Chair Message:
I have had the great pleasure of being reelected as Chairman for the 2018-2019 Chapter year. Special thanks to the 2017-2018 ASM Metro NY-NJ Chapter for all their hard work on making this a great chapter year and I look forward to working with this great team again.

Chapter Members will attend a Plant Tour this May and then Chapter meetings will be on hiatus and the 2018-2019 Chapter Year will begin in September. We look forward to presenting Materials related topics to you again next year.

Chairman: CHRIS RASMUSSEN
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Congratulation of Victor Megerman receives Harry E. Lunt Award

“For long & continuing contributions to the metro NY-NJ chapter & our profession”

Presentation Speech For Victor

By Dr. Richard F. Lynch

This year’s Awardee has an enviable record of accomplishments in metallurgical manufacturing technology transfer & service to our profession and our Chapter. It is an honor to present the Harry E. Lunt to Victor Megerman. Victor is one of the owners of VHAM, a family business that primarily produces platinum wedding bands. Incidentally VHAM is named from the initials of three brothers: Victor, Henry and Andrew and Megerman.

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Plant Tour 2018:

May 17, time 3:30 PM, Thursday

FREE to all — Members are encouraged to bring guests
Please let us know Names and Job Titles of the people coming:
Contact: Chris Rasmussen: christopher.rasmussen@stryker.com

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Presentation Speech For Victor, Continued

I asked Victor how he got involved in manufacturing platinum wedding bands and the story illustrates how resourceful he is. Basically he followed his nose.

- You may know that Victor has spent 13 years of his life in Israel.
- That gave him the opportunity to serve in the Israel Army as well as the US Army Reserves.
- While there he and his family started manufacturing gold jewelry as settings for diamonds working with NYC diamond dealers. (Apparently that’s why HE SHINES.)
- Things evolved. In the early 1990s he got involved here with platinum and things went from there.
- Victor Megerman is NOT a formally trained Metallurgist. (Nor is Herb Goldenberg.)
- However, he studied engineering, and reads in depth, in great depth with determination. While in Tel Aviv he purchased a copy of the ASM Handbook volume on Castings and read it cover to cover, multiple times.
- He took our course on Metallurgy for the Non-Metallurgist and apparently it stuck.
- Shortly after that he started coming to our Chapter meetings, he became a Director and then Treasurer – all good news for us.
- As Treasurer Victor has been relentless in two regards:
  - In locating meeting locations serving great food at a low cost - Great success here.
  - To advise us on our Chapter’s finances – he gave us early warnings that we had to make significant changes to stay in business financially & that has been done.
- He has also been an active and overall productive leader of our chapter.

I think enough said. Victor, welcome as a most worthy recipient of our chapter’s highest honor – the Harry E. Lunt Distinguished Service Award.
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Dr. Jochonia Nxumalo Global Foundries Inc
Sweta Pedyala Global Foundries Inc
Dr. Zhigang Song Global Foundries Inc
Christine Rooney Carnegie Mellon University
Frank Zimone Angstrom Sciences Inc
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We are looking forward to seeing you at the meetings; and, as always, the first dinner that a new member attends is complimentary.

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