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## **Challenges and Opportunities for US-based Plastics Companies in the Global Marketplace**

**Joseph Gingo, CEO A. Schulman**

**with Akron Chapter**

**\*\*\*Thursday\*\*\* January 20, 2011**

Martin University Center  
105 Fir Hill Street  
East Side of University of Akron Campus

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4:00 Board Meeting

5:30 Networking/Cash Bar

6:00 Dinner

7:00 Technical Meeting

### **Price:**

Member \$25.00

Guest and Member \$50.00

Retiree \$20.00

Student \$15.00

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### **Directions to Jan 20<sup>th</sup> meeting:**

From Cleveland, take I-77 South.

Rte 21 will merge with I-77S at Exit 145 near Richfield.

At Exit 136, I-77 and Rte. 21 split. Stay on I-77 South towards Akron.

I-76 will merge with I-77S at Exit 129. Stay on I-77S.

Exit LEFT at Exit 23B, Rte. 8 North.

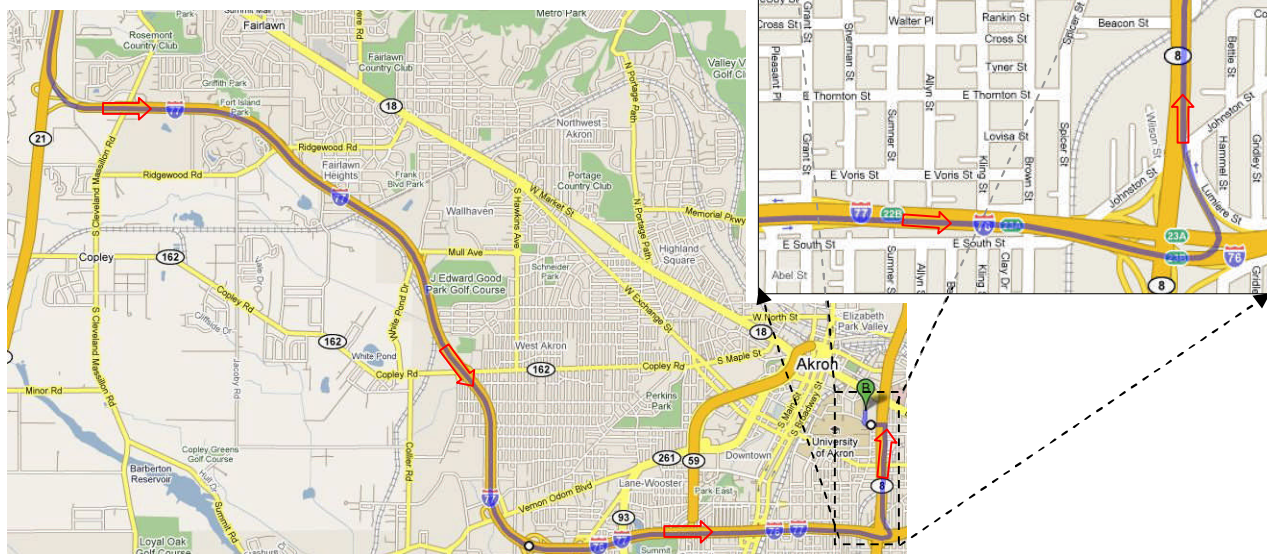
In 0.2 miles, exit right for Carroll St/Buchtel Ave.

Turn left (west) on Buchtel Ave.

In 0.2 miles, turn right on Fir Hill Street.

Martin University Center is at 105 Fir Hill Street.

Parking lot is on the north side of Martin University Center.



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## **Upcoming Events**

**Joint Calendar - Cleveland and Akron Sections** (<http://www.akronspe.org/calendar.htm>)

02/21/11 Tour of Diebold, Canton, OH

03/21/11 Converting Recycled Polymer to Synthetic Crude Oil and Gas, Vadxx Energy LLC

**Pittsburgh Section** (<http://www.4spe.org/technical-groups/sections/pittsburgh>)

(Meeting information is not posted on the Section's website. For details, contact [pgh.spe+rsvp@gmail.com](mailto:pgh.spe+rsvp@gmail.com).)

See what the **Akron Section** is doing this month! Click on: <http://www.akronspe.org/newsletter.htm>

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## **Job Opportunities**

### **Polymer Plus - Research Scientist**

Direct day-to-day project activity through interaction with technical personnel while gathering, analyzing and interpreting scientific data. Requires proven technical skills as a professional in the field of Polymer Science, Chemical Engineering or related fields, including consulting, leadership, and collaboration working with a team of professionals. [Click for details.](#)

## *President's Message*

By Brian Sarvas

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a pleasant Holiday. The new year starts with new promise. Our economy is rumored to be improving, the job market is growing and hopefully your sales are getting better. Looking at various trade journals and business periodicals I noticed mergers and acquisitions seem to be increasing. Ideally this one more sign of recovery.

We have a great program set up for this year, consisting of a combination of stimulating topics and plant tours. We will be starting off with a meeting with Joseph Gingo, the President and CEO of A. Schulman and formerly from Goodyear. Joseph will be discussing competing in a global marketplace and the challenges and opportunities for US companies. This will be another joint meeting with the Akron section so you will have a chance to network with many more of your colleagues. You will have the opportunity to gain significant insight into your business. The Board and I look forward to seeing at the meeting.



### **Speaker Bio**

Joseph M. Gingo was appointed Chief Executive Officer and President of A. Schulman, Inc., effective January 1, 2008. He was named Chairman of the Board February 26, 2008.

Previously, Mr. Gingo was employed at the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company for more than 40 years. From June 2003 through December 2007, he was Executive Vice President, Quality Systems and Chief Technical Officer at Goodyear. In this role he was responsible for Goodyear's Research, Tire Technology and Engineering and Quality organizations. He was also responsible for new product introductions and continuous improvement activities globally and the relationship with Goodyear's global partner Sumitomo Rubber Industries. Prior to that, he held numerous domestic and international leadership positions in the company's technical organization and business units including Asia, Aviation Products, Off-The-Road Tires, Engineered Products and Racing.



Mr. Gingo, born in Akron, Ohio, earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Case Institute of Technology (now Case Western Reserve University) in 1966 and a law degree from the University of Akron in 1971. In 1982, he was selected for the Sloan Fellowship program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which he received a master's degree in business management.

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