MWFA Celebrates 65th Anniversary & Awards 2011 Scholarships

On November 10th the Mid-West Fastener Association welcomed Richard Roeper, columnist and movie critic to address the association and join in celebrations of the 65th anniversary as well as scholarship awards. Mr. Roeper showed clips of his experiences as a movie critic which the audience found very entertaining along with his stories of meeting celebrities and reviewing movies.

Several past presidents and board members were in attendance, as well as many pictures from the past!

This year’s awards puts MWFA scholarships awarded at over $450,000. The MWFA has found this to be a very successful program and thank their members for making it possible. We congratulate this year’s winners:

$1,500 Bill Lang Sr. Scholarship

Two years ago, the MWFA lost a President and several term board member-Bill Lang Sr. of Certified Products. Bill Lang Sr. was a one of a kind person in our industry who will always be remembered for his “great ideas,” support of the association, his humor and his assistance whenever needed. Bill’s family has graciously made a very generous donation to continue this scholarship in Bill’s name.

This year’s Bill Lang Sr. Scholarship went to Anastasia Iakiviak, daughter of Vera Sherrill from Abbott-Interfast. Anastasia is a senior at Lake Zurich H.S. who has maintained an above A average throughout H.S. She plans to pursue an education in linguistics and biology.

$1,500 XL Screw Corp.

XL Screw once again proudly donated a scholarship award for the 15th year. This is one of the association’s programs which XL believes very strongly in. This year’s XL Screw Corp. Scholarship was awarded to Christine Kaberna, an employee of Innovative Components. Christine is pursuing a degree in organizational leadership. Christine attends college full time, at night, while continuing to work full time by day and part time on the weekends. Once Christine made finishing school a priority she never gave up the momentum.

$1,500 Bill Unferth Family Scholarship

The Bill Unferth Family has donated back the scholarships their children won many years ago allowing us to give a scholarship in their name this year and next year. This year’s Bill Unferth Family Scholarship went to Timothy Hegel, son of Tim Hegel, Stelfast Inc. Timothy is a freshman at the University of Illinois studying engineering, math, physics, and sciences. He graduated from H.S. a top student with honors and plans to achieve the same in college.

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Becky Russo  
American Fasteners and Components  

As we close out another year of successful MWFA stories I’d like to thank everyone for their support in 2011. We had a very successful year. It was an especially fun year as we celebrated the association’s 65th anniversary all year. We were able to design and launch a new website, we saw an increase in membership, we had increased attendance numbers in our events especially education seminars and we continue to enjoy many great networking opportunities.  

I look forward to working with our new President, Matt Delawder from SWD Inc. His ambitions over the past years certainly indicate a desire to continue the outstanding success and growth of the Mid-West Fastener Association. As I’ve had the opportunity to serve as Director, Vice President and President, I can certainly tell you great efforts go into presenting valuable programs for our membership. I invite any members, interested, to join a committee or offer suggestions for future programs. Contact Nancy Rich at mwfa@ameritech.net and she’ll be happy to get you involved.  

Have a very healthy and profitable 2012!!

Matthew Delawder  
SWD Inc.  

I would like to start off by thanking the MWFA Board for all of your hard work, and the entire membership of the MWFA. It is truly an honor and a privilege to take on the responsibility of President for this great organization. I hope to be able to meet your needs and help our association to continue to grow and prosper. I would also like to thank our immediate past president, Becky Russo, for her guidance and commitment during the past year. Thank you to all of our past presidents, as I have been able to watch and learn invaluable lessons from each of you. I hope I can live up to the high standards you have set. I owe a special thanks to Nancy Rich, who has helped me on each committee I have been involved with. If she hadn’t suggested becoming a board member five years ago I might still have some free time, but it has all been worth it.

