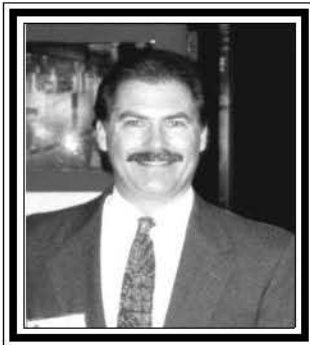




THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Greetings from your IMDA Headquarters. This issue finds us completing another year of IMDA activities. 2007 has been a rewarding year for your association. We hosted one of the better conventions in recent years and our site for this year's convention was the best we've had for our May meetings. Having outgrown our previous site, The Holiday Inn, we ventured to a new site, Indian Lakes Resort, which encompasses a combined offering of golf courses and a conference center. According to our registration count for both the Scholarship Golf Outing and our Conference, the membership agreed with the move as our numbers were stronger for both events. This change came about as a result of your input and direction. As a result, we will once again be holding our Convention at the now Hilton Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale, IL in May, 2008.

This year also marks the change in leadership for the IMDA as we installed new officers. Rick Clendenning completed his term as president and veteran Neal Santangelo, Crown Cork and Seal, will assume the duties of President. Neal has served as both Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Convention Chairman in the past. Following Neal as Vice President is Joseph Finan, Genesis Innovation, who also becomes the 2008 Convention Chairman. Joe has been thoroughly involved with the convention for years and brings strong leadership skills, untiring dedication, and a strong knowledge base to the office. Joining the IMDA leadership as Secretary/Treasurer is Jack Knight, Inx International Ink Co. Jack possesses an abundant energy level and has innovative ideas to improve our Association and will be a valuable asset to our organization. Jack also has been extremely involved with the convention and golf outing over the years so he has a strong working knowledge of our key activities. I am sure that you join me in wishing them much success in their terms of office.

Key to the success of any volunteer organization is the dedication of the membership to participate on committees and to be active as a board of director. The IMDA is fortunate to have strong participants on both fronts and you will continue to see improvements in our activities. You will also see a renewed program to increase our membership around the globe as we reach out to offer more to our international membership. We also strive to provide enhanced benefits for membership in our association; we ask that you advise us of areas you wish for us to address so that we may continue to react to the needs of our membership as we did in the changing of the convention venue. You can email your thoughts to me at: ampmgt@aol.com. Best Wishes for good health, wisdom, and a productive remainder of the year.

Michael Masenior
Michael Masenior
Executive Director

2007 IMDA
Member of the Year

RICK CLENDENNING



The Association is pleased to announce the selection of Rick Clendenning as our 2007 Member of the Year. Rick has just completed his tenure as President for 2 years and previously served as Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. Rick was selected for his commitment to the Association as he was instrumental in getting our website updated and being maintained on a current basis as well as adding new energy to our Mid-Year meetings. (Now known as our annual convention). Rick was instrumental in establishing our sponsorship of the convention activities which allowed us to provide paid speakers and enhanced programs at our conference. Rick has also been supportive of the Excellence in Quality Competition each year. When called upon, Rick has stepped up beyond the call of duty and contributed his support for the betterment of the Association.

Rick currently serves as president of INX International Ink Company, based in Schaumburg, IL.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

During May, we inducted new members into our association. We are pleased to have the following individuals as members.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sharon Bagby	Spartanics	Rolling Meadows, IL
Robert Blandford	Miltec Corporation	Stevensville, MD
Harry Bloom	Aetek UV Systems	Schaumburg, IL
Troy Brodhagen	Bunting Magnetics	Newton, KS
Steven Cassa	Premier Blanket Service	Schaumburg, IL
Beau Dickson	John M. Travis, Ltd	Lancaster, OH
Robert Fryer	Can Corporation of America	Blandon, PA
Imre Futsky	Wilhelm Hebenstreit GmbH	Germany
James Geba	Silgan White Cap	W. Hazelton, PA
Paul Goeringer	Screen Printing USA	Ashley, PA
Richard Huether	Independent Can Company	Belcamp, MD
Derrick Jefferson	Crown Cork & Seal	Philadelphia, PA
Hamed Kebriyaei	Margarin Mfg	Iran
Frank Lipo	Cleveland Folder Service	Chicago, IL
Uwe Rust	KBA - Metalprint GmbH	Stuttgart, Germany
Rickey Schneider	Crown Cork & Seal	Philadelphia, PA
Robert Shaughnessy	Crown Cork & Seal	Aurora, IL
Patricia Spranger	Ball Corporation	Broomfield, CO
Kurt Wagemann	Independent Can Company	Belcamp, MD

