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SALUTE TO THE FOUNDERS OF THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN VALUE ENGINEERS

Two thousand years ago 12 people kept in motion systems that have changed 1/3 of the world.

Thirty Seven years ago, a new system, compounded as is everything else new, from parts of the old, often modified and used differently, and supplemented by a few new parts, was created and put into motion. It, the VALUE METHODOLOGY, would provide more of what the people want from each resource of human mentality, human energy and physical materials which exist thruout the world.

Twenty five years ago a few dozen farsighted and dedicated men, some VA skilled and some VA user company officers, in effect said:

"How will we spread this valuable knowledge and develop this great skill? Only a few know it. Almost no one teaches it. How can today's leaders in the technique expand their knowledge and skill and effectively teach it to others. How can we all grow together in knowledge and skill and use of the effective methods?"

All agreed that our task was to lift ourselves up by our own bootstraps. We would form a mutual-help Society. Through it, each practitioner of the new method could contribute his knowledge and learn from all others. Skills could be developed and constantly expanded. The Society of American Value Engineers was formed. All people who wanted to learn, and/or help others to learn the methodology were welcomed.

Now - the Movement lives through-out the world. In the USA dozens of high grade courses are being taught by half a dozen well qualified teaching groups. Some superior correspondence courses are available, and high grade college courses are being developed. In Japan, superior training is fully available. In Germany important strides are being accomplished. In many other countries training and use of the methodology move forward.

Now - also, a dozen consultant groups provide the services of qualified people, Certified value specialists to all who need and want the benefits of the methods.

To the Society, and to the hundreds of people who, through the years have been its officers and staff, through good times and bad, who have freely given the use of their good brains to grow the technique toward its destiny, let us express a resounding "Thank You".

Who can foresee a thousand years? But we now know that for a hundred years constructive minds will be achieving greater benefits because of the Basic Value Methodology System which the Society of American Value Engineers has strengthened and promoted.

...Larry Miles...