The next couple of years are going to be really exciting. For the past few years, even in one of the hardest economic times many of us have ever seen, our organization has continued to get stronger and build our membership. We have given away over $50,000.00, during these last tough years, in scholarships to people within our membership and their families. Through the help of Rich Peace, our education chair, we have added new classes and we are currently revising the MWFA Fastener Information Directory. Last year we started a new and what I hope to be long lasting relationship with NASF (National Association of Surface Finishers) and CMFI (Chicago Metal Finishers Institute). This allowed SUR/FIN to co-locate their show in June with Fastener Tech to expand our educational seminars and reach a wider audience. We are planning to host our shows together again in 2013. We are also reaching out to other trade organizations who serve a similar customer base with the hopes of continuing to grow the size and scope of the FastenerTech show. We are currently putting the final touches on the Midwest Fastener Expo and Golf Outing this June at a couple of new venues. Keep watching upcoming MWFA newsletters and our website www.mwfa.net for more information.

One of my goals in the coming year is to facilitate partnering with other trade organizations to help our membership make new contacts and hopefully find new business prospects. I firmly believe that the MWFA is an industry leader, and by working with other organizations, we will be able to make connections and share resources so that we continue to improve. I know that many of our member companies belong to multiple associations. If you know of any organizations that would also like to consider having a joint meeting or sharing resources, please let me know. If you have any programs or speakers you would like to see, please let me know that as well. I hope to bring all our members a valuable experience at each MWFA event. I want you to look forward to each meeting for both the opportunity to network with your industry peers, as well the chance to gain new knowledge that can help you in your own business. Thank you again, and let’s all have a great year!

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To be sure your company news gets into the next MWFA newsletter, mail, fax or email your news release to: 
MWFA, PO Box 5, Lake Zurich, IL 60047  
Fax: 847-516-6728  Email: mwfa@ameritech.net  
The deadline for the next newsletter is March 12, 2012.

The MWFA accepts VISA, MasterCard and American Express.
$1,500 David Lebovitz Scholarship

Last year we lost another friend in the fastener business, David Lebovitz of Albany Steel & Brass. David was a great believer in and supporter of the MWFA. His family has donated a scholarship in his name to continue David’s beliefs in the MWFA and education. This scholarship was awarded to Julia Karas, daughter of Frances Karas, Innovative Components. Julia is a sophomore at Georgetown University studying business with a double major in accounting and finance. After becoming a CPA, she plans to continue on to graduate school for business or law.

$1,000 Scholarships Recipients

Mallory Remus, daughter of David Remus, Beacon Fasteners and Components. Mallory is a freshman at Illinois State University pursuing a degree in Business/Marketing.

Kelly & Sharon Yutz, twin daughters of Robert Yutz of EZ Sockets. The girls are currently freshmen in college with Kelly working towards Physical Therapy.

Sharon working towards a degree in Psychology with hopes of eventually becoming a Psychiatrist.

Louis Marello, son of Mary Marello, Metric & Multistandard. Louis is a senior in college planning to pursue a degree the business field.

Dolonda Wallace, daughter of Jossie Williams, Screws Industries. Dolonda is a freshman at Dominican University majoring in pre-nursing with plans to become a pediatric nurse.

Ryan Bane, son of James Bane, Innovative Components. Ryan is a freshman at Indiana University pursuing a degree in exercise science to become an athletic trainer.

AdriAnna Beach, daughter of Steven Beach, Sems & Specials. AdriAnna is a freshman at Rock Valley College pursuing a degree in physical therapy. She then plans to join the Navy to help the injured returning from overseas.

Michael O’Connor, son of Mike and Carol O’Connor, Innovative Components. Michael is a senior in H.S. planning to study Biology or Engineering in College.

Samantha Issebacher, daughter of Jesse Issebacher, Globe-Con Int’l. Samantha is a freshman at Eastern Michigan University as an aspiring veterinarian.

Crystal Kessen, daughter of James Kessen, Elgin Fastener Group. Crystal is a sophomore at God’s Bible School & College studying music teaching.

Gabriela Wnek, daughter of Stanley Wnek, CSM Fastener Products. Gabriela is a freshman at the University of St. Francis studying Biology and Psychology with plans of becoming a teacher.

Martyna Szyc, daughter of Janina Szyc, Acme Companies. Martyna, a licensed Practical Nurse, is finishing up her Bachelors of Science in Nursing, and will then earn a Nurse Practitioner degree.

