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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

R7 Board meeting - At our next meeting (note date change to April 10), we will discuss the donation of \$10,000 to the National Plasterers Council Research Center. **Mike Gregg** will sub for me at the May 5 B.O.R.D. meeting.

Water Safety - IPSSA Inc. has donated \$5,000 to the National Drowning Prevention Alliance (www.ndpa.org):

PLATINUM SPONSORS - \$5,000

- Salt River Project
- Mary Glass-Schannault
- IPSSA (Independent Pool & Spa Service Association, Inc.)
- Phoenix Fire Department

John Silcox, San Diego chapter; **Terry Snow**, IPSSA Inc. President; and **I** will attend the 6th Annual National Drowning Prevention Symposium hosted by NDPA in conjunction with the Drowning Prevention Coalition of Central Arizona in Phoenix April 25 - 26.

Water Watcher tags and safety brochures are available to IPSSA members free of charge for the first 50 sets on a first-come-first-served basis. Additional pieces can be purchased at the cost of \$35/pkg of 50 tags and \$10/pkg of 50 brochures, plus shipping and handling. Order from Vicki Lester through the IPSSA executive office (ipssamail@aol.com or 888-360-9595). With swimming weather right around the corner,

now is the time to promote water safety to your customers and throughout the community. As IPSSA members, we are in a unique position. We know who has kids, and we can give safety tips to our customers.

I got a call from **Gene Fields**, who runs a pool equipment company and has a big client in Washington. He loved our water watcher tag and gave IPSSA kudos for what it is doing for water safety. I gave him permission to copy the tag.

IPSSA Inc. wrote Pentair that their pool lights are leaking. Pentair responded that when lights are installed, they should be bonded and grounded and a GFI installed.

R7 is paying **Phil Grider's** expenses to go to the National Plasterers Council convention. Phil and I are available to speak at your chapters regarding NPC.

Pool Safety Tips

1. Never leave a child unattended near water in a pool, tub, bucket or ocean. There is no substitute for adult supervision.
2. Designate a "Water Watcher" to maintain constant watch over children in the pool during gatherings.
3. The home should be isolated from the pool with a fence at least 60" tall, with a self-closing, self-latching gate. The gate should open away from the pool, and should never be propped open.
4. Doors and windows should be alarmed to alert adults when opened. Doors should be self-closing and self-latching.
5. Power-operated pool safety covers are the most convenient and efficient. Solar/floating pool covers are not safety devices.

6. Keep a phone at poolside so that you never have to leave the pool to answer the phone, and can call for help if needed.

7. Learn CPR and rescue breathing.

8. Keep a life-saving ring, shepherd's hook and CPR instructions mounted at poolside.

9. Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.

10. Never leave water in buckets or wading pools.

11. If a child is missing, always check the pool first. Seconds count.

12. Remove toys from in and around the pool when not in use.

13. Don't use floating chlorine dispensers that look like toys.

14. Instruct babysitters about potential pool hazards, and emphasize the need for constant supervision.

15. Responsibilities of pool ownership include ensuring children in the home learn to swim, and that adults know CPR.

16. Do not consider children "drown-proof" because they've had swimming lessons.

National Drowning Prevention Alliance
www.ndpa.org

Calendar of Events

- **R7 Board Meeting**, Tues., Apr. 10, 2007 (second Tues. of the month), 7:00 p.m., SCP Conference Room, 5648 Copley Drive, San Diego (858-467-9495).
- **6th Annual National Drowning Prevention Symposium**, Wed., April 25 – Thurs., April 26, 2007, Sheraton Crescent Hotel, Phoenix, AZ. www.ndpa.org/events/symposium_07_summary.htm
- **B.O.R.D. Mtg.**, Sat., May 5, Pasadena, CA. Contact IPSSA executive office, ipssamail@aol.com or 888-360-9505.

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