IMDA YEARS OF SERVICE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Jack A. Barr	45 YEARS	Stan Lawrynowicz	15 YEARS
Joseph F. Newman	45 YEARS	Norman A. Ulrich Jr.	15 YEARS
Charles R. Erikson	40 YEARS	John R. Frangakis	10 YEARS
Alex C. Telfer	35 YEARS	Janelle Renee Harris	10 YEARS
John W. Weibley	30 YEARS	Dan Lombardo	10 YEARS
Kenneth J. Matyska	25 YEARS	James R. Meadows	10 YEARS
Leonard R. Miller	25 YEARS	George B. Menchen	10 YEARS
Richard A. Steer	25 YEARS	Dr. Peter Edward Robinson	10 YEARS
Louis S. Comadena	20 YEARS	Bill Roetling	10 YEARS
F. William Graue	20 YEARS	Eric J. Slamans	10 YEARS
Bruce P. McClain	20 YEARS	Kenneth J. Slater	10 YEARS
Rafael Coderch Negra	20 YEARS	Andrew Stott	10 YEARS
Michael C. Yavorski	20 YEARS	Geoffrey Alan Wortley	10 YEARS
Stephanie Brotzman	15 YEARS	Lucio Wong Yan	10 YEARS

2007 PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

Renee Etiopio



For the second time in the IMDA's history, the Association has bestowed the honor of being selected as an outstanding member who has shown exemplary service to the missions set by the President. Renee was chosen for her exceptional work on our convention for the past years as she was instrumental in growing our sponsorship, expanding our display exhibits, and improving our networking and hospitality sessions. We are extremely grateful for her un-tiring efforts and dedication to the Association.

IMDA MEMBERS OF THE YEAR

1989	.....George Scalamera
1990	.....David B. Morris
1991	.....David B. Sheldon
1992	.....Peter C. Collias
1993	.....Michael W. Masenior
1994	.....F. William Graue
1995	.....Kenneth Matyska
1996	.....Daniel Sittler
1997	.....Gary Silke
1998	.....Peter Costello
1999	.....Joseph Kwain
2000	.....Robert Coe
2001	.....Robert Finley
2002	.....Charles Erikson
2003	.....Norman Christen
2004	.....Eugene Furey
2005	.....Craig Eberts
2006	.....Jack Knight
2007	.....Rick Clendenning

MEET YOUR NEW IMDA OFFICERS



PRESIDENT NEAL SANTANGELO

Neal started in the industry in June 1971 at American Metal Decorating, 25 years at one facility working for 4 different companies; American Metal, Heekin Can, Ball Corporation, and US Can as Plant Manager. In 1996, he joined Brockway Standard as Plant Manager at the Franklin Park facility. In 2003 Neal joined Crown Cork and Seal as Plant Manager of the aerosol facility in Alsip, IL. Neal has been a member of the IMDA since 1987 serving as a member of the Board of Directors and as an officer since 1999.



VICE PRESIDENT JOE FINAN

Before joining Genesis Innovation in late 2004, Joe spent 20 years with Sequa Can Machinery, his last position being vice president of Advanced Technology, and in that capacity is the author of numerous can industry papers and presentations. Joe has been in engineering 33 years and attended Caldwell College and Fairleigh Dickenson University, both located in New Jersey. Joe holds a black belt in Design for Six Sigma. He currently resides in Nevada with his wife and daughter.



SECRETARY TREASURER JACK KNIGHT

Jack began his metal decorating career in 1980 in the ink manufacturing industry holding positions in the lab, in sales and management. He then worked for US Can in metal decorating and then to Bway Corporation in pre-press, ink formulation and as a Litho Process Control Manager. In 2000, Jack joined INX International Ink Co as Senior Technical Service representative and in 2006 he was named International Technical Service Manager. Jack has served on the convention committee for years and has been instrumental in the improvement of our conferences.