Elizabeth Gruhl, daughter of Kenneth Gruhl, Metric & Multistandard. Elizabeth is enrolled at the Culinary Institute of America. She became involved in cooking during a family illness which created her love of cooking.

Stephanie Coles, daughter of Debbie Coles, Star Stainless Screw. Stephanie is a H.S. senior deciding on colleges to pursue her nursing studies. Having the opportunity to assist doctors in helping others is Stephanie’s goal.

The MWFA thanks Innovative Components for ending the meeting with a contribution of $1,500 to the scholarship fund for 2012.
2012 MWFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNOUNCED

President Matt Delawder/S.W.D. Inc.
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Executive Director Nancy Rich

Plan now for the MWFA Fastener Expo June 25th 2012!
Event Schedule and Registration Form included in this issue!

MWFA HOLIDAY PARTY-DECEMBER 15TH
RELIVES 1946, DELIVERS TOYS AND PROVIDES FUN FOR ALL!!

The most festive MWFA event of the year is definitely the Holiday Party. This past Holiday Party continued the tradition of collecting Toys and Cash for Toys for Tots. The MWFA is very proud to report over 100 toys were collected and $2500 in cash. Sgt. Kevin Cavanaugh, United States Marine Corps, was on hand to gratefully collect the generous gifts. He had attended the MWFA Holiday Party in 2010 and announced it’s one of the most successful collections in the area.

An additional guest of honor appeared to hand out presents. There must have been many who made the “good” list this past year as Santa Claus arrived to distribute several gifts commemorating 1946 (the year the MWFA formerly CBNSA was incorporated). Gifts included boxes of retro candy, 1946 Chicago team pictures, framed photos of downtown Chicago in 1946, music and movies from 1946, Fannie May Pixies which came out in 1946, model cars from 1946 and more.

Between the food, drinks, presents, music and visiting with industry friends, the event was a great celebration of the holidays for all!!

View more photos on-line at www.mwfa.net
ALL NEW!!

THE FASTENER INFORMATION DIRECTORY

MWFA is publishing an updated Fastener Information Directory early this spring. For a copy of the Table of Contents or to reserve your copy, contact Nancy at nancy@mwfa.net.

This book contains basic information to help those new in the industry as well as those not familiar with all aspects of the industry.

CLASS “C” SEMINAR

The MWFA, brought back their Class C Products Seminar on November 10th. With the increased challenges of selling, during current times, it’s important to offer additional products. Instructors included Matt Duedenhoeffer/EFC discussing Tinnerman Products, Richard Pease/RK Precision Products discussing rivets, electrical terminals and connections, Ross Shepard/Alfa Tools discussing drill bit and tap & die features, cutting tools, Steve Rogalla/Bradley Group discussing sealants, patching and Glen Brin and Mike O’Connor/Innovative Components discussing plastic products. Students realized, through this seminar, the importance of expanding product lines to have the capability to offer customers more options. The increase in attendance at all MWFA seminars in 2011 indicates employer’s desires for industry training for their personnel. The MWFA is committed to addressing “Education is a Priority” and continuing to offer valuable training.
65TH ANNIVERSARY & SCHOLARSHIP (CONT.)

View more photos on the next page and on-line at www.mwfa.net
Join us for Safeguards Against Ordering Wrong Manufactured, Plated or Imported Parts to Minimizing Risks and Loss of Profits Seminar on June 25th. This seminar is designed to assist those in purchasing as well as sales/purchasing communication. Miscommunication and errors can create costly mistakes. There is little room for error in today’s business environment. Industry specialists will teach you important safeguards.

REGISTRATION FORM

Safeguards Against Ordering Wrong Manufactured, Plated or Imported Parts to Minimizing Risks and Loss of Profits – June 25th 8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

MWFA Members: $75.00 Non-Members: $100 (fee includes badge for show to follow seminar)

To register, send appropriate fee per above. Please make extra copies of this form for additional registrants.

