



## April Technical Dinner Recap

The St. Louis Paint and Coatings Society has continued its tradition of hosting informative and engaging technical presentations for members and guests.

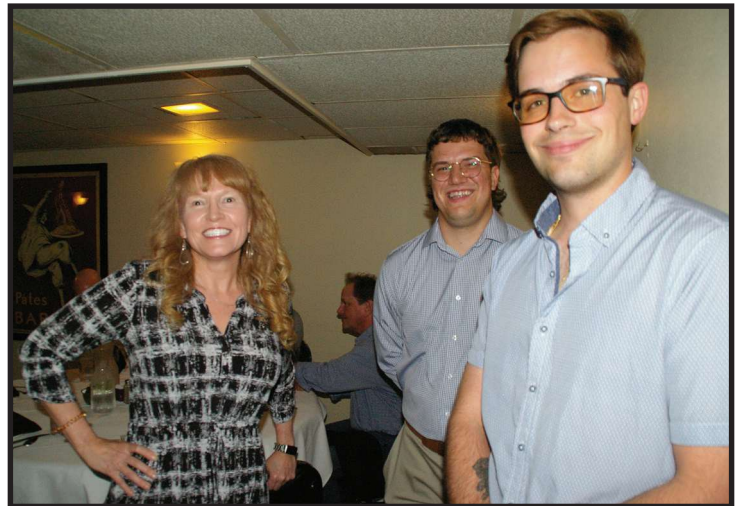
At our April meeting, we had the privilege of hearing an insightful presentation from Matt Dunn from Lubrizol, focusing on the critical role of dispersants across a wide range of industries. The presentation highlighted how dispersants serve as essential components in applications such as paint and coatings, graphic arts, plastics, and electronics—industries where stability, consistency, and performance are key.

Dispersants play a vital role in improving the distribution of particles within formulation. By preventing agglomeration, they help maintain uniformity, enhance color development, and improve overall product stability. This function is especially important in coatings and inks, where dispersion quality directly impacts appearance, durability, and performance.

The presentation also explored the benefits of dispersants, including improved processing efficiency, reduced viscosity, enhanced gloss and color strength, and longer shelf life of finished products. These advantages make dispersants indispensable in modern material formulation.

Matt emphasized that selecting the right dispersant requires careful consideration of several factors, including the type of particles being dispersed, the medium (aqueous or solvent-based), processing conditions, and the desired end-use properties. Compatibility between the dispersant and the system is essential to achieving optimal performance.

Overall, the session provided valuable insights into how dispersants contribute to product quality and efficiency across industries and reinforced the importance of thoughtful selection and application in achieving the best results.