2007 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Each year the IMDA conducts a golf outing in May in support of our scholarship giving program.

Proceeds from the outing are awarded to applicants who are children and grandchildren of IMDA members in good standing for attending a post high school accredited educational institution.

A Scholarship Committee receives the applications and selects winners based on the application and essay submitted. Award recipients are announced in May at the IMDA Annual Convention. We are fortunate to have had such tremendous support of our Scholarship Outing such that we are able to award 7 scholarships. We received over 15 applications which exceeds any year in the history of the International Metal Decorating Association. This program is available to all IMDA members and we encourage those of you with family members who are eager to continue their higher learning to apply for our upcoming Scholarship Program.

The Scholarship Committee is proud to announce the recipients for 2007

\$1000.00	Meagan Bassitt	Joliet Junior College
\$1000.00	Kari Jonard	University of Colorado
\$1000.00	Matthew Kwain	Carthage College
\$500.00	Kelsey Harris	University of Denver
\$500.00	Cerisa Reynolds	University of Iowa
\$500.00	Jack Sullivan	Northern Illinois University
\$500.00	Daniel Viox	Vanderbilt University



Kari Jonard

To the Scholarship Committee of the IMDA,

I would like to express my appreciation for the International Metal Decorator's Association scholarship award. I am looking forward to beginning studies at Vanderbilt University in a few weeks. This award will help me to finance my education there. I understand that there will be an article about the scholarship recipients in the next IMDA newsletter. I'd appreciate receiving a copy if that would be at all possible. Once again, thank you for your support,

Sincerely,

Dan Viox

Dear Mr. Masenior,

Please express my appreciation to the IMDA Scholarship Committee for their award. It is most welcome. I worked at Home Depot this summer and this is a really nice addition. I have already sent your check in to NIU to be used towards my tuition. Thanks again.

Jack Sullivan

2008 SCHOLARSHIPS

WE WILL BE SENDING THE REQUESTS FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2008 IN JANUARY. APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 31, 2008. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE IMDA HEADQUARTERS AT TEL:410-252-5205 OR EMAIL US AT:AMPMTG@AOL.COM

IMDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOTES

Following are highlights from the Board of Directors meeting which was held at the Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale, IL in May, 2007

President Rick Clendenning convened the meeting and welcomed the board members. The **Secretary's Report** was given by Joe Finan who read the letter of retirement from Watson Standard from Gene Furey and a letter of resignation from the board from Tom Thompson. The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Joe Finan and approved by the board. The financial condition of the Association remains strong. The **Convention Report** was given by Neal Santangelo. He thanked the committee for their efforts with special thanks to Joe Finan and Jack Knight for their efforts. The Board discussed the new location at Indian Lakes and felt that the facility would better serve the Convention and Golf Outing space and quality requirements. The industry agreed as pre-registration exceeded the previous year and sponsorship was up to 30 from the previous 20 in 2006. Sponsors paid for the food and cost of the hospitality room, gifts to speakers, guest speakers and prizes given during the hospitality session. Gary Silke reported on the **Scholarship Golf Outing** stating that 310 registered for the banquet and 240 played golf. There should be enough proceeds to award numerous scholarships this year. **Membership** Chairman, Michael Yavorski and Co chairman, Jonathan Ellaby, announced 19 new member applications and the board approved the applicants for membership into our association. (see listing in this issue). Mike also announced that Eugene Furey was voted into the Honorary Status. **Newsletter** chairman, Mike Masenior continued his ongoing requests for articles for the upcoming issues. **Scholarship** Chairman, Gene Furey reported that 7 scholarships were awarded in 2007 and more than 15 applications were received for 2007. The awards would be made during the convention program on Thursday. **Technology** reports were given stating that there has been an increase in investments in equipment and in training internationally and that in many areas elaborate graphic images are perceived to add value to the product package aside from standard graphics used to meet packaging guidelines. **Nominating** Gene Furey presented the report for chairman, Kenneth Matyska and announced the new officers for the IMDA as follows: Neal Santangelo, President, Joseph Finan, Vice President, and Jack Knight, Secretary/Treasurer. Gene also announced the new board of directors listing. A motion to accept the roster was presented and approved by the board. We congratulate the new officers and board of directors. **Website** master, Jack Knight discussed the activity of the website and stated that we continue to see increased visits to the site and the presentations from the convention are posted for viewing. **New Business** brought before the board included the formation of a membership enhancement committee to be chaired by Rick Clendenning for the purpose of investigating the needs of members and to increase our recruiting efforts worldwide. The committee will report at the next meeting being held in October. The board expressed its appreciation to Rick Clendenning for all of his years of service as an officer and as president.