Name & Title ___________________________________________ Years in Fastener Industry _________

Will Attend: Session One: _____ Session Two: _____ Both Sessions: ______

Company ________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________

City, State, Zip ____________________________________________

Phone: __________________________ Fax: __________________________

Check Enclosed _____ Invoice Us _____ Bill credit card:  MC ___ Visa ___ AmerExp _____

Card No.__________________________ Exp. Date _____________ Signature _______________________

Please make checks payable to: Mid-West Fastener Association, P. O. Box 5, Lake Zurich, IL 60047
847-438-8338, 800-753-8338  Fax 847-438-7580
Join us on June 25th, 2012 for MWFA's 31st Annual Fastener Show.
Medinah Banquets • 550 Shriners Dr., Addison, IL 60101

Exhibitor Registration

(Please print or type – info will be used for show book)

Company _____________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Brief Product/Service Description __________________________________________________________________________________________

Street Address __________________________________________________   City, State, Zip _________________________________________

Phone Number ________________________________________  Fax Number _____________________________________________________

E-mail ______________________________________________  Website _________________________________________________________

Representative:  (to receive further info & listed in show book) ___________________________________________________________________

We would like ________ (number) exhibit spaces for 2012.  $500 MWFA Member (after Feb. 29th $550).  $600 Non-Members.  (after Feb. 29th, $650)

Exhibit space includes:  Skirted 6’ x 30’ table, 2 chairs, company table sign, two luncheon tickets, free attendee passes and Fastener Bash
(open to all badge holders).

Location choices (please list three) _________    _________    _________  See updated floor plan at www.mwfa.net or page 12 in this Newsletter.

We will need electric* (additional $50)  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Additional Lunch Tickets $25  Yes [ ]  No. of tickets ________

[ ] Invoice Us  [ ] Check Enclosed  [ ] Bill My Credit Card  [ ] MasterCard  [ ] Visa  [ ] American Express

Card Number _____________________________________________  Exp. Date _______________________

Signature _________________________________________________

Return this form with fees to:  MWFA, P. O. Box 5, Lake Zurich, IL 60047.  Note: No refunds after May 1st.
Cancellation prior to May 1st subject to a $100 service fee.  *If you require electric, please select perimeter table or contact MWFA Office at 847-438-8338.
Golf Outing - June 26th, 2012 / 1:00 p.m. Shotgun

Please reserve tickets (tickets to be picked up at the course) for the following:

Golf, Cart, Lunch & Dinner $140 members
(after 5/21 $160)
No. of Tickets ________

Golf, Cart, Lunch & Dinner $160 non-members
(after 5/21 $180)
No. of Tickets ________

Golfers order your Putting Contest, Betting Hole tickets and Mulligans now:

Putting Contest: $5.00 per person  No. of Putting Hole Tickets ________

Betting Hole (there will be two): $5.00 per hole  No. of Betting Hole Tickets ________

Mulligans (Limit two per golfer) $5.00 per hole max 8 per team
No. of Mulligans ________

Dinner Only (Casual attire) members $50 per person, $70 non-members
No. of Tickets ________
(after 5/21 members $60.00) – (after 5/21 non-members $80)

We will make arrangements for those not part of a foursome

Total Due ____________________

Golfer: ___________________________________________________________
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Golfer: ___________________________________________________________

Questions may be referred to Nancy Rich: 847-438-8338  Fax 847-438-7580

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Glow in the Dark Night Golf - June 25th, 2012 / 8:00 p.m.

Register Now... Limited openings!

4 holes / 8:00 pm - Golf $45 per golfer  No. of Tickets ________
Includes glow in the dark ball & necklace, drink ticket.

Total Due ____________________

We will make arrangements for those not part of a foursome

Golfer: _______________________________________________________________________
Golfer: _______________________________________________________________________
Golfer: _______________________________________________________________________
Golfer: _______________________________________________________________________

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60th Annual MWFA Golf Outing

Glow in the Dark Night Golf - June 25th, 2012 / 8:00 p.m.

