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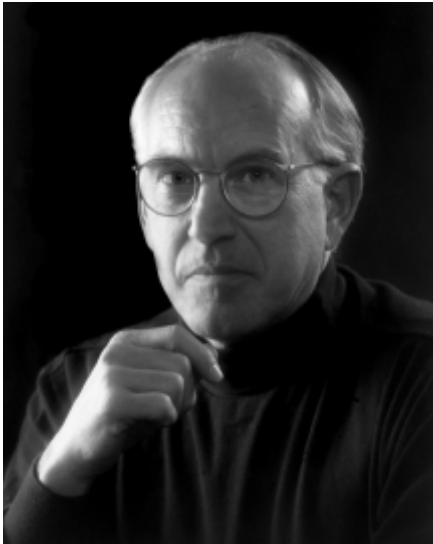
**YOU ARE INVITED!**

**2006 DPP Membership Meeting & Mixer**

**WHEN:  
TUESDAY EVENING  
JANUARY 17, 2006**

**WHERE:  
SHERATON HOTEL  
DOVER, DE.**

**TIME  
6:30 TO 10 PM**



## *Words from our President*

*John Shipman*

### Delaware Professional Photographers, Inc. 2005 Accomplishments

Hi everyone and "Happy New Year" !!

2005 has been a remarkable year for us when you look back at all the accomplishments. After swearing in the new officers we went straight away into our annual competition with lots of new folks receiving some of the many awards that are awarded at the banquet.

After an initial challenge from the board we were able to amass \$1000.00 to give to Habitat for Humanity for their Tsunami relief fund. Actually we have been able to provide a complete house for a family that was totally devastated.

We provided three scholarships to the Mars school this year – one of them being \$500.00. Since we have lost a good friend and past president and renamed the Raffle fund to the Richard Roberts Scholarship Fund, not only will our 50/50's go to that fund but now tax deductible donations can be accepted. One of my personal goals for this year is to help fund a total tuition to Mars to be given away at the 2007 banquet

Thru our continuing effort with seminars and especially thru competition we have two more members receiving their PPA Masters degree. Not that we take any credit for their accomplishment but certainly for providing some of the vehicle for the trip.

We have been planning this convention at Caesar's in Atlantic City since before last January. It has taken a mountain of effort to put this together and we are sticking our collective necks out to pull it off. It will provide a FREE banquet and awards ceremony on April 2 of this year and substantially help with the funding of more great speakers in the years ahead – for instance – David Peters for two days in Feb. of 2007.

Again DPP has provided and 8 week Photography review for those who wish to attain their PPA Certification – we even have some new members who joined to take advantage of this program.

### What can you expect in 2006

First of all the Jan 17<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Sheraton is all about you. Without you there we will have wasted an incredible amount of time. We are going to have a sudo board meeting where all of the board will talk about what we do, How we do it, and how you might help us with what we do. Every committee head will explain what that committee's function is, the goals of the committee, and how you can help.

We want to hear what it is that keeps you coming and what it is that keeps you away. If you have something specific that you would like the board to do please also bring along the suggestions on how we might carry out you suggestion and please be prepared to lend a hand in carrying out the suggestion.

Our Convention in February is going to be spectacular, from the print competition to the vendor social, to two days with Jack Davis. This is the perfect time to come and get energized, have fun, and just be apart of networking with folks who face the same business and photographic problems you do.

DPP is what we collectively make of it. We are at a cross roads and with out your feedback the board, that you have elected, has NO idea of the direction to take. You have a voice !!! Please come to the Jan.17<sup>th</sup> meeting and help us pull ourselves up by our boot straps so the little state of DE can make a difference in the industry all of us have chosen and have a passion for.



# 2006 DPP Membership Meeting and Mixer

It's time to meet and greet for the New Year on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 10pm at the Dover Sheraton. We'll munch on an antipasto tray, fresh fruit & vegetables, crackers, dips, imported meats & cheese, soda, coffee and tea during this 2006 membership general meeting.

DPP's typical January meeting has been the year-end print competition. This year our print competition has been incorporated with our convention which is being held at Caesar's Palace in Atlantic City, NJ February 26<sup>th</sup>–28<sup>th</sup>. This change in itinerary gives us a prime opportunity to hold a meeting dedicated to talking with each other and a forum for information exchange.

Our new board will be sworn in and they will conduct a simplified board meeting. One of the biggest topics to discuss is the final planning of the convention. We have a nice size membership but only a handful of folks feel involved. We will be encouraging everyone to join in the inner workings of DPP.

We're also hoping to have a bit of a roundtable type discussion with each member so we can all get a feel for where our members are in their profession, where we want to go and how DPP can help. This will help everyone get to know each other a little better and provide a great way to plan future events catered to our membership needs.

Please don't miss this important event! Since snacks and refreshments are being provided, I will need a head count. If you are unable to attend this meeting please call me or one of your county representatives to let us know or if you have any questions or concerns. Otherwise we'll plan to see you there.

Don't underestimate the power a group can gain when all it's members pull together.

