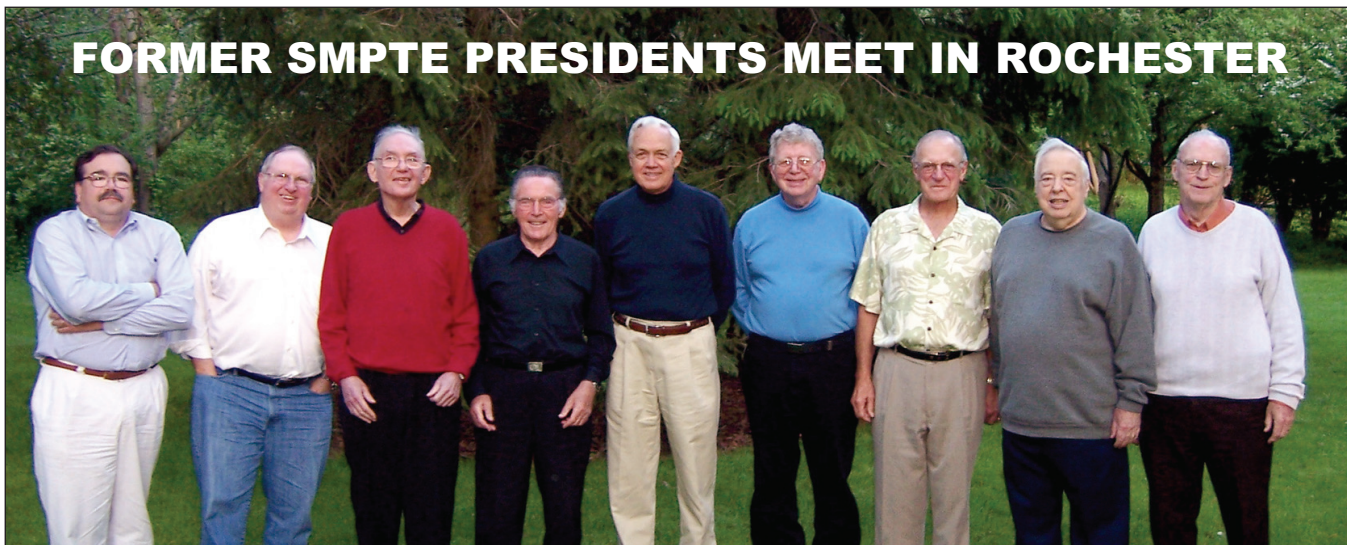


## FORMER SMPTE PRESIDENTS MEET IN ROCHESTER



*Former Presidents: (L-R) Charles H. Jablonski (1999-00); David George (1997-98); Irwin Young (1993-94); Maurice French (1989-90); Blaine Baker (1991-92); Carlos Kennedy (1987-88); Harold Eady (1985-86); Len Coleman (1983-84); and Bob Smith (1979-80). (Missing from photo is Bill Smith.)*

The 11th Annual SMPTE Former Presidents Reunion was held in Rochester, New York, on May 18-21, 2006. This year's event was hosted by Rollie Zavada, former SMPTE Engineering Vice-President, and his wife Carol. There were 23 people in attendance, including nine former presidents—the most ever attending. Dinner was held at the Zavada home on the first evening.

On Friday, May 19, attendees visited the George Eastman House, where they received an overview of the Eastman House and gardens. A catered lunch was served in the Curtis Theatre, also a part of the Eastman House. This was followed by a private tour behind the scenes of the Film Archives, along with a viewing and discussion on film preservation by Patrick Loughney, the motion picture curator of the George Eastman House. A tour of the Motion Picture Hardware Collection of camera lenses and projectors was hosted by the technology curator, Todd Gustavson, which included a film demonstration on restored material. That evening, Kodak hosted a reception for attendees and members of the local SMPTE Section. This was followed by dinner with the Rochester members.



*All Attendees: (L-R) Kay George, David George, Carlos Kennedy, Fran Kennedy, John Barry, Dorothy Eady, Judy Barry, Ruth Becker, Harold Eady, Maurice French, Charles H. Jablonski, Edie Ballantyne, Blaine Baker, Gordon Ballantyne, Si Becker, Bob Smith, Edna Smith, Anne Remley, Fred Remley, Irwin Young, Carol Zavada, and Rolle Zavada.*

On Saturday morning, guests attended an arranged breakfast to learn the history of the Erie Canal. The speaker was Rollie Zavada, who is very active with the NY Canal Association. This was followed by a cruise on the Genesee River, which intersects the Erie Canal.

At the farewell dinner on Saturday evening, entertainment was supplied by the members who shared many stories of past SMPTE events, which seem to get better every time they are told!

The reunion concluded on Sunday morning after breakfast.