



# BRUSH & SPRAY

Chicago Paint & Coatings Association  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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### New Year's Resolutions for 2007

I had planned to write about our 2007 personal resolutions for this year. Unfortunately, looks like this will have to be a two part series for reasons stated below as I find myself rushing through ORD.

I do not know about the rest of you, but every year I find myself with a consistent resolution. TO BE A BETTER PERSON. The major part of this, I find myself concentrating on, is how I treat others. I work on this all the time. My goal is to always treat others how I want to be treated. Considering I find myself in airports frequently, I have learned patience and compassion for others. Needless to say, I observe behavior from others that I hope to never demonstrate. I am constantly learning and trying to apply this principal. How about you? Does this resolution sound familiar?



The second part of my 2007 New Year's resolution is balance between my personal and professional life, determining what is truly important and not sweating the small stuff. At this time, I am at ORD for the fourth (yes that is 4<sup>th</sup>) time this week and it is only Wednesday. I actually had to change my clothes for fear the receptionist at the Admirals Club would recognize my suit (must be a female thing). Of course I am late getting this article to Brenda so I had planned to send it from ORD before my flight. This plan became derailed once I reached the airport. The short term parking was closed. I had to park in lot G. My flight was cancelled and I had to run from terminal 3 to terminal 1. Well I guess that took care of my workout for the day. In addition, as I sit on the plane, I look down at my legs that are bouncing up and down like a nervous twitch. Oh my gosh, could it be the famous RLS (Restless leg syndrome)? As I am contemplating this, I start to laugh. Now people really think I am nuts. BALANCE, I think this might be a challenge.....To be continued If you have any great resolutions for us in 2007, please share them. We, at the CPCA, are always interested in our members!

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This year's "Chicago's Finest Painted Ladies" celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The long running competition perhaps one of the longest of its type in the nation honored homes from around the Chicagoland region. The contest selects newly painted homes, which use paint and color as a means of beautifying the home. Homes should be tastefully painted using several colors to bring out the architectural beauty. For many of the 8 winners this can be a major undertaking and expense, often hiring a professional painter, though some bold amateur DIY's also submit entries and have been selected as a winner.

Many of the entries owners site the painter as a big help in the process, but some like Marcie and Bobby Schulien of West Chicago solicited the help of their family and friends. The Schulien's held several informal gatherings and over wine and cheese and made decisions on the colors. They hired Robert Schweitzer of Ann Arbor, Michigan to advise them. Mr. Schhweitzer is an expert on painting historic homes. It was this combination of friends and experts that led to the Schulien's home to be the grand prize winner for 2006.

Aside for the festivities, another highlight of the evening featured pictures from winners over the past 20 years. Collectively the pictures could fill a book like those from the publishers of Larson and Pomada for which the contest was started. Their books originally featured homes in San Francisco based on the Victorian era homes located and beautifully painted there. Later additions have featured homes from around the nation. The CPCA contest is unique in that many winners are homes and businesses of varying styles with over 200 selected in the past 20 years.

In addition, to the celebration of the dinner and awards the night featured Lou Manfredini "Mr. Fix It", a well know and popular expert known for his do it yourself advice on radio, TV and media print. Lou talked about home improvement and answered questions from the audience. It was a great way to cap twenty years of success for the Chicago Paint & Coatings Associations contest.



*In grateful  
appreciation for outstanding  
commitment  
and enthusiasm to  
the CPCA.  
Dorothy Youngblood,  
Ace Hardware Corporation  
is honored with the  
Presidents Award.*



The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Paint a Brighter Chicago was held this past August 12th at the Robert R. McCormick Boys and Girls Club. We had a record amount of volunteers this year with 144 people donating their time to helping the kids. This year's event was co-chaired by Jennifer Stewart and Jessica Cesta.

Besides painting hallways, stairwells and gyms this year's event had a DJ spinning your favorite tunes throughout the day. Snacks and drinks were also provided. A raffle was held as well with all of the proceeds from the raffle tickets going directly back to the school. Over \$10,000 were donated during year's event. School supplies and books were also donated.

After a hard days work the group headed back to the North Beach Bar in Downers Grove to unwind with friends and play some volleyball.



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On December 8<sup>th</sup> members of the CPCA and CSCT joined together to celebrate the holiday season at a new location this year; the Marriott in Burr Ridge. The cocktail hour, supported by our contributing member companies, also featured servers offering a tasty variety of appetizers.

After a fabulous multi-course dinner, an extensive sweet table and gourmet coffee bar was available to enjoy as the entertainment part of the evening began! Howl at the Moon, a rock 'n roll dueling piano show, had already placed song request forms at each table. There was certainly no shortage of suggestions once the music started, which included current hits, oldies, jingles and even a holiday tune now and then. During a break, the drawing was held for the three prizes being raffled; a wine basket, coffee basket and the latest I Pod, which was won by Erik Olsen.

Ideas for next year's party are already being tossed around. So, if anyone has a suggestion for a place or type of entertainment, please email Brenda at [www.chicagopaint.org](http://www.chicagopaint.org) – we want everyone to come and enjoy a great evening – not only at the Holiday Party but at each event! See you there.....



Tuesday, February 27,  
Legislative & Regulatory  
Luncheon at  
Magyiano's Oak Brook  
Reception 11:30  
Speakers  
Allen Irish, NPCA  
Mark Biel, CICI

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