The meeting was adjourned.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

(as of 10-24-07)

MEMBERS	537
HONORARY	32
PRIVILEGED	28
TOTAL	597

HONORARY MEMBER

The IMDA is proud to announce that it bestowed the status of honorary membership to Eugene Furey during the May Board meeting. Gene has served as an officer and has served on numerous committees and his valuable experience contributed immensely to the growth of the association.

ANNUAL DUES

We still have members with outstanding dues for 2007 and request that payment be sent in if you have not done so. We will be sending out reminder notices in the near future. Thank you for your continued support of our association.

MEMORIAL

We are sad to report the passing of The following members and industry leaders this year.

Charles Gilchrist, Privileged member, *Walter Zelinski*, retired member, *James Polka*, retired member, *Randall Kostka*, White Cap, and *Richard Adkisson*, US Can Company. We sent our heartfelt condolences to their families.

IMDA MEMBERSHIP

Honorary Members of the IMDA

AS OF: 10-24-07

Ed Anderson	Doug Bastyr	Jim Clementi	Norman Christen	Robert Coe
Peter Collias	Charles Dixon	Bob Eckert	Charles Erikson	Robert Finley
George Frank	Eugene Furey	Robert Gere	Dr. Raymond Good	Earl Gray
Richard Hamilton	James Hands	William Howard	David Hull	Lee Landauer
Vince Kirpsak	Joe Kwain	John Matthews	David Morris	Winslow Parker, Jr
Joe Polikaitis	Garland Richardson	David Sheldon	Gary Silke	Daniel Sitler

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP

The International Metal Decorators Association membership proudly includes members from around of globe. Following is a listing of the 46 countries/territories represented.

Argentina	Greece	Scotland
Australia	Guatemala	Singapore
Austria	India	South Africa
Brazil	Indonesia	Spain
Bulgaria	Ireland	Sweden
Canada	Iran	Taiwan
Chile	Israel	Thailand
China	Italy	Turkey
Costa Rica	Malaysia	United Arab Emirates
Denmark	Mexico	United States of America
Dominican Republic	Netherlands	Venezuela
Ecuador	New Zealand	
Egypt	Nigeria	
England	Pakistan	
Finland	Philippines	
France	Poland	
Germany	Puerto Rico	
	Saudi Arabia	



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Driven by the need to help can manufacturers best assure proper inside spray, over-varnish and other protective coating thickness levels, consistency and quality, Sensory Analytics (www.sensoryanalytics.com) has introduced a new revolutionary means to precisely measure coating thickness on metal packaging and other containers.

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Sensory's introduction of its innovative new *SpecMetrix*® coating measurement systems now help manufacturers and their supply partners address these opportunities to improve product quality and reduce unit costs.

The multi-sensory *SpecMetrix*® system is a non-contact, non-destructive tool that is able to perform absolute single point measurements down to 50 microns when analyzing very small areas of interest. The instrument can produce thickness measurements in 20ms or less without sacrificing the package, and may be used to deliver real-time coating thickness data back to the manufacturing floor to facilitate timely coating process adjustments. The *SpecMetrix*® instrument is also substrate independent, which makes it the only instrument currently available that can measure coatings on any colored surface – including white and black.

