Chair’s Message

MENTORING

New Jersey welding students are not faring well at our national skills competitions. In 2015 New Jersey placed 43 out of 45 participating states. In 2016 we sky-rocketed up to 42nd place. Who should we blame for this — Don Smith?

My wife is a teacher, and from the stories she brings home, I’m sure she would blame this performance on the students, the parents, and of course, the administration. I’m not going to blame anyone. Our mission statement at AWS is to “advance the art and science of welding” and the New Jersey Section is going to do some advancing.

Alaska does well at the national skills competition and I think I know why. The hoards of pipe welders who flocked to Alaska in the seventies settled there, had families, and taught their sons and daughters the skill that was so much a part of them. Their children went on to be welding students in school, but, unlike their counterparts in New Jersey, their training was augmented with a strong foundation from the mentoring they received at home.

The AWS New Jersey Section has the will and the talent to mentor our students to achieve at a higher level. We are currently in the planning stages to make this happen, and it will happen. I promise you.

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January 18th Meeting Info

Free Welding Education and Career Night

The American Welding Society, New Jersey Section proudly announces our Second Annual “Welding Education and Career Night” to be held on January 18th, 2017 at Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools, Bridgewater, NJ.

All are invited! Anyone with an interest in pursuing a career in welding, whether you are a high school student, high school graduate, someone fresh out of college, or the military, persons wanting or needing to add to your skill set, or looking to change jobs and go in a new career direction, you are all welcome to attend.

On hand will be representatives from at least three major construction unions (Ironworkers, Pipefitters and Sheet Metal Workers), various post secondary welding schools, private training companies, companies that hire and train welders, and various branches of the military (who train many welders).

Welders are in demand and this demand is predicted to last for many, many years, so if you want a career, or want a new career, this is the place to be to further your career education goals!

★ PLEASE share this info with others who might be interested.★

Scheduled Presenters as of Press time:

- Atlas Engineering & Inspection Service
- Carpenters Local 254
- Dolan Associates
- Ironworkers Local 11
- Morris County Technical Inst.
- Penn Tech
- Pipe-fitters Local 475
- Sheet Metal Workers Local 22
- United States Army
- United States Coast Guard
- United States Marine Corp
- United States Navy
- Welder Testing and Training Inst.

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Kenneth Stockton honored as “Counselor of the American Welding Society”

Kenneth Stockton, Public Service Enterprise Group’s Fossil Training Center, current AWS NJ Section Executive Committee member and past-chairman; and past District 2 Director, was honored at Fabtech 2016 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was selected as a “Counselor of the American Welding Society.”

Ken is shown at right with his wife, Leann.

CWI Seminar & Exam October 16–22, 2016
PSEG Power, LLC Fossil Fuel Training Center

This year’s CWI seminar was held at PSEG Power Fossil Training Center, South Plainfield, NJ. The seminar began on Sunday morning October 16th and concluded on Saturday the 22nd with an eight hour written test.

AWS NJ Section members Eric Dolan and James Dolan, both of Dolan Associates; Al Fleury, A. F. Fleury Associates; and Paul Lenox, Harris Structural Steel Fabricators, served as proctors. The AWS NJ Section thanks them for their service.
Jan. 18th Meeting

Welding Education & Career Night

Parking, Campus & Meeting Room info

Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools
14 Vogt Drive, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

The facility is readily accessible from Rt. 22, 202/206 & 287. For driving directions visit: www.scvths.org or go to Google Maps for custom info.

From Vogt Drive, turn into the lot/drive between the parking lot and the first building past the Library, that is Raritan Valley Community College at Bridgewater. Walk past the first building, and the next building contains the shops. The Weld Shop is the very first one you come to.

The meeting is in cafeteria. Make a left on the sidewalk outside of the shops building. Go down the sidewalk, down the steps, and through Photos and info courtesy of Eric Dolan, Dolan Associates

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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 Clambar, 250 Park Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ.

January 18, 2017 6:30pm
AWS NJ Section Meeting
Welding Education & Career Night
Location: Somerset County Vo-Tech Bridgewater, NJ

February 15, 2017 6:00pm
AWS NJ Section Meeting
“Awards Night”
Pantagis Renaissance
Topic/Speaker to be announced

March 15, 2017 6:00pm
Joint Meeting
AWS NJ Section
ASM Int’l Metro NY-NJ Chapter
Location and topic to be announced

Note: Programs & speakers are subject to change. If your company would like to present a technical program on a welding related topic, please contact us: weldnj@optonline.net