Sponsor a Green or Tee $150 _________
Sponsor a Skill Contest $250 _________
*Sponsor Course Refreshments _________
Sponsor Cocktail Hour $500 _________
Donate a door prize _________
Donate a silent auction item _________
Donate a Gift for each Golfer _________
*Contact Nancy Rich (847-438-8338 for fees)

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Please Return a COPY of completed forms to MWFA, P.O. Box 5, Lake Zurich, IL 60047 or fax to 847-438-7580 by May 30th.

Questions may be referred to Nancy Rich: 847-438-8338  Fax 847-438-7580

Company ____________________________
Phone ______________________________
Address ______________________________
City, State, Zip _______________________
E-Mail: ______________________________

Check Enclosed  Invoice Us
Bill Credit Card:  M/C  Visa  AmEx
Total Due: ___________________________
Card Number _________________________
Exp. Date ____________________________
Signature ____________________________
The Fastener Bash will be held June 25th at the Eaglewood Resort from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We ask that all companies, interested in sponsoring, register early so we can begin publicizing your company.

**We would like to be a Fastener Bash Sponsor:** (All sponsors will be properly recognized in publications, on banners at the show and golf outing.)

- [ ] Silver Sponsor ($500)
- [ ] Gold Sponsor ($1000)

Company __________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip _______________________________________________________________________________________________________

Phone No. ___________________________ Company Rep Name ___________________________

Following the show, the Fastener Bash will be held at Eaglewood Resort. Hilton shuttle will pick up at Medinah Banquets at 5:30 p.m. & 5:45 p.m. for drop off at Eaglewood Resort. Fastener Bash hours are 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Hilton and Eaglewood shuttles will be available to transport between locations—see Shuttle Schedule below.

Return this form with applicable fees to: MWFA, P. O. Box 5, Lake Zurich, IL 60047  847-438-8338    Fax 847-438-7580

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**Hotel Info**

**Hilton Garden Inn (next to Medinah show location)**

551 N. Swift Rd., Addison, IL 60101

630-691-0500

Rate: $119 until June 10, 2012.

**Eaglewood Resort & Spa (location of reception & golf outings)**

1401 Nordic Rd., Itasca IL 60143

630-773-1400

Rate: $149 until June 10, 2012.

Distance between 2 venues is 1 mile (both off Swift Rd)

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**Shuttle Schedule**

**Monday-June 25th**

Hilton Garden Inn & Eaglewood Resort shuttles will pick up hotel guests at Medinah Banquets at 5:30 p.m. (after show) to transport to Eaglewood Resort for Fastener Bash. Hilton Garden Inn shuttle will return to Eaglewood Resort for pick up at 8:30 a.m. or upon hotel guest request based on availability.

**Tuesday-June 26th**

Departure from Hilton Garden Inn to Eaglewood Resort will be at 11:00 a.m. Return shuttles will be at 9:30 p.m.
**Schedule of Events**

June 25th – Monday, 2012 — 31st Annual MWFA Fastener Show / Medinah Banquets

Exhibitor Set Up 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Seminar 8:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  
"Safeguards against ordering wrong parts, and minimizing risk"  
A seminar for Purchasing Managers, Buyers, and Salespeople.  
Exhibitor Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
Registration Opens 12:00 p.m.  
Show Hours 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

June 25th – Monday, 2012 — Eaglewood Resort

Fastener Bash 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Glow in the Dark Golf (4 holes) 8:00 p.m.

June 26th – Tuesday, 2012 — Eaglewood Resort

Golf Registration 11:00 a.m.  
Putting contest 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Golfers Lunch 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.  
Shot Gun Scramble 1:00 p.m.  
Cocktails 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Awards & Prizes During & following Dinner

**2012 Fastener Show Floor Plan**

Visit mwfa.net for all Fastener Show forms and information. Click on Downloads.
Dear MWFA,  
Thank you so much for the scholarship. I really appreciate it and it will be of great use as I continue my education. I am planning on declaring a double major in accounting and finance at the end of the semester and hopefully getting my CPA after I graduate. Once again, thank you so much for this generous award.  

