Chair’s Message

We are honored this month to focus on Women in Welding. Come out to enjoy a terrific presentation that tackles issues concerning the shortage of welders, and the importance of attracting more women to the New Jersey welding industry.

On a personal level, there have been many a woman who have been influential in my welding career! When I first expressed aspirations of becoming a welder, my mother had talked to her co-worker, Mrs. Smith, who informed my mom that her husband was an owner of a welding business. After getting an introduction to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, they directed me to pursue a technical vocational school course of action.

The many talented women I have met throughout my welding career have all had exceptional skill sets, great hand-eye coordination, and tremendous dedication to the quality of their work.

In keeping with my ongoing attempts to entice you all to attend our monthly meetings, I will inject the words of a famous actress and inventor of the WiFi and Bluetooth technologies—Ms Hedy Lamar. It was she who uttered the words “Try everything, join everything, meet everybody; that’s the secret of life.”

Hope to see you on October 17th!

Larry Abernethy, BASF
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October 17th Meeting  6:00pm

Women in Welding

Speaker: Stephanie Hoffman, Welding Instructor
Salem County Vocational Technical School, Woodstown, NJ

Join us as we discuss the ongoing shortage of trained welders, recognize the need to diversify, and explore ways to reach out to schools and communities to bridge the gaps and introduce welding to more young people.

Stephanie Hoffman began taking welding classes in high school to impress her dad; and has turned welding into a 15-year career that includes pipe and structural welding, coupled with art and custom fabrication. She has built hardtops, and tuna towers for yachts, as well as performed pipe work for various hydraulic companies.

Currently, a welding instructor at Salem County Vocational Schools, Stephanie is said to be the first female in New Jersey to run a vocational welding program. She teaches SMAW, GMAW, GTAW, FCAW, oxyfuel cutting, plasma cutting and pipe welding in all positions.

Stephanie doesn’t just want to teach her students to weld; she also wants them to find their inner creativity. Students are tasked with creating a project they would like to make and give as a holiday gift. They then are tasked with executing their own projects from blueprints to fabrication.

Her teaching methods also involve real-life projects that encourage students to help their community, such as making or fixing signs, repairing chairs for a senior center, or building ornate furniture and 7-foot fire-pits.

Stephanie is a Certified Welder and a U.S. Army veteran. She holds degrees from Ocean County College and Stockton University.

Be sure to spread the word about this meeting to your colleagues and friends. Plan to be there — and bring your daughters!
Welcome New Members & Transfers

The AWS NJ Section welcomes the following members that have joined or transferred-in since our last report.

Adedayo J. Ajibade  Miguel Lopez, AGL Welding Supply
Gary E. Brown  Michael Angelo V Manuel
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Ozkan Gordem  Joseph Rojas
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Eric Johnson
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We are looking forward to seeing you at a meeting. Remember, dinner at your first AWS NJ Section meeting is complimentary.

Get the most out of your AWS NJ membership by getting involved! Start by attending a meeting!

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At the Meeting  September 19, 2018  
at Pantagis Renaissance, Scotch Plains, NJ

“Weld Discontinuities and Defects”  
James F. Dolan, CSPr / CW / CWI  
Dolan Associates,

As part of our ongoing effort to present more educational/technical programs, James Dolan, Dolan Associates, AWS NJ Section Technical Program and Education Chairman, gave an excellent presentation about weld discontinuities and defects.

(L-R) Past Chairman and Guest Speaker James Dolan, Dolan Associates, receives thanks from AWS NJ Section Chairman Larry Abernethy, BASF.

Photo & info courtesy of Eric Dolan, Dolan Associates

Thinking
What difference can a shift in your thinking make?

Jack Welch, former CEO of General Electric, was asked how a young person could elevate himself among all his other associates. His advice was:

The only way to get out of the pile and stand out to your boss is to understand this simple principle: When he asks you a question, assigns a basic project, or sends you out to gather data, he simply wants you to go confirm what he already believes is true. If you want to elevate yourself, you must sink your thoughts and time into, not only answering the question, but developing three or more other ideas, options and perspectives that may not have been previously considered by your boss. The goal is to add value to the idea by exceeding expectations.

About 99.9% of all employees are in the pile because they just don’t think. If you do, you will always be given more critical questions to answer. And, in time, you will become the one asking the question of others. If you desire to climb out of the pile, become the best thinker you can.

“Nurture great thoughts, for you will never go higher than your thoughts.”  
Benjamin Franklin

Submitted by: Ken Stockton, CWI, PPPL

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October 7 - 13, 2018
CWI Seminar & Exam
Wyndham Gardens Hotel
Newark, NJ www.aws.org

October 17, 2018  6:00pm
AWS NJ Section Meeting
“Women in Welding”
Stephanie Hoffman, Welding Instructor
Salem County Voc-Tech

November 6-8, 2018
FABTECH
Atlanta, GA  www.fabtechexpo.com

November 21, 2018  6:00pm
AWS NJ Section Meeting
“Past, Present & Future of Production Welding in NJ & NYC Markets”
Seann T. Bradley, Sr. Sales Engineer
NYC & NJ & Peter Shapiro, Sales Engineer
NYC, The Lincoln Electric Co.

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