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Our Chairman Says....

Hello to all Rubber Roller Group Members –

March is typically the beginning of convention season for a lot of us. It is always a great time of year to reconnect with your industry network. And there is no better place than Las Vegas to host our annual general meeting.

As in past, our meeting will open the first Sunday in May with a much anticipated and enjoyed reception. As long back as I can remember, attendees usually have Sunday night dinner plans. So this year, there will be subtle changes to the menu while still offering an open bar and plenty of time to socialize.

There will be a number of items to cover in the business meeting on the agenda; plaques recognizing membership in the group, the location of the 2024 meeting, and the re-branding the Rubber Roller Group. These are exciting times as we look to broaden our membership and enhance value to our members.

I want to recognize our Board and the leadership this slate of Directors have provided as we navigated the last several years. Matt Umentum is providing vision for the group and is the chief architect on elevating the Rubber Roller Group through a possible name change. Tyler Sinclair has built meetings at a time meetings were attended selectively, and speakers were scarce. Steve Chase has managed the finances of RRG as long as I have been associated with the group, and has taken on the task of scheduling the annual golf outing. The rest of our Board continues to “show up” and make an impact on each annual meeting. Past parliamentarian Dan Laur also provided insight into proceedings and offered, unsolicited, to plan fishing expeditions. Past Chairman Rick Harwood continues to lend his time and talents whenever needed. And Robbi Miller has been the glue of Rubber Roller Group. I am certain I am forgetting many people that helped carry RRG through three plus decades of existence.

This year, due to a large project at Vail Rubber, I will miss my first meeting in 10 years. I will miss my time with the group but am confident that this will be a great meeting for our speakers and for our members.

Please do register for this meeting while renewing your membership. Again, if you need any help, please contact Robbi Miller at contact@rubberrollergroup.com

My very best to each of you!

Vail

Note from our President—Matt Umentum

Greetings to All Rubber Roller Group Members-

It's hard to believe that one year has already flown by since our last full Rubber Roller Group meeting in Tampa, FL. The group met for a very successful interim meeting and social gathering in New Orleans this past November. Now, it is time to pick up the pace and roll the dice with our full annual meeting in Las Vegas.

Since November, our Vice President, Tyler Sinclair, has been working hard to arrange a powerful list of speakers for our May convention. Las Vegas makes a great backdrop to the excellent line up of speakers he has assembled. Tyler and the rest of the board have signed speakers to inform our group on topics ranging from technical to general business subjects that are relevant to running our companies in today's trying times. We are breaking new ground in Las Vegas with a couple of twists on the mini expo to make it better for those presenting their wares and more meaningful for the roller manufacturers attending. As always, a golf outing will conclude the meeting on Tuesday for those who would like to see the sun.

Robbi Miller, our Executive Secretary, has negotiated great rates at the beautiful Treasure Island Hotel & Casino right on the strip. Mention you are with the Rubber Roller Group when you are making your reservations and you will be able to take advantage of these special convention prices. Treasure Island has reserved a limited number of rooms for our meeting from Sunday, May 7 through Tuesday, May 9th so make your reservations right away.

Obviously, you can't learn about all that is in store if you stay home. Come to Las Vegas to see old friends, learn, golf, socialize, and win!

I hope to see you there,

Note from our Vice President — Tyler Sinclair

Dear Members of the Rubber Roll Group-

I hope this letter finds you all in good spirits and ready for another exciting annual meeting. As Vice President of the group, I am honored to have played a role in organizing this year's event in Las Vegas, and I am eager to share with you some of the specific details that Matt Umentum, our President, alluded to in his letter.

First and foremost, I am thrilled to announce that we have secured an impressive list of speakers for this year's convention. The keynote speaker will be an RBC Economist, who will provide valuable insights on the current state of our economy. In addition, we are excited to have none other than American Roller's Vice President of Roll coverings present as speaker as well.

But wait, there's more! As you know, our Mini Expo has been a staple of our annual meetings for a long time now. To spice things up, we've decided to add a new twist this year. Before the Expo, we will have eight suppliers speak for up to 15 minutes each on stage. But don't worry, we won't let them go on for too long, or they might start rolling with excitement!

As for the venue, we have secured a great deal with Treasure Island Hotel & Casino, located right on the Las Vegas Strip. Our Executive Secretary, Robbi Miller, has negotiated discounted rates for our group, so be sure to mention that you are with the Rubber Roller Group when making your reservations. The hotel has reserved a limited number of rooms for our meeting from Sunday, May 7 through Tuesday, May 9, so don't delay in booking your accommodations.

Finally, no convention is complete without some fun and socializing. We will be hosting a cocktail reception on Sunday evening, and for those interested, there will be a golf outing on Tuesday to wrap up the meeting as well! We had all had an amazing time golfing in New Orleans last meeting, we are hoping to top that in Vegas.

