

**Editor:** What are your visions for the society in short and long term?

**Tom:** Our members should view CPMT as their worldwide community for a whole range of activities: data and information exchange... the place where they turn first to find out what is going on in their field and in new areas of interest. Through personal interactions- via email, conferences, chapter meetings and individual contact - the membership of CPMT should be able to communicate easily with each other and come to rely on each other for ideas, solutions and opportunities. Continual development of a "worldwide community of CPMT" will serve their interests and assure our continued growth.

**Editor:** Tell us how you got involved in the field of packaging and something about your career

**Tom:** In addition to my activities with IEEE, during 35 years that I was involved in the development and implementation of electronic ceramics, I was very active in the American Ceramic Society: Chairman Electronics Division, elected Fellow of the Society, elected VP of the Society and numerous Committee assignments. I have also been actively involved with the Electronic Components and Technologies Conference (ECTC) since 1992 as: Program Chairman, Chairman-elect, Chairman for the 50<sup>th</sup> ECTC anniversary meeting and I remain a member of the Executive Committee and the Finance Chair of ECTC.

**Editor:** What do you like to do in your spare time?

**Tom:** Gosh, my interests are pretty well-known by most people... SAILING. My wife Dr. Lynne and I own a Catalina 34 sailboat which we berth at the Ft Walton Yacht Club in Ft Walton Beach, Florida. We get a great deal of enjoyment from sailing. In fact, she and I sailed across the Gulf of Mexico together when we purchased the boat several years ago. Although I have raced and crewed in local club races for many years, we really use "Celebration" for short or long term cruises. Being involved with the Ft Walton Yacht Club for more than 7 years, I enjoyed serving as Commodore for the year 2006. In that activity we focused on physical improvements to the club, protection of the property from storms and increasing our membership. I am currently involved in an extensive refit of the mast, running rigging and sails to upgrade to SOTA condition.

**Editor:** What's a good book you have read recently?

**Tom:** I've lately been reading an eclectic collection of books... always a lot of sailing, cruising and racing tactics books. In addition to these I am interested in the technology and accomplishments of what we consider to be ancient civilizations... the Mayan calendar and how it was derived and also the construction of ancient monuments and sites.

**Editor:** Thank you, Tom!!!

### **Member Recognition:**

#### **Dr. C.P. Wong Honored by Sigma Xi**

By Vasudeva P. Atluri, CPMT Society Newsletter Editor

Congratulations on being selected as the winner of the 2007 Sigma Xi (The Scientific Research Society) Monie A. Ferst Award! The Award is given annually to an educator in engineering or science who has made "notable contributions to



the motivation and encouragement of research through education." Its purpose is to "recognize significant contributions to scientific research by an educator in engineering or science." It consists of a medal and \$5,000 and is made annually to an educator who has inspired his or her colleagues to significant scientific achievements. A One-day Symposium will be held in honor of Prof. Wong during Fall of 2007.

### **Conference Reviews:**

#### **57<sup>th</sup> Electronic Components Technology Conference, Reno, Nevada May 29<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007**

Submitted by Dr. Patrick Thompson, Junior Past Chair, ECTC Executive Committee

John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel in Reno, NV was home base for the more than 1,000 technical professional who attended this year's Electronic Component and Technology Conference (ECTC) from May 29 to June 1, 2007, the 57<sup>th</sup> time this premier international packaging conference has been held. From workshops and tutorials, to panel and plenary sessions and the technology corner, to oral and poster paper presentations, attendees had a wide array of technical forums from which to choose. In addition extended morning and afternoon coffee breaks and multiple receptions provided great networking opportunities.



Eric Perfecto, 2007 ECTC General Chair, addresses the audience at the ECTC Luncheon

Technical papers provide the backbone of the ECTC. This year, more than 250 oral and 50 poster papers were presented in 36 oral and 2 poster sessions covering nine technical areas: advanced packaging, modeling & simulation, optoelectronics, interconnections, materials and processing, quality and reliability, manufacturing technology, components and RF and emerging technologies. ECTC has a tradition of providing state of the art information on both established and emerging technologies. This year's emerging technology sessions included Nanotechnology and Bio and Flexible Electronics. Poster presentations provided the authors and attendees the opportunity for extended technical discussions on the subjects of interest. This year, the ECTC organizers again held a poster session just for students. The emphasis of this poster session is to provide a venue for students to hone their paper preparation and presentation skills.