



# NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S OUTLOOK

Hi everyone. I want to wish you all a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year! Are any of you aware that the word Holiday actually means "Holly Day?" So, Happy "Holly Day" to you all. Just a little bit of trivia I learned this week.

I want to thank Stacy Evans for the wonderful job she did again this year with the Holiday Party—we all had a great time at the Waters Edge in Sea Bright. Those of you who weren't able to attend, missed a good time and I hope you will make it in the future. I had the privilege of presenting the *Photographer of the Year* plaque to Keith Mills at the party. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row Keith has won that award. "Congratulations again Keith, for a job well done.

In all the excitement of the evening, I forgot to introduce PPANJ President, Frank Patterson at the party, and for this I'm sorry. "Frank, I want to personally thank you for attending. It was nice to have you, your wife Debbie and her daughter Jackie at the party. I also want to thank Ivan Domazet and Debbie Weeast from the South Region for making the trip up to celebrate with us. In the future, I would like to see all the Regions get together more often for fun and relaxation.

We have a lot of people to thank this year for our door prizes. Joe Brady of Fuji donated a Tenba backpack camera bag, which was won by Debbie's daughter Jackie. As usual, Michael Green of Unique Photo donated many items, including a Photoshop CS2 instructional DVD, camera straps and assorted sample packs of paper. Alkit donated a \$100 lab certificate, and last but not least, Dave Evans of DCFX.NET, donated a digital album design. As you can see we had some terrific gifts this year, and I would like to congratulate all of you who won.

In closing, let me remind you to mark your calendars for **Jan. 4, 2006**. This is our next scheduled Central meeting, which will be held at the Golden Bell Diner in Freehold, NJ. Our guest speaker will be Robert Stone speaking on Raw Workflow. See you all there.

Sincerely,  
*Martin Comiskey*





Photo by: Keith Mills

## **PPANJ CENTRAL REGION OFFICERS**

Special Message from the President:

Hello to all . . .

Your officer team has been discussing the possibility of changing the location of our meetings as a way to increase attendance. Are you satisfied with our meetings being held at the Golden Bell Diner, (3320 Rt 9) in Freehold? Or should we consider having it at a member's studio? or a VFW hall? or perhaps at another diner? If another diner, which one do you suggest?

We need and value your opinion, so please e-mail your suggestions to me at [ImagesByMartin@Yahoo.com](mailto:ImagesByMartin@Yahoo.com)

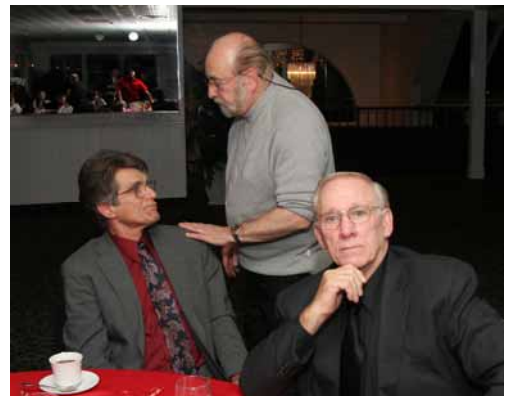
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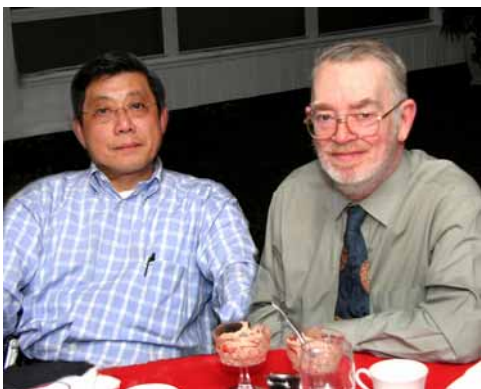
***Martin***

# PPANJ Central Holiday Party



Central President Martin, presenting the 2005 Photographer of the Year award to Keith Mills.





## Here's Something to Think About . . .

Picture this: two of the legends in our business are sitting at a table all by themselves, surrounded by some of the most beautiful and technically perfect portraits ever created. On the left is New Jersey's own photographic legend, Joe Zeltsman. Sitting opposite him is Joe's former student, Monte Zucker—a world famous teacher and photographer in his own right. They're talking about all things photographic—classic posing vs. photojournalism, and the benefits of each; lighting setups, and the way to achieve consistency; benefits and challenges of digital capture, and on, and on and on. I don't know about you, but it boggles my mind to think about how much knowledge I could gain, if I could just be a 'fly-on-the-wall' listening in on that once-in-a-lifetime conversation. Wouldn't you want to be there, too? Of course you would!

Well dream no more! That 'imaginary' conversation really did take place, and we captured the entire 2-hours on digital tape. Now you can have your very own DVD copy shipped right to your door.

The subjects they discussed will never be outdated nor will the techniques exchanged ever become stale. Those things are at the core of what photographers have always done—capture beautiful, artistic, saleable images for our customers. And regardless of whether you're a PPA Master Photographer or you're new to the business, you'll find their discussions and samples invaluable to your growth and photographic career.

Bruce Ashforth is handling the DVD sales, and copies are now available. Send your check for \$35 made out to **PPANJ-Central** to Bruce Ashforth Photography, 1249 Prospect St, Westfield, NJ 07090-4236. Or e-mail Bruce your credit card info at [Bruce@BAphoto.com](mailto:Bruce@BAphoto.com). Profits go to support the educational efforts of PPANJ-Central.



## Upcoming PPANJ-Central Events (Mark your calendar, now!)

January 4, 2006: Robert Stone, Washingtonville, NY, "RAW Workflow" sponsored by Unique Photo

February 1, 2006: Joe Brady from Fuji, subject TBA, sponsored by Fuji

March 1, 2006: Alkit, demonstrating new camera equipment and appraising used equipment for purchase.

April: no meeting due to PPANJ Convention, Borgata, AC (April 2-4)

May 3, 2006: Kim Ross, "Be an Artist, Not a Starving One"

June 7, 2006: Keith Mills, "Underwater Photography"