The *SpecMetrix*® system can measure transparent and semi-transparent coatings on metal, glass, plastic and other substrates without sacrificing accuracy or throughput. It is well suited for evaluating both inside and outside coatings and can be readily adapted for in-line and factory floor use. With numerous automation and fixturing options currently available, the *SpecMetrix*® system can deliver real-time results and automatic data acquisition for every measurement performed. These results are automatically ported into current SPC software platforms for enhanced process control. With its ability to help reduce both labor and material costs, the *SpecMetrix*® system is a new tool for effectively reducing costs and optimizing can quality.

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May 21, 2008

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May 22-23, 2008

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CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Your Board of Directors and Officers want your input. Tell us what we can improve upon to make your experience as an IMDA member more meaningful. Email us your thoughts and suggestions to info@metaldecorators.org and let us know where we can make improvements to our membership offerings.

2007 EXCELLENCE IN QUALITY WINNERS

Category	Entry	Company/Location
AEROSOL		
Best of Category	Weber Grill Spray	DS Containers, Batavia, IL
Award of Excellence	L'Oreal Studio Line	Exal Corporation, Youngstown, OH
CLOSURES		
Best of Category	Frito-Lay Sour Cream Octane Cap	Silgan White Cap, Downers Grove, IL
Award of Excellence		G-3 Enterprises, Modesto, CA
FOOD		
Best of Category	Sardines Tomato Sauce	Kian Joo Can Factory, Selangor, Malaysia
Award of Excellence	Brazilian Coffee	Shetron Limited, Bangalore, India
GENERAL LINE		
Best of Category	SDS Concave Stackable	Kian Joo Can Factory, Selangor, Malaysia
Award of Excellence	Anisa Tea Persian	Tinpak Limited, Colombo, Sri Lanka
MISCELLANEOUS		
Best of Category	Tara License Plate	The Ohio Art Company, Bryan, OH
Award of Excellence	Child Serving Tray	J.L. Clark Co, Rockford, IL
SIGNS & DISPLAYS		
Best of Category	Superman	Independent Can Company, Belcamp, MD
Award of Excellence	Mikey Bike	Independent Can Company, Belcamp, MD
SPECIALTY		
Best of Category	Nestle Turtles	Independent Can Company, Belcamp, MD
Award of Excellence	Royal Rum	The Ohio Art Company, Bryan, OH
TWO-PIECE		
Best of Category	Exto Energy	Rexam Beverage, Elk Grove Village, IL
Award of Excellence	Yeo's Lychee Drink	Kian Joo Packaging, Selangor, Malaysia

GRAND AWARD
SDS CONCAVE STACKABLE TIN
KIAN JOO CAN FACTORY BERHAD



Dear Sir:

We are honored to receive the four plaques for the 2007 Excellence in Quality Award Competition. We extend our sincere appreciation and thanks for the recognition of our product quality. We are honored to be chosen as the winner. We are also thankful and grateful to the organizing committee for arranging this competition. We hope the organizers will continue the effort and are looking forward to participate in future events.

Yours faithfully,

See Teow Koon

Executive Director

Kian Joo Can Factory Berhad

Direct Laser Engraving Join the Revolution!

The Metal Decorating industry is quickly moving towards more demanding graphics, especially in the 2 piece market using relief polymer plates. What was traditionally just 1-3 color line work has now grown into a 6-8 color process with pictures and graduated screens. This has become a challenge for many can printers as their equipment capabilities haven't been able to keep with this rapid trend of high quality graphics.

With mask ablation technologies becoming long in the tooth, printers and trade houses have been looking for better ways to produce higher quality polymer printing plates for the metal decorating industry. Enter Direct Laser Engraving.

Major advancements of Direct Laser Engraving over the last 5 years have given printers and trade houses the solution to these problems. Direct Laser Engraving gives them the power to create and print almost any type of graphics their customers can dream up. Another plus is the advantage of a true digital workflow for consistency and ease of production. For the printers, it gives them a cost savings as they won't necessarily need to invest in new presses to meet the higher quality demands of their customers.

What is Direct Laser Engraving?

Direct Laser Engraving is the removable removal of the non-print surface material using state of the art, high powered, sealed CO2 lasers. It is a positive, dry, non contact, chemical free process. The laser engraves away all the non image area, leaving only the desired graphics on the relief plate. It actually forms the dot directly from the digital file, not through exposure lamps like mask ablation and film. The process has no water or chemical processing to contaminate the environment.

