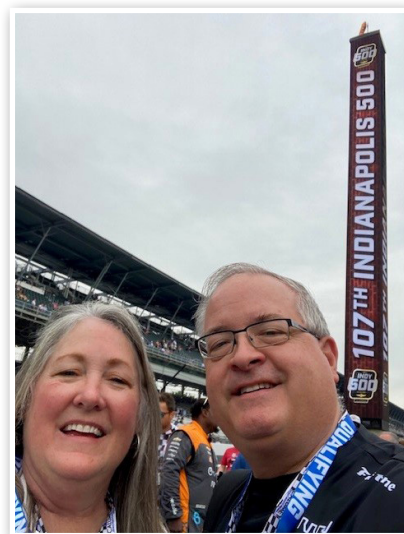
Laurie and Jim



New CD&CA Member, **Jerry Colarossi** (TLC Ingredients) and his bride, Kim, recently spent two weeks in Hawaii. They enjoyed the wonderful weather and were able to recharge their batteries. Jerry took advantage of a couple local golf courses while on the island!

Tom Turriff is enjoying retirement, splitting his time between Tucson, AZ, and Delaware, OH. Tom and his wife, Barbara, recently celebrated their anniversary by finishing their unpacking in their new home in Ohio. (How romantic!)

Speaking of moving, CD&CA President, **Chris Wrobel**, and his wife, Meg, just finished their own move to Carmel, IN. Chris and Meg lived in Carmel many years ago, until they moved to Naperville, and they are excited to get back to Carmel, where they still have several really good friends. Recently, Chris, Meg and their son, Sam (CD&CA Scholarship winner) celebrated moving back by attending the Indy 500! Don't worry, though, because Chris comes to Chicago often for work, so we will still be able to see him at many of the CD&CA events!



Chris and Meg at Indy 500

MEMBER NEWS

Judi Swain reports that in March, her youngest daughter, Abbie, graduated from the University of Aesthetics and Cosmetology as an aesthetician. She is happy to be starting her new career.

On Saturday, June 3, her oldest daughter, Kyla, graduated from the Trinity School of Medicine with her MD. She starts her residency with SIU in Alton, IL, later this month. She's back in IL!

Also on Saturday, June 3rd, her son, Robbie, left for an 8-week business internship in Amsterdam. She will be visiting him in July, so he does not get homesick. ☺

Judi's second daughter, Lauren, is working at a lab and would say she has nothing new to report but is anxiously awaiting the Taylor Swift concert. Well, (almost) all of Judi's kids are certainly busy and making Mom proud!

Connie and **Lou DePasquale** just returned from a whirlwind European tour, starting with Italian stops in Milan, Saronno (home of Amaretto DiSaronno), Lake Como and Bellagio (ask Lou about the shoes!). Next was a Viking cruise ship for a Rhine River tour, with German stops in Breisach and the Black Forest, Strasbourg (France), Speyer, Worms, Rudesheim, Koblenz (apparently the Johnny Walker was flowing!), and Cologne. Into Holland, where they learned about Dutch mills and cheese-making at Kinderijk, and then they finished their trip with museums and more in the bike-friendly Amsterdam. What a great trip!

Tom Harris (Rowell Chemical) is over the moon with his latest grandbaby! Look at this beauty, Rosemary Elizabeth, at 6 months of age!



Steve Moews (Rowell Chemical) is also a proud first-time grandpapa! His new granddaughter, Margaret Lynn O'Brien, was born healthy (8 lbs. 13 oz. and 22 inches), on 5/24/23. He looks like he is enjoying being a grandfather!

We're happy for you, Steve!



Board Member Bios

Ryan Sheets

As we continue our “Meet Your CD&CA Board Member” series, it’s time to get to know **Ryan Sheets**! Ryan works in sales at EMCO as a Personal Care and HI&I Technical Account Manager. He is currently the Co-Chair of the Golf Committee.

Ryan and his wife, Nicole, have two kids – Ava and Tyler. They enjoy vacationing in the Florida Keys, where Ryan has been known to be seen with a fishing rod in his hand. His favorite phrase is “Fish On!” and his favorite food is even Lake Perch. (Delish!!) Besides fishing, he loves coaching his son’s sports teams, attending Purdue football and basketball games and trying new restaurants.

Please don’t ask Ryan to live without Sports or his cell phone! Those are essentials in his life! Ryan attended Purdue University (Boiler Up!), where he was a walk-on wrestler.

Cheryl DePasquale

Meet **Cheryl DePasquale**! Cheryl learned to love the chemical distribution industry from her dad, Lou DePasquale, but she has developed a style all her own!

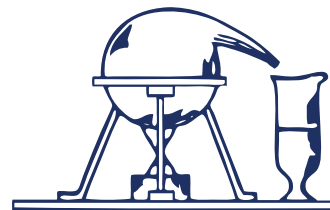
Cheryl is a sales representative at TLC Ingredients, and has also worked for Acid Products and Univar. Cheryl has been on the CD&CA Board for many years, recently completing her term as President in 2019 and Education Chair for two years 2020 – 2021. She is currently our Chair for the Program & Luncheon Committee.

Besides her well-known Papa, Cheryl’s mom is Caroline and her brother is Lou, Jr. Cheryl’s husband, Joe, is a great guy! Cheryl has two daughters, Cora and Erica, and two beautiful granddaughters, Leni and Willa!

She and Joe like spend time with family, especially anywhere in Mexico. In addition, CD enjoys walking, exercise classes and playing with the twins (granddaughters)! You may be surprised to learn that she is very spiritual and believes in the stars and the moon/universe.

Some may say her name proceeds her, but “Cheryl De” is an industry maven in her own right!

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Chicago Drug & Chemical LinkedIn Group

We have created a group on LinkedIn for the CD&CA. It is a great way to have discussions, share information and stay in touch, etc. To join the group, please go to:

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3775030>

To join the CD&CA group, you must be a member of LinkedIn. LinkedIn is free and setting up a new account only takes a few minutes. Please join the discussion on LinkedIn.

Welcome to Shutterfly

We have created a website called "Chicago Drug & Chemical Association" to share pictures with our members. Please check it out at

<https://CD&CA.shutterfly.com/pictures>

Shutterfly

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Upcoming Events

Golf Outing

August 1 – Ruffled Feathers Golf Club

Golf Scramble

August 12 – Nettle Creek Golf Club

CD&CA Annual Meeting and Silent Auction

October 26 – NEW VENUE – Chateau Orleans (Chuck's BBQ in Darien, IL)