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**TO: ALL REGULAR MEMBERS
ALL ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

Re: PLCA Scholarship Fund

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In 1997, the PLCA Board of Directors established the PLCA Scholarship Fund to benefit children, stepchildren and grandchildren of full-time employees of Regular and Associate Members of the PLCA. We initially solicited our Regular and Associate Members for direct financial support, however, upon review the Directors concluded that a Convention auction might be a more successful way to increase the assets in the Scholarship Fund. We held the first PLCA Scholarship Auction at the 51st Annual Convention in Scottsdale in 1999, and plan to hold an auction at our next convention at the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale at Gainey Ranch, Scottsdale, Arizona, February 2010. A raffle will be held in Hawaii at our 63rd Convention February 2011. As a result of the success of the auctions and raffles, the Scholarship Fund Board of Directors has been able to fund six (6) scholarships of \$5,000 each in 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003. In 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 there were eight (8) scholarships, ten (10) in 2008, and ten (10) in 2009. The Scholarship Directors may consider increasing the number of scholarships and/or the scholarship amount at their November meeting. The Fund currently has \$2,900,000 in assets which are administered by the Scholarship Fund Directors who are appointed by the PLCA Board of Directors.

In order to maintain the annual scholarship awards we plan once again, as noted above, to have an Auction at the 62nd Annual Convention in February 2010 in Arizona.

Mr. Paul Evans of CRC-Evans Pipeline International, Inc., Mr. Butch Graham with Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers International, and Mr. Greg Miller of Pipeline Inspection Company, Ltd. have again very graciously offered to sponsor the event at the Thursday night dinner. We expect this to be an entertaining and enjoyable night for all of our Members. We also anticipate that the Auction will be a success for our Scholarship Fund and we are again asking all Regular and Associate Members to participate with contributions of items to be auctioned or **cash**

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donations. During the past auctions, we have had articles ranging from golf clubs to vacations; fishing trips to shotguns; equipment rentals to equipment, itself; as well as jewelry, mink coats, airplane tickets, and various paintings and other art objects.

We request your assistance and imagination in donating items to be auctioned knowing that the proceeds from the auction will benefit your children, stepchildren and grandchildren, as well as you, through the scholarship selections. The key as always to the success of the Scholarship auction is your generosity.

I would also like to point out that during the past four raffles the PLCA Board of Directors and Paul Evans paid for the raffled automobiles themselves. No assets from the Scholarship Fund were used.

In a continuing effort to simplify matters for you, the PLCA Scholarship Committee will ask you to donate your items through Blair Finstad, Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers at bfinstad@rbauction.com. The deadline for donations will be December 15, 2009, to ensure that all items will be listed. **All** donations will be acknowledged. Please provide Blair with a written detailed description of the item or items you will be donating, ***including fair market value of the item.*** Cash donations (by check please) should be sent directly to the PLCA office. If you do not have access to e-mail, please fax the information to Blair at Fax No. 601-867-3611. (PLCA contact is Monica Hankins at mhankins@akingump.com or Fax No. 214-969-2705.)

Once you provide a description and fair market value, we ask that you hold on to your donation (except cash donations) until January 30, 2010, and then ship it to the following person at the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale in Arizona for receipt by the afternoon of February 16 at the latest:

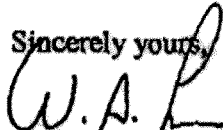
Mr. David Winter
RE: PLCA Group – Auction/Monica Hankins
Hyatt Regency Scottsdale at Gainey Ranch
7500 E. Doubletree Ranch Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85258

Mr. Winter will be the **sole collector** for the auction items on behalf of the PLCA. Items will be inventoried by name of donor, i.e., company name or individual's name, date of receipt, number of boxes shipped, and condition of the box or boxes that are received. He will **not** open the boxes to check the contents. This will simplify mailing and receipt of items.

Note: If you send more than one box please number (example: 1 of 2 and 2 of 2).

Please note that scholarship applications will become available October 15th.

The Scholarship Committee graciously thanks all of you for your generous contributions, and we look forward to seeing you at the convention.

Sincerely yours,


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