Sincerely,  
Julia Karas

Hello My name is Kelly Yutz. I received your generous scholarship and I wanted to thank you so much! I am an employee of Ed Warner at EZ Sockets and my father is a salesman there, I work as a secretary. With this scholarship I will be able to attend Drew University for all 4 years and become the Neurologist I want to grow up to be. Drew is a very expensive private college, without your help this could not have been possible. This means so much to me and I am so grateful you choose me and helped me out! Again thank you so much for all of your help, I know I will grow up to be successful, and will also be here if you need a neurologist in a few years!  

Sincerely,  
Kelly Yutz

Thank you with sincere gratitude and appreciation. Your generosity will never be forgotten and I promise that I will put the gift to good use. Thank you once again!  

Martyna Szyc

 MWFA Scholarship Committee,  
My name is Timothy Hegel and I am a recipient of the Unferth Family Scholarship. I am honored to receive this scholarship. I have dreamed of going to the University of Illinois my entire life. I am currently enrolled in my second semester at University of Illinois, in the engineering program. It is a very strenuous venture and I am enjoying college very much. My major is Mechanical Engineering. I plan to graduate in the spring of 2015.  
This scholarship will help me achieve my goals and help with the financial burden. Thank you for your investment in me.  

Sincerely,  
Timothy M. Hegel

Dear MWFA Scholarship Committee,  
I am sorry I was unable to attend the dinner being hosted; I would have loved to have been there. Since I could not properly thank you in person I at least wanted to be sure I could tell you how grateful I am for your generous scholarship. I want to become a child’s psychiatrist and that will require me to be in college for fourteen years, so any finical help I can get is so important to me. I cannot wait to prove that you have made a good investment in me. I am currently a psychology major at Rutgers University in New Brunswick New Jersey and doing well. Thank you so much again.  

Sincerely,  
Sharon Yutz

I would like to greatly thank the family of Bill Lang Sr. and the Mid-West Fastener Association for financially assisting me in reaching my academic dreams. I am utterly humbled by your generosity and give my word that your contribution will not only be used to its fullest, as I intend to study diligently in order to further my education as far as possible, but I dream, also, to be able to gift others with education as you have done for me. An act of kindness goes a long way, even into the future. Thank you for inspiring me and helping reach for success.  

With Gratitude,  
Anastasia Iakiviak

Dear MWFA,  
Thank you very much for your support. It is greatly appreciated and will come in much use! Thank you so much again.  

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Coles

Dear MWFA Mailbox,  
Thank you so very much for your decision in choosing me as a Mid-West Fastener Association Scholarship recipient. I am greatly appreciative of this choice and very thankful for the tuition reduction that this award will provide.  

Sincerely,  
Samantha Isselbacher

Hello, My name is Dolanda Wallace and I am emailing you to give my thanks for being a winner of a $1,000 Scholarship. I am very blessed and thankful for everything and there are no words that can explain my appreciation. This will help me fulfill my career goals and become a successful "Nurse". I am sorry I could not make it to the dinner, but I wanted to show my appreciation and thank you all for helping me work towards my career. I am very determined to achieve all my goals and I did not want the cost of tuition to get in the way of my dreams. Thank you all again.  

Sincerely,  
Dolanda Wallace

Scholarship Committee of Mid-West Fastener Association,  
I just wanted to write a note to let you know how much I appreciate the scholarship. It will be such a tremendous help in furthering my education and music career. I am sorry I was unable to thank you in person but the award meeting was the same day as the college ensemble recording and there was no way I could be excused. Thank you for your kindness and generosity in awarding me the scholarship.  

Sincerely,  
Crystal Kessen

Hello My name is Kelly Yutz. I received your generous scholarship and I wanted to thank you so much! I am an employee of Ed Warner at EZ Sockets and my father is a salesman there, I work as a secretary. With this scholarship I will be able to attend Drew University for all 4 years and become the Neurologist I want to grow up to be. Drew is a very expensive private college, without your help this could not have been possible. This means so much to me and I am so grateful you choose me and helped me out! Again thank you so much for all of your help, I know I will grow up to be successful, and will also be here if you need a neurologist in a few years!  

