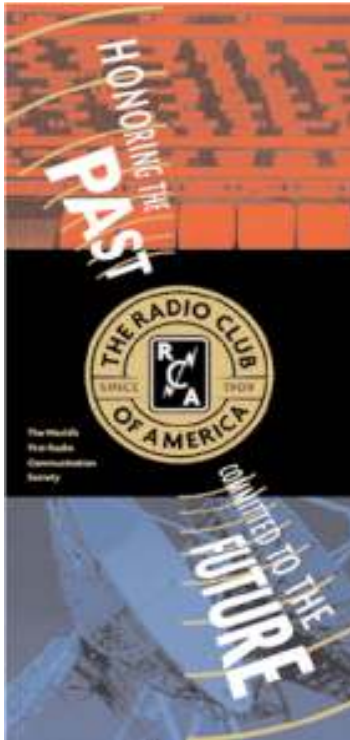




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2008 Radio Club Election Results

The results of the election for Officers and Directors in 2009 are as follows:

Vice-President: Vivian Carr

Vice-President/Counsel: Robert H. Schwaninger, Jr.

Vice-President/Co-Counsel: Robert B. Famiglio

Secretary: Margaret Lyons

Treasurer: Roger Madden

Directors: Debra Baker, Elaine Baugh Walsh, Sandra Black, John E. Dettra Jr., Archibald C. Doty, Carroll Hollingsworth and C. Travis Marshall. Timothy J. Duffy will serve as director to fill in the remainder of Vivian Carr's directorship.

In addition, Radio Club President Phil Casciano formally handed the gavel to incoming President Stan Reubenstein, whose two-year term begins in January 2009. "I am looking forward to serving as your president for the next two years, especially for the exciting Centennial festivities in 2009," says the new president. "We have a number of new people on the board who will help us begin the next 100 years with renewed purpose and enthusiasm. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me."

Robert Buus observed the official counting of the ballots. [Click here to read his observations.](#)

Highlights Of the 99th Annual Banquet

The 99th Annual Radio Club of America Awards Banquet was a great success. More than 250 hungry people attended to watch Qualcomm CEO Dr. Paul Jacobs deliver an interesting keynote address and receive the Sarnoff Citation for his contributions to the advancement of electronic communications.



NBC Nightly News commentator and managing editor Brian Williams also received the



Sarnoff Citation for his achievements in the world of communications. The Sarnoff Citation is one of the most prestigious awards given by the Radio Club of America.

Urgent Communications Editor Glenn Bischoff wrote a wonderful article about the banquet in his online column. To read it, [click here.](#)

Other award winners included Michael Hunter (Fred M. Link Award), Barry Farber (Jack Poppele Broadcast Award), Joe Vestal (Lee de Forest Award), Ronald Jakubowski (President's Award), and Gilbert Houck and Eric Stoll, Ph.D, (Special Recognition Awards).

Radio Club members elevated to Fellow for 2008 are Willis Carter, David Diggs, Rhett Grotzinger, Ronnie Haraseth, Robert Hartmann, George Heinrichs, John Higgins, Douglas Sharp, Tom Tolman and Walter Ullrich Jr. Rhett Grotzinger gave the Fellows Response.

The Technical Symposium began at 2 p.m. this year and was attended by about 36 people who enjoyed the three interesting presentations. "See How Antenna's Work" (a fun and informative demonstration) was presented by Dale P. Clement (AF1T), a retired design engineer and educator. "Future Evolution of Cellular Telecommunications" was presented by Kenneth C. Budka, Ph.D., director of the Network Performance and Reliability Department in Alcatel-Lucent's Chief Technology Office. "Wireless Telecommunications Requirements of Critical Infrastructure Providers" was jointly presented by Mark Madden, director of Alcatel-Lucent's Telecommunications Strategy Consulting Practice, and M. Kelly McNair, P.E., manager of Engineering & Operations Systems/Telecom of Oncor Electric Delivery.

Several RCA Fellows provided key assistance: Connie Conte arranged for the meeting room, Bill Endres provided the video projector and screen, Karen Clark handled advanced registration, Rich Reichler served as coordinator/moderator, and VG Duvall and Bruce McIntyre assisted during the event by welcoming guests and handling various tasks.

Special note: Each year since 2002, AC Video Services has made an audio/video recording of the Technical Symposium. These yearly recordings are available for purchase (currently in the form of DVDs or VHS tapes). For more information, contact Andy Conte (F) at 800/710-8804 or 973/661-1976.