Differences between Mask Ablation and Direct Laser Engraving?

Mask Ablation is a negative process and Direct Laser Engraving is a positive process. Mask ablation technologies like the CDI and Thermoflex systems, take a plate coated with a very thin black mask layer and then use either a YAG laser (CDI) or Laser Diode (Thermoflex) laser to ablate away the mask to create the image on the plate. After the plate is imaged, it looks like a film negative is stuck on the plate surface. From here, you continue the traditional plate making steps of exposure, washout, dry, and post expose to cure the polymer. The mask ablation technologies offered a big step in quality over traditional film plates by eliminating the need for film and producing finer detail and sharper dots. However, it adds another step in the platemaking process and the image's shoulders are still being formed by traditional exposure lamps. These variables create a greater margin for inconsistencies.

Direct Laser Engraving uses existing polymer plates and eliminates the need for higher priced mask coated plates. By using one or multiple CO2 lasers, Direct Laser Engraving is able to form the dot directly from the laser and digital file, eliminating the many variables involved with exposure lamps and processing of the plate in a chemical. It is a true digital workflow. After the plate is engraved, there is a fine powder/residue left on the plate that takes but a few minutes to clean off. The plate is then press ready.

One of the biggest advantages of Direct Laser Engraving is the ability to create below surface highlight dots.

This is exactly what it says. The highlight dots are actually lower than the rest of the image. This greatly reduces dot gain. As the press operator gives more impression to get their good solid ink density, the highlight dots are printing with the correct "kiss" impression for optimal reproduction. The height of these dots is fully controllable by the laser. *This can only be achieved by Direct Laser Engraving!*

Another big advantage is that the laser engraved dot is formed with a step first, then a shoulder. Both are controllable by the operator to their pre-determined needs. Using this dot shape allows for shaper text, class A barcodes, and faster, longer runs. As the dot wears during a run, the printing surface area stays the same so there is no dot gain like the dots formed by exposure lamps with traditional pyramid type shoulders. As these dots start to wear, you start printing the shoulder of the dot which is larger than the original dot, thus causing a lot more dot gain. They also don't collect as much ink between the dots so the number of stops of the press to clean the plate is significantly reduced. The same advantages apply to reverse type also. It creates a deeper reverse "cell" so that it will stay open on press longer.

Common Misconceptions of Direct Laser Engraving.

Direct Laser Engraving cannot do high quality work - That was true at one time, but today's systems are easily able to produce 1% dots at 175 LPI. Even though the spot size is larger on the CO2 lasers, it can actually create a smaller dot than the other lasers because it's using a positive process. This positive process engraves everything around a dot by using careful control of laser power. Companies such as Luscher, (The old Zed Instruments), have been developing and perfecting Direct Laser Engraving for more than 25 plus years, so the technology is here today and proven to work.

It's too slow - While Direct Laser Engraving is a little slower than the mask ablating systems of today, let's remember that when mask ablating systems first came out they were considered just as slow. Also, Direct Laser Engraving is actually forming the image detail AND engraving about .020 down for the relief depth. Mask ablation is only ablating a mask that is a few microns thick. So while it's slower, it's actually doing about 500x the work of mask systems. Engraving times are about one square meter per hour. Another thing to keep in mind is that Direct Laser Engraving may be a little slower on the front end, but more than makes up for this on the press with faster make readies, faster press speeds, longer runs, and of course, higher quality.

2007 CONVENTION

2007 Convention

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The IMDA Membership is grateful to the above companies for participating in our sponsorship program held during our recent convention in May. Their generosity allowed us to provide greater services, paid speakers and opportunities for networking after the technical sessions. You may link to their websites by visiting our sponsor page on our website: metaldecorators.org

From May 23-25, 2007 more than 260 metal decorating industry members gathered at the Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale, IL to attend presentations from some of the most knowledgeable people in the industry and to participate in our Annual Scholarship Golf Outing. This is the first year our convention was held at Indian Lakes and the attendees found the change of venue to be an improvement in quality and services. Having our golf outing and conference on the same property is convenient and adds to the ability of attendees to network. Our Wednesday golf outing had 240 golfers who played the two courses onsite. Wednesday evenings banquet was enjoyed by more than 280 and the prizes and gifts awarded were second to none. Featured was a bench made from bats which was provided by speaker, Ron Kittle, of the Chicago White Sox.

