Chair’s Message

Can We Keep this “Thing of Ours” Going?

What I am about to report has been reported many times, but I’m putting it out there one more time for our older members — who are starting to forget things:

The average age of a welding in the USA is 55, and a wave of retirements in our industry is happening now (Bloomberg.com).

The American Welding Society estimates that by 2020 there will be a shortage of 290,000 professionals including inspectors, engineers and teachers. I estimate that a similar shortage will hit our NJ Section at Board level even sooner. Half of our Board members are either retired or will be retiring shortly.

Our Board members are teachers, sales managers, welding supervisors, welders, engineers and certified welding inspectors. How would you like to build your knowledge base, network with top industry professionals and make new friends while you are doing it?

Give me a call. I’ll make you a Board position offer that you can’t refuse!

Vince Murray, AGL Welding Supply Company, Inc.
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February 15th Meeting Info

Understanding AC Balance

Speaker: David Schaffer, Welding Process Specialist
Airgas

Dave’s talk will provide a better understanding of the AC balance control of GTAW welding of aluminum. He will address square-wave AC, adjustable square-wave and variable polarity square-wave, as well as the significance of essential and non-essential variables.

Dave is a Welding Process Specialist with Airgas. He is a CWI, CWE, CWS, and a 43-year member of the American Welding Society. In addition, he is a member of the D1 code committee. Dave’s published article, *Attacking Arc Blow*, can be found through the American Welding Society’s website.

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Member News

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Welcome New Members & Transfers
The AWS NJ Section welcomes the following members who have joined or transferred-in to the section since our last report.

Allan V. Alas
Matthew Antolino, Custom Vehicle Sol.
George Asimakis, Asimakis Group
Brian Ball, Zimmer Biomet TNT
Karina Bravo
Thomas W. Butler
Benny E. Carlton
Joseph Cercone
Margot Collins
Christopher J. Coulter
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Graig Gutowski, Morris Machine & Weld.
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Willy Lopez, Zimmer Biomet TNT
Blair A. McCloskey, PTL Testing Lab-
Nicholas Milan
Kevin Miskell, Mickey Truck Bodies
Skender Nezaj, Jazen Design, Inc.
Carl Nilsson
Chirag Patel, Mac Products Inc.
Douglas Reese
Kirk Richardson, American Welding Inc.
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Alexander Seaton
Ricky Singh, General Foundries, Inc.
Joseph Strickland, US Navy
Patrick A. Tomlinson
Raul Velasquez
Italo E. Vides Cienfuegos
John Villani, Jr.
Ben Wachslser, Ariston Chimney LLC
Robert R. Young
Alexi Zalk, Tough Mudder

We look forward to seeing you at a meeting. Remember that dinner at your first meeting is complimentary.

AWS NJ Section Member Volunteers in Service

A big AWS NJ Section “THANK YOU” to the Dolan family!
Member Award Recipients

The following members will be presented with achievement awards at the February 15th meeting. Come out to acknowledge them.

**AWS District 2**
**Private Sector**
**Educator of the Year**

Charles F. Beelitz, CWI
Sheet Metal Workers Local 22
Cranford, NJ

**AWS District 2**
**District Director Award**

August F. Manz
A. F. Manz Associates.
Union, NJ

**AWS New Jersey Section**
**August F. Manz Award**
**Speaker of the Year 2015-16**

Joseph Moretti, Jr.
Service Metal Fabricating, Inc.
Rockaway, NJ

**AWS District 2**
**Public Sector**
**Educator of the Year**

Joshua T. Conklin, CWI/CWE
Sussex County Technical School
Sparta, NJ

**AWS District 2**
**District Director Award**

Vince Murray
AGL Welding Supply, Inc.
Clifton, NJ

**AWS New Jersey Section**
**Member Appreciation Award**

James Adams
G. Cotter Enterprises.
Springfield, NJ

The AWS New Jersey Section congratulates these members, and thanks them for their ongoing contributions and service to the AWS and the welding industry.

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Membership Longevity Awards

The following members have been recognized with certificates for their years of service to the AWS and welding industry.

**Life Membership** (35 years)
R. Stewart Brunhouse, Jr.
A&A Co., Inc.,
South Plainfield, NJ

**Silver Membership** (25 years)
Christopher Fenelon
AGL Welding Supply Co., Inc.
Clifton, NJ

John Hautau
Branchville, NJ

Victor Rhodes
Seaboard Welding Supply, Inc.
Oakhurst, NJ

Ashok Vazirani
Bridgewater, NJ

Victor Rhodes received his certificate at the November 2016 meeting. The other certificates were sent out directly from AWS Headquarters.

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Coming Events
AWS NJ Section Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, September through May except for December. Unless otherwise posted, the meeting location is: Pantagis Renaissance/Snuffy’s, 250 Park Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

February 15, 2017 6:00pm
AWS NJ Section Meeting
Pantagis Renaissance
Awards Night
“Understanding AC Balance”
David Schaffer, Airgas

March 15, 2017 6:00pm
Joint Meeting
AWS NJ Section
ASM Int’l Metro NY-NJ Chapter
Pantagis Renaissance
“Nondestructive Testing”

April 18, 2017 6:30pm
AWS NJ Section Meeting
Pantagis Renaissance
“Underwater Welding”

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