Radio Club Adds Two New Scholarships

Here's some exciting news from the Scholarship Committee: Two new scholarships have been created and additional money has been received for existing scholarships.

Bernie Brownson created the Brownson Family Fund in memory of his late wife Rita. Bernie will select a college or university in the Denver area to be the recipient of this scholarship. John E. Dettra Jr, who has been involved with the Scholarship Committee for some time, established the Dettra Fund. John stated at the banquet "...it is a great feeling to receive these letters from students that the grant made a difference in them being able to graduate."



Thank you, Bernie and John, for these large contributions.

The Enterprise Wireless Association also gave \$2,500 to the Fred M. Link Fund in honor of Joe Vestal, who received the Lee de Forest Award this year.



In 2008, \$18,000 earmarked for 15 scholarships was awarded to students.

Special QSO Party planned for Jan 2, 2009

The 100th anniversary of the Radio Club of America will be kicked off with a special QSO party on Jan. 2 by Eric Stoll, trustee of W2RCA. Please check the www.radioclubofamerica.org for more details.

Help Needed To Get New Education Committee Rolling

It was with an enthusiastic response that the Board of Directors approved the proposals set forth by the Education Committee at the November meeting. This newly formed committee, with Carole Perry and Rich Biby as co-chairs, has a dual mission: To further efforts to include more technology programs in schools, and to further the RCA outreach by providing education programs, seminars and short lectures through continuing education programs at industry gatherings.

Part of the proposal called for the creation of an "RCA Youth Scholarship Grant" and a "RCA Young Achiever's Award" to be given to deserving, talented and technically creative young adults 18 years of age or younger. A special certificate has been designed to be presented to youngsters who give presentations at Youth Forums at such conventions as the Dayton HamVention along with a stipend to show our support.

In addition, inroads already are being made to encourage the setting up of ham radio/technology programs in the public schools in New York and other parts of the country. As such, an equipment bank to receive donated radios is being set up. Any RCA members looking to help with this effort should contact Carole at:

WB2MGP@ix.netcom.com.

Richard Somers, a committee member, will be spearheading the effort in Los Angeles to reach out to at-risk students who would benefit from a scholarship grant to go either to college or to a trade school for further technical studies. The money would be held in escrow until the student was enrolled in an appropriate school program. Any RCA members who can volunteer to help Richard can contact him at rgsomers@aol.com.

If you can be of assistance to Rich Biby in his wonderful efforts with establishing a RCA presence with continuing education units (CEUs), please contact him at rich@biby.net.

We on the Education Committee are all very optimistic in our various approaches to entice young people into the technical arena. We encourage and depend on the volunteer efforts of our talented membership.

Carole Perry, Education Committee Co-Chair

Werner Receives DeMello Award

Each year, the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) presents an award to one public safety communications person who has demonstrated the highest levels of personal and professional conduct and performance in the local, state and national public-safety communications arena. NPSTC's

Governing Board was pleased to present the 2008 Richard DeMello award, named to honor the achievements of one of the founding fathers of NPSTC, to Chief Charles Werner of the Charlottesville, Va., Fire Department. Chief Werner, a 30-year veteran, was honored by his peers in August when he was named Fire Chief Magazine's 2008 Career Fire Chief of the Year.

Werner also is a three-time recipient of the Virginia Governors Award for Fire Service Excellence. In addition, he's received the Virginia Fire Chiefs President's Award, the Virginia Piedmont Technology Council Spotlight Award, the International Association of Fire Chiefs President's Award, and two Life Saving Awards.


"Chief Werner's dedication to public safety on the national scene is as impressive as his service to his local community," says Ralph Haller, NPSTC chair. "He is well-known throughout the fire and emergency services nationwide for his expertise in communications, technology, grants and leadership, serving on the Virginia Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee for many years."

Werner also chairs the Department of Homeland Security's SAFECOM Executive Committee; the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Technology Council; and most recently, the Digital Project Working Group, which investigated the possibility of unintelligible audio of digital systems in loud-noise environments.

Chief Werner is a nationally published author with more 70 published articles. He serves on the editorial advisory boards for Firehouse Magazine, Firehouse.com, Urgent Communications (formerly Mobile Radio Technology) and Virginia Fire and Rescue Magazine. Chief Werner has provided testimony before Congress and the Federal Communications Commission, serving as a recognized authority on public-safety communications on many panels. He serves on the Charlottesville-Albemarle-University of Virginia Emergency Communications Center Management Board, and he is a Governing Board Alternate representing IAFC to NPSTC.

-Christine Butts, NPSTC

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