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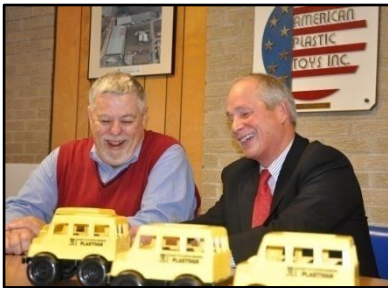
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No Newsletter in December

There will not be a Detroit Section newsletter for December. [All recent newsletters](#) are available on our website spedetroit.org for reading and printing. A few printed copies of our September issue are still available. Contact Karen at 248-244-8993 ext 3 or email karen@spedetroit.com if you would like to have one or more.

Notifications of our newsletter and *News Brief* postings are on our Social Media sites. Follow Detroit SPEaker on [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#) for the latest activities in the Detroit Section. Visit the [The Chain](#) on the SPE web to interact with other SPE members. Subscribe to the new SPE [Plastics Insight](#) e-newsletter to receive the latest specific information of interest to you.

Toy Donation Program



Traditionally, the Detroit Section of SPE arranges for the production and distribution of 30,000 plastic toy vehicles to children in the metro Detroit area during the holiday season. This year, the expectation is to do 36,000 toys from material donated by Chevron Phillips and color concentrates donated by Uniform Color Company. Maple Press is donating the decals and American Plastic Toys is donating the molding, assembly, and packaging. E.L.Hollingsworth is providing transportation. The toys will be distributed by United Way, Lions Clubs, and Sergeant Santa of the Detroit Police Department. Read about this program in our [February newsletter](#).

Nominations for Directors

Nominations are now open through January for three-year term Directors of the Detroit Section. If you are interested and willing to serve on the Detroit Board, or if you know someone who is, please contact Irv Poston (ieposton@juno.com) or Nippani Rao (nippanirao@aol.com). Ballots will be emailed to members early in March and will be due by March 31. Please consider making a nomination, and by all means vote! The listing of current Directors, Officers, and Committee Leaders is on the back page of every newsletter and on our website, spedetroit.org.

Future City Competition



The SPE Detroit Section is annually a sponsor of the Future City Competition held by the Engineering Society of Detroit (ESD) and presents an award for “Incorporation of Plastic Materials.” If you would like to consider being a Judge for this event, read about it on the [ESD website](#) and contact our intersociety coordinator [Wayne Hertlein](#). This is a great way to interact with middle-school students and to promote the advantages of plastics.

Upcoming Events of Interest

- **Monday, January 25** [Future City Competition](#) – Suburban Collection, Novi, MI
- **Friday, April TBD** [Detroit Section Material Auction](#) – MGM Grand, Detroit, MI
- **Monday, April 11** [Technical Meeting & Tour](#) – Vantage Plastics, Standish, MI
- **Tuesday, May 10** 2016 [Auto EPCON](#) – Detroit Marriott, Troy, MI
- **Mon-Wed, May 23-25** [ANTEC](#) – JW Marriott, Indianapolis, IN
- **Tuesday, June 21** Detroit Section Golf Outing – Bay Pointe Golf Club, WB, MI

For details about the above meetings (including description, agenda, timing, cost, and map), visit the Events page on our Website spedetroit.org/?page_id=35.

For questions about the above upcoming events or to offer other future events or activities, call Karen at 248-244-8993 ext 3 or email karen@spedetroit.com.

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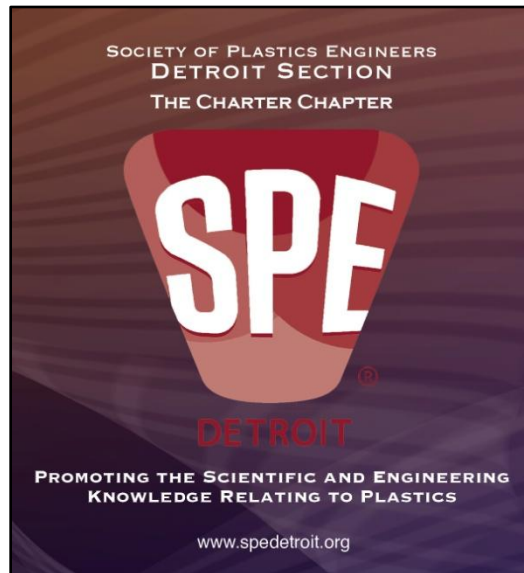
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