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## Reminders from your Executive Secretary

JANUARY 17, 2006 MEETING -- Please come and socialize, eat, and share lots of information!! This is the meeting to attend. Let your Board know the programs that will entice you. Let us know what the road-blocks are that keep you from attending. We want to make corrections, but we can't without knowing what the problems are!! And there are lots of things you can do to help out and be a part of this association, without making major time commitments. All this will be discussed on January 17<sup>th</sup> – Hope to see you there.

This would also be a great time to bring your Delaware Merit form. If you have any questions about your accumulated merits, we will be able to work through the history and answer everything.

Register for Delaware's Convention. You should receive your convention brochure in the mail any day now, and it is also on Delaware's website. This will be the biggest convention we have had in quite a number of years and it would be terrific to have 100% member attendance!!

Thanks and see you on January 17 at the Dover Sheraton!!

Kim Shipman



***It's almost here!***

**Delaware Professional Photographers Convention**

**February 26-28, 2006**

**“Photoshop For The Rest Of Us”**

**Presented by Software Cinema**

**And**

**“How to Wow in Photoshop”**

**Co-Author**

**Jack Davis**

**Location: Caesar's, Atlantic City, NJ.**

**For more information see enclosed flyer**

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## From Your Print Chairman

Welcome to 2006 and Happy New Year.

It's that time of year again, time for our year end print competition. Our DPP board has been working hard to bring 2006 to you as a remarkable year to remember. The Print chair has been scrambling to put together a great menu of Judges for our February year end competition amidst the major changes in our Parent PPA's change in National Convention, but I can tell you that most our new to Delaware, are exceptional and include the President of SEPPA.

The DPP board did not raise the print case price so it remains at \$35.00 per case – to include 6 prints (no more than 4 in one category) 2 album, and 2 folios (6 to 8 original prints in an un-retouched original digital files, or film, form a single session, in a tri fold or double folio).

The Competition will be held this year -**please note**- Caesar's Hotel, Atlantic City -- NOT MODERN MATURITY/or The Dover Sheraton as in previous years. There will be no late excuses for going to the wrong place.

**Prints, albums, and folios will be accepted from 11 AM till 12 Noon – NO EXCEPTIONS**

Judging will begin promptly at 1:00 PM and continue until the closed door session when the committee will present the judges with the prints to be chosen for all the awards for DPP, Kodak, and Fuji. We are adding a new one for this year, Jonathan Penney of Jonathan Penny Master Print Maker is sponsoring a "Bests B/W Photo of the year"

After the closed door session we will then photograph the prints and put them on display till Monday evening, at which time you may pick them, up or make arrangements to have them picked. The print committee WILL NOT be responsible for prints left in the room at the end of this convention competition.

This year every print that has scored 80 or better is eligible for a Kodak Gallery Award or a Fuji masterpiece award. One or the other, a single print will NOT receive both

DPP presents over 25 awards at the banquet – you can be among the winners – and as the saying goes –“you have to enter to win”.

See You February 26<sup>th</sup> – before twelve.

If you are unable to get to AC on the 26<sup>th</sup> there will be folks who will take your prints there for you – more on that when I address you all in the Feb Newsletter.

Jason Shatzer  
Print Chairman



## FUTURE EVENT

### **2006 DPP Monthly Schedule**

**January 17th -- You got question, we got answers and meet the new board. - refreshments**

**February 26, 27,&28 DPP convention and Print Competition. Jack Davis of the Dean Collins "Dream Team" Atlantic City, Caesars**

**April 2nd DPP annual awards Banquet**

**April 18<sup>th</sup> Monthly Print Competition --- bring a friend**

**May 16<sup>th</sup> Jane Lydick-Staid -- Third generation wedding photographer and Andie Goodman on 'Photo delivery presentation and perceived value'**

**June 20<sup>th</sup> TBA suggestions welcome**

**July 18<sup>th</sup> Monthly Print Competition --- bring a friend**

**August ?? DPP annual picnic Location TBA**

**September 19<sup>th</sup> Annual All Seminar TBA suggestions welcome**

**October 17<sup>th</sup> Monthly competition -- bring a friend**

**November 21<sup>st</sup> Returning to "Round Table Format" may dinner buffet and then the round tables – suggestions welcome**

### **2007 DPP Monthly schedule**

**January 16<sup>th</sup> You got questions, we got answers and meet the new board. - refreshments**

**February 25, 26, & 27 Annual Print competition and David Peters Atlantic City**

**March 18<sup>th</sup> ?? Annual Awards banquet**



## UPCOMING EVENTS



Become a proactive member of DPP.

The more heads and hands in the mix, the better!!

There are many important (but not time-consuming) tasks that need doing.

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# **“Bits” of Information...**

## **Up Coming Events**

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**Next Board Meeting  
When: January 17, 2006  
Time: 6:30 PM  
Where: Sheraton Hotel, Dover, DE.**

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### **Mission Statement**

Delaware Professional Photographers is an organization committed to producing the highest caliber of photographers through education, collaboration, and ethical practices.

As an organization, we aim to advance our photography as an art and as a profession by staying up-to-date with current trends, technology, and new products and services in an effort to best meet our clients needs.



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