In conclusion, I hope this letter has provided you with a better idea of what to expect at this year's convention. It is an excellent opportunity to network, learn, and have some fun, so I strongly encourage you to join us in Las Vegas. I look forward to seeing you there.

Best regards,

RRG 20th Annual Golf Tournament



We are excited about the location of the 2023 Rubber Roller Group Golf Tournament. Spring 2023 will be our 20th golf tournament. We will be holding the golf event at Angel Park Golf Club, Las Vegas. We will be playing the Palm Course at Angel Park.

The tournament will be on Tuesday afternoon after the closing of the meeting. Angel Park was original designed by Arnold Palmer & Ed Seay. The Palm Course is a 5,800-yard, par 70 course, which has views of the Red Rock Mountains as well as the Las Vegas Strip. Expected tee off will be around 1 PM. Cost of the event is \$140/player. Included in your entry fee will be lunch before the event and Angel Park golf shirt. Rental Clubs are available through the course if you would require them. This can be arranged ahead of time by contacting the course at (888)446-5358.

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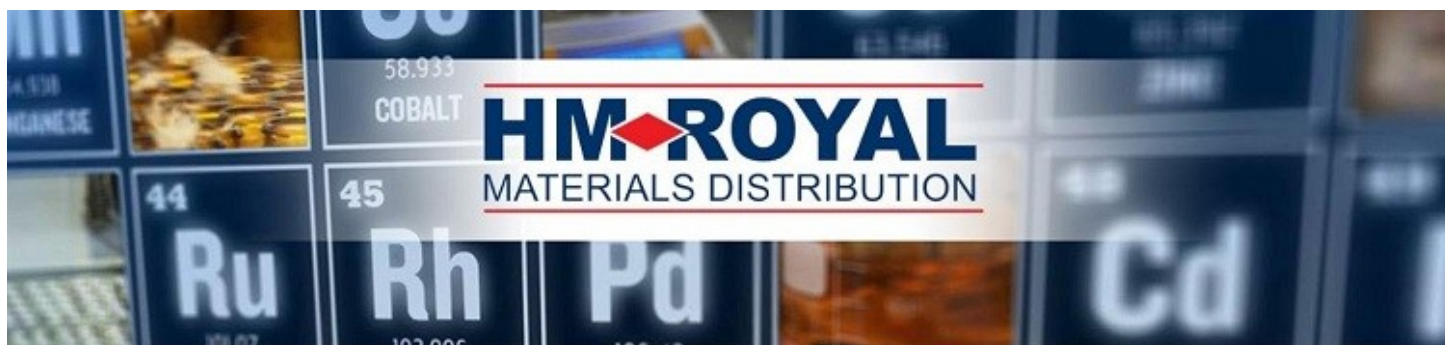
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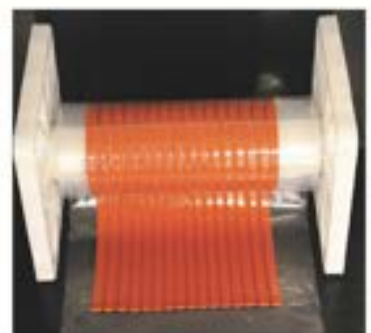
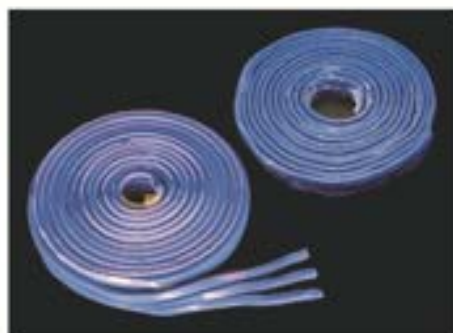
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Our 2023 annual meeting is scheduled for May 7, 8 and 9 at Treasure Island in Las Vegas, NV. We will start with the Reception on Sunday, the 7th, at 5:30—7:30 pm. The Board is working on the meeting content and timeline and that information will be shared via email as it is available.

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Treasure Island "TI" a Radisson Hotel offers a contemporary style with a high-energy atmosphere featuring AAA Four Diamond award-winning service. Deluxe rooms feature ultra-comfortable Elite Sensational™ pillow-top beds, floor-to-ceiling windows, marble bathrooms, flat-screen TV, in-room safe, and high-speed internet access. Indulge in the pleasures of the spa and salon, and relax with a cocktail by the heated outdoor pool or private cabana. Enjoy a selection of nine restaurants from casual to gourmet as well as the dynamic nightlife found in five unique bars and lounges. The multi-award-winning **Cirque du Soleil® performs Mystère™** featuring an international cast of dancers, singers, musicians, and champion-caliber acrobats. Connected by tram to The Mirage and pedestrian bridge to the Fashion Show Mall, TI offers one of the best values in the heart of the Strip.