Sincerely,  
Kelly Yutz
2012 MWFA Events

February 16th  Social Media Seminar
               MWFA/CMFI/AESF Joint Dinner
               Meeting / Harry Moser speaking
               on Reshoring
               Wellington Restaurant/
               Arlington Heights, IL

March 15th     Dinner Meeting
               Milwaukee, WI

April 19th     Education Seminar

May 17th       Dinner Meeting
               Rockford, IL

June 25th      31st Annual MWFA Fastener Show
               Fastener Show & Seminar
               Medinah Banquets
               Fastener Bash & Night Golf
               Eaglewood Resort & Spa/Itasca, IL

June 26th      60th Annual Golf Outing
               Eaglewood Resort & Spa/Itasca, IL

September 13th Education Seminar

September 20th Dinner Meeting

October 18th   Plating Seminar and Open House
               SWD Inc., Addison/IL

November 8th   Elections, Scholarships Awarded-
               Dinner Meeting
               Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont, IL

December 13th  Holiday Party

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Elgin Fastener Group Announces Corporate Hires—Elgin Fastener Group, Versailles, IN has announced two recent additions at their corporate management level. Kim Haines is EFG’s new Human Resources Director, after previous positions in Operational and Client Service management and HR/Employee Relations and Services with Fidelity Investments and WILD Flavors, Inc. She will complete requirements towards P.H.R. certification in July 2012.

Josh Egbert has been named as Continuous Improvement Director for EFG and will focus on Lean Manufacturing improvements at all of the EFG divisions. Egbert has previous experience in the CI field with lumber, automotive, and pharmaceutical companies, and has also served as a CI consultant for 7 years. He holds a B.S. in Engineering/Human Factors from Wright State University, Dayton, OH, and membership in AME (Association for Manufacturing Excellence).

Elgin Fastener Group is comprised of five domestic manufacturing companies (Ohio Rod Products, Leland Powell Fasteners, Chandler Products, Silo Fasteners, and Landreth Fastener), a metal finishing company (Best Metal Finishing), and an engineering and international procurement division (Elgin Fasteners International). The EFG companies provide quality fastener solutions for various industrial applications, and are all ISO certified. For more information, contact Elgin Fastener Group, 1415 S. Benham Rd., Versailles, IN 47042; Ph. 812-689-8917; Fax 812-689-1825; Website: www.elginfasteners.com; email: info@elginfasteners.com.

NEW PRODUCT RELEASE—“NEW! Stacking Shelf Bins with Dividers by Quantum”—(Miami, FL) Quantum Storage Systems announces its new 1900 Series of Stacking Shelf Bins. These durable polypropylene bins are an economical solution for storing large, heavy, and bulky items. When used with dividers (optional purchase), they can be easily stacked for optimizing storage space. Available in blue, ivory, yellow and clear, the bins are manufactured in the U.S.A. They are IN STOCK for immediate shipping from the company’s nationwide distribution centers.

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In Memoriam – Ann Bisgyer Wolz


After earning a masters degree from George Washington University, her first job was in college administration; then she entered the trade show industry in New York City. Ann returned to the fastener industry when she and spouse John Wolz acquired Fastener Industry News in 1994 and they shared co-publisher titles.

In addition to handling the business side of FIN, she owned and operated Expo Experts, a trade show management firm. Her trade show and meeting planning expertise aided FIN’s news coverage of industry events.

She never let 11 years of aggressive chemotherapies, radiation and multiple other treatments stop her from a full life of managing businesses, travel and family and friends. She was proud to declare, “I’ve lived past my expiration date.”

Survivors include her spouse; mother Barbara Bisgyer Cohn, Portland, OR; sisters Susan Bisgyer, McMinnville, OR, and Marcia Bisgyer, Rye, NY; brothers Andy Cohn of Duncan Bolt, and Lee Cameron, New York, NY.

A celebration of life is being planned for January 21, 2012, in Oregon. Memorial donations may be made to the Ann Bisgyer Metastatic Fund at the Portland Komen Race for the Cure, 1500 SW 1st #270, Portland, OR 97201 or online: komenoregon.org/Donate/

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