



Post Harvest

ASIA Committee Chair Travels to India

Shiv Murty traveled to India and Bangladesh in December 2006 to visit CTI project activities. Along with CTI volunteers Nancy and Steve Laible, Shiv spent three days with Bibek and Purnima Ray at their training center in Gohaldanga, West Bengal. Bibek and Purnima have established a vibrant center in their village, focusing on education, cultural development, healthcare and income generating activities. The village is located in the middle of a vast potato growing region a couple of hours outside of Calcutta, where they were in the process of harvesting rice and planting potatoes during the visit. CTI helped them establish a training center for potato processing. They built the center and installed equipment purchased from SOTEC in Bareilly last year. Lalit Loyal, previously from SOTEC, is supporting the transfer of manufacturing knowledge to a local engineering shop. One set of equipment including manual and motorized peelers and slicers are ready for Bibek's training center. With the training center in operation and the ability to make needed equipment locally, we are optimistic that Bibek will successfully process potatoes in this area of West Bengal in March and help disseminate CTI technology to a new area in India.

Assembly Days



New CTI volunteer, Tara, assembles an Omega 6 grinder as one way to get involved.



Long time volunteer, John Schevenius, invites members of his church to attend an assembly day. 13 grinders were assembled.

Unified Brands Invites Partnership

In December, Bruce Humphrys visited the world headquarters of Unified Brands, Inc. (www.unifiedbrands.net) in Jackson, Mississippi at the invitation of its CEO Bill Strenglis. Unified Brands is a leading manufacturer of high-end commercial kitchen equipment. During the visit, several possible partnership opportunities were offered including financial support, engineering assistance, and even manufacturing of CTI technologies. In the coming months, these and other avenues of collaboration will be explored with the help of Supply Chain Manager Bert Rivers and members of the CTI Technology Committee.

Unique Gift Received

CTI recently received a generous cash donation from a local artist, Patrick Kemal Pryor, who wrote, "Inside of my commitment to generosity, service and making a difference in the world through my art I donate 10% of all proceeds of original paintings to the organization of my client's choice". Many thanks to this generous artist and to his client who directed this gift our way!

Volunteers Needed

If you have free time during the day and would like to help with various administrative duties and other unique needs (like sewing) we could use your help. Please contact Anne-Marie if you can help – anne-marie@compatibletechnology.org.

Some examples of tasks include:

- Filing
- Make/Update Display Boards (this could be done outside the CTI Office)
- Put Updated Address labels on Brochures and Envelopes (this could be done outside the CTI Office)
- Sewing table skirts for our display room (material and Velcro provided)

CTI Board of Directors Elects New Member, Officers

The Board of Directors elected Bradford (“Brad”) Wallin to a 3-year term on the Board. Brad, who was on the CTI Board in the mid-90’s, is a Member/Trader at the Minneapolis Grain Exchange as well as a Vice President for Montana Specialty Mills LLC in Great Falls, MT (specializes in agricultural processing). Brad and his wife Cyndy live in Edina, MN with their four children. Besides the CTI Board, Brad serves on several other non-profit boards.

Newly elected officers include Rob Scarlett, President and Roger Salway, Vice President. Secretary Kathy Junek and Treasurer John Purves continue to serve in their capacities.

Transfer a Gift through Your IRA

This year, if you are over 70 ½, Congress has given you another charitable giving incentive. You are now eligible to transfer up to \$100,000 to CTI from your IRA. If you use the standard deduction method, the transfer from your IRA is not counted as income and is therefore not taxed. For those who give over 50% of their income to charitable projects, you will be interested to know that you are allowed to donate additional amounts from your IRA on a non-taxable basis. These gifts qualify to meet the Required Minimum Distribution rules. If you or someone you know would like more information, please give Bruce at call at 651-632-3912. Another way to support CTI is by shopping at on-line stores and having a portion of the sales donated to CTI. Click on the IGive.com logo for more information or go to www.IGive.com/cti.

Meeting Date Reminders

Committee meetings provide opportunities to hear more about some of the work happening in each region or even a chance to get your hands dirty at the technology committee. You might also learn more about a project that interests you specifically and find new ways to engage in CTI projects. All meetings are held at the CTI office and anyone is invited, meaning you’re welcome to come even if you aren’t a committee member!

America Committee	March 12 th -- 4:30-6pm (2 nd Monday of every other month)
Africa Committee	February 13 th and March 13 th – 4:30-6pm (2 nd Tuesday of every month)
Asia Committee	March 15 th 3:30–5pm (3 rd Thursday, every other month)
Technology Committee	February 17 th and March 17 th – 9-11:30am (3 rd Saturday of every month)
Board of Directors	Tuesday, February 20 th – 4:30 pm (3 rd Tuesday every other month)

**Please contact Board President [Rob Scarlett](mailto:Rob.Scarlett@compatibletechnology.org) if you would like to attend the board meeting.*

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