On Thursday, the convention began with our Annual Membership meeting on Thursday, where we inducted more than 20 new members into our organization, and we acknowledged our long term members. In attendance were Chuck Erikson with 40 years of service and Ken Matyska who was acknowledged for his 25 years of service. The Sessions began with an inspiring and thought provoking keynote presentation by Meg Hammond, National Accounts Director, for Pepsi-Cola. Using a multimedia presentation, she dazzled the audience with information on how to market to the new generation using graphics and understanding that the marketplace requires a need to customize which departs from mass marketing efforts of the past.

Future presenters offered information on Digital printing, Print Evaluation Software, Environmental Compliance Technology, Exterior Coating Chemistries, and Inside Sray Technology. We also presented the scholarship awards to our seven student recipients and announced the Excellence in Quality Awards. Congratulations to Kian Joo Can Manufacturing for winning the Grand Award and a total of 4 awards. We also presented the Member of the Year Award to Rick Clendenning for all of his efforts. On Thursday evening we conducted our Exhibits and Hospitality Session which was much improved over previous years. We had more room and time to visit with the display companies and the overall quality of the facility added to the experience.

On Friday our session was geared more towards the Aluminum Bottle and our presenters added insight to the bottle being a high image product attracted by the younger generation. Veteran Norman Nieder, former senior director of packaging technology for Anheuser-Busch discussed the potential for the aluminum bottles in the US market. Being that this package is relatively new to the marketplace, it has the potential to be a big player in the beverage industry. We also had presentations on the technical side of the bottle manufacturing with discussion on equipment available to produce the bottles citing differences in speeds, equipment size and ability to be adaptable to various configurations.

As space is limited in this newsletter, we can not review the presentations in detail. However, if you go to our website: metaldecorators.org you will be able to view the happenings of our convention with more pictures and presentations.

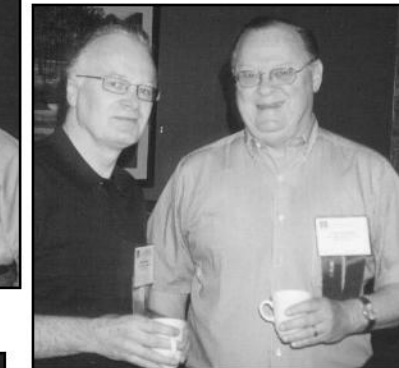
On behalf of the membership, a heartfelt congratulations goes to the Convention Committee for compiling a program of great value to the attendees and we extend our thanks to those speakers who gave their valuable time and shared their expertise with the attendees.

We hope to see you next year in May at Indian Lakes once again.

2007 CONVENTION



Decorators and Suppliers enjoy the networking



Alan Sayers & Thor Jondahl



Sessions are in full swing to a packed house



Meg Hammond
Pepsi Cola



Now this is a group to talk about



Dr. William Hoyle, Mike Matteson
and Bill Graue



The displays were well attended



Getting the morning started in the lobby at Indian Lakes Conference Center

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The International Metal Decorators Association, with sponsorship from INX International Ink and Genesis Innovation, is proud to announce the "Call for Entries" for 2008's competition. The competition consists of 8 categories: Two Piece, Food Containers, Aerosol Cans, Closures, Signs & Displays, General Line Cans, Specialty Cans, and Miscellaneous Products.

Awards will be given for the "Best" of each category, "An Award of



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Excellence for 2nd
place entries in each

category, and the "Grand Award" for the best entry in the competition. The awards will be presented at our Annual Convention which will be held in Chicago, on May 22, 2008. We will also have all of the entries on display at the convention for all attendees to view. Gather your entries now as the deadline is fast approaching. The entry forms will be mailed early in 2008 For more information email: ampmgt@aol.com