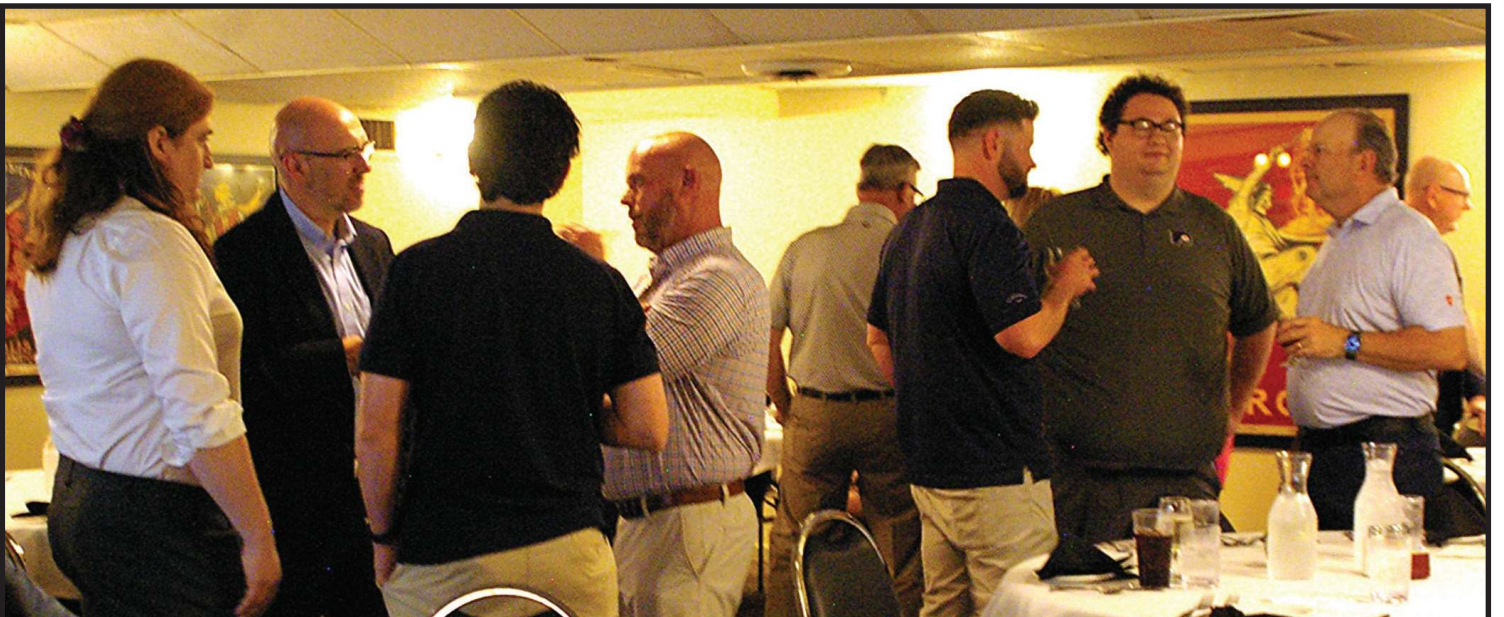


Edward "Randy" Beckmann passed away on Friday, January 16th, 2026. Randy served as President of the St. Louis Paint & Coatings Society in 1984 on behalf of Archway Sales. Randy worked in the chemical industry for 50 years and retired at the age of 78. Most of his career was at Archway Sales where he made significant contributions to the growth and success of the company. He was continuously fascinated with the business side of the chemical industry but more importantly, Randy loved the people he encountered over the years.

Randy is the beloved husband of Leah T. Beckmann (nee: Noel); dearest father of Randolph "Buddy" (Sue Hehar) Beckmann and Daniel Kurt Beckmann; loving grandfather of Alexis, Tessem, and Hunter Edward Beckmann; dear brother of Barry Philip (Catherine) Beckmann, Kim Ralston, and Jan (the late Joe) Ferrainola; our dear brother-in-law, uncle, cousin, and friend.

His service was held at KUTIS AFFTON CHAPEL on Friday, February 6th and burial at Bellefontaine Cemetery.

The SLPCS made a \$100 donation to Holiday House for his memorial.



# St. Louis Paint & Coatings Society

REQUEST YOUR PRESENCE AT THE CELEBRATION OF

## Past Presidents' Night

PIETRO'S

3801 WATSON ROAD  
SAINT LOUIS, MO 63109

TUESDAY, MAY 19th, 2026  
SOCIAL HOUR BEGINS AT 5:30 PM  
PROGRAM AT 6:00 PM  
DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30 PM

PROGRAM: GREGG PECKHAM - SLPCS HISTORY  
BARBIE FLEMING FROM PRP WINE INTERNATIONAL  
WINE TASTING

DINNER RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED  
PLEASE RESPOND ON OR BEFORE  
FRIDAY, MAY 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**1. TENDERLOINS OF BEEF BORDELAISE**

*Lightly breaded fillet medallions, in a red wine mushroom sauce*

**2. CHICKEN PARMIGIANA**

*Breast of chicken in seasoned breadcrumbs, baked with meat sauce and cheese*

**4. PASTA TUTTO MARE**

*Linguine with shrimp, scallops, clams, Surimi crab and mushrooms, in a light cream or tomato sauce*

**5. PASTA POMODORO**

*Bow tie noodles in our homemade tomato, onion and mushroom sauce*

**6. GRILLED GROUPER PRIMAVERA**

*Seasoned breadcrumbs, topped with sautéed vegetables*

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### SAVE THE DATE!

**Tuesday, May 19th, 2026** - Past President's Night

Venue: Pietro's  
3801 Watson Rd, St. Louis, MO 63109

**Monday, June 15th, 2026** - SLPCS Spring Golf Outing

Far Oaks Golf Club  
419 Old Collinsville Road, Caseyville, IL 62232

**Monday, August 31st, 2026** - SLPCS Fall Golf Tournament

Lake Forest Country Club  
300 Yard Drive, Lake Saint Louis, MO 63367

**Thursday, September 17th, 2026**- SLPCS Annual BBQ

Shaw Park – Enterprise Pavillion  
27 S. Brentwood Blvd, Clayton, Mo 63105



### Online Payment Now Available through Square

Starting April 3rd, SLPCS will be using Square Point of Sale for our online and mobile transaction method. Members will be able to pay for memberships, golf fees and Technical Dinner and Symposium costs. If you have any questions, please reach out to a board member.