I joined the American Welding Society in 1959 when I started selling welding material on the road for Metal & Thermit Corp. As I covered nine states in the northeast part of the country, I would try to get to the local section meetings in each state. These meetings were a great place to meet customers and other sales people and add to my knowledge of welding. We didn’t know the word “networking” at that time; but that’s what we were doing. I worked in many capacities on various committees in the New Jersey Section and became Chairman in 1966. Since joining, I have been very active, both at a local level and a national level, and have met many valuable contacts along the way. In fact, I owe my last General Manager position at Tempil to my AWS membership – but that’s another story.

BUT ENOUGH ABOUT ME – WHAT ABOUT YOU? Are you taking advantage of all of the things we offer at each meeting, like networking, knowledge, friendship, great food, etc.? If not – why not? Are you one of the 181 new members that joined during the past year, but haven’t yet come to even one of our meetings? If you are, just show your AWS membership card at the hospitality desk for a free dinner at the first meeting you attend.

One important new reason to attend (especially for Welding Instructors and Certified Welding Inspectors) is to obtain Professional Development Hours (PDHS). Certificates are given out at the meetings that can be applied toward the hours needed for Instructor certifications or nine year CWI re-certifications. What a great idea from one of our committees.

I think the Marines used to say “We’re looking for a few good men.” Well, we’re no different. We are always looking for a few good men to serve on various committees. These are the people who make it possible to have a successful technical meeting eight times a year. Most of them have been heading up various committees for years and could really use some assistance. We’re not talking about a lot of time here—maybe 2 - 3 hours per month—a very small investment that could really produce great rewards in your career.

Many of our committee members achieved Officer status very quickly; and some went on to National committees in Miami to become District Directors and advance even further up the AWS ladder. Others gained valuable skills that helped them advance in their careers. These big steps are the result of small baby steps that start with volunteering at the local level. It’s very easy – just ask at the Hospitality desk as you enter our meeting, or show up at any of our Executive Meetings at 4:30pm on the same day as each membership meeting. You also can email us at: weldnj@optonline.net. A list of some of the Standing Committee functions appears on page 3. Check through it, find one or more that may interest you, and start your journey.

The schedule for the 2012/13 season can be found on page 2. Look it over; there is sure to be something of interest. The summer is well underway and very soon we will have our first 2012/13 technical meeting – on September 18th to be exact. Hope to see you there.

Al Fleury
A. F. Fleury Associates
MEETING DATES & LOCATION:

Unless otherwise posted, regular AWS NJ Section Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at:

Pantagis Renaissance/
Snuffy’s Clambar
250 Park Ave. (at Mountain Ave.)
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
908-322-7726
www.snuffypantagis.com

PROGRAM:

4:30 p.m. Executive Meeting
6:00 p.m. Networking
6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Presentation

DINNER COST:
Members & Guests: $25.00
Students: $15.00

Dinner is optional. Arrive by 7:15pm for the program portion only.

Visit the NJ Section website:
www.aws.org/sections/newjersey

September 18th Meeting: Welding Equipment Troubleshooting
Speakers: Bob Petrone, CwI and Tom Fenelon—
AGL Welding Supply Co., Inc.

October 14th - 19th: CWI Seminar; Exam on October 20th
Wyndham Garden Hotel, Newark, NJ (see page 5)

October 16th Meeting: Plant Tour
Sheet Metal Workers Local 22, Cranford, NJ

November 20th Meeting: Welding Defects
Speaker: Bob Waite, P.E., CwI

January 15th Meeting: Nondestructive Testing
Speaker: James Dolan, CSP/CWI — Dolan Associates

January 21st & 22nd Liquid Penetrant (PT) Inspection Course
8:30am - 5:00pm Somerset County Voc-Tech (See page 6)

February 19th Meeting: Robotic Welding
Speaker: Bill Dotson, CwI— The Lincoln Electric Co., Inc.

March 19th Meeting: Industrial Safety
Speaker: Brent Altemose, CIH, CSP— Sabre Health & Safety

April 16th Meeting: “Manufacturers” Night Expo
The latest products, services & technology from area suppliers

May 21st Annual Meeting: Student Recognition Night
Hosted by: Middlesex County Voc-Tech— Piscataway, NJ

Programs and speakers are subject to change. Check for updates in subsequent issues of AWS NJ Section News.

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Some NJ Section Standing Committee functions — Pick one or more & jump in!

Advertising
Solicit interest, leads and contact information from potential Sponsors for the Section newsletter/site.

Awards
Submit names of deserving people for various awards established by AWS on a National, District and Section level. Oversee the distribution of AWS member and industry recognition awards to NJ Section members.

Certification
Promote, coordinate and proctor certification programs, seminars and exams in the regional area.

Communications
Oversee the newsletter publisher, webmaster and roster administrator, and serve as liaison between them and the Section Executive Committee.

Education
Promote the advancement of education through the development and production of workshops, seminars and special meetings. Promote the availability of National and District scholarships.

Hospitality
Coordinate meeting and event dates with venue managers. Man the greeting desk at membership meetings and events to welcome attendees and collect dinner and/or other fees. Run 50/50s when appropriate. Act as property manager of section equipment.

Image of Welding
Develop programs and projects to enhance and promote the image of welding. Seek out and report welding related instances that have enhanced the image of welding in some way.

Membership
Develop drives and promotions to help increase Section memberships, (Individual, Student, Sustaining, Supporting). Contact new members and invite them to Section meetings and to participate in Section activities. Follow up with lapsed members to encourage them to reinstate their membership.

Program
Arrange for technical speakers, plant tours, films, panel discussions, coffee speakers, etc. for member meetings and special events. Acquire information including title and abstract for presentation, speaker bio & photo, etc. and submit to newsletter publisher and publicity committee. Check with speakers regarding transportation and/or audio-visual needs, and handle as required.

Publicity
Publicize upcoming Section meetings and activities in appropriate media through listings, news releases and other means. Take photos at Section meetings and activities and prepare reports. Submit them to the Welding Journal and the Section newsletter along with info and identification of images.

Roster Administrator
Maintain NJ Section roster. Prepare and distribute email advisories for meetings and events in a timely manner utilizing the database accessed through AWS Headquarters.

Safety & Health
Oversee the collection of reports about adverse health and safety instances from TV, newspapers, internet, radio, etc. Report on any safety or health issues that might affect the Section membership. Select and submit info for publication in the Section newsletter.

Student Activities
Provide information and promote the benefits of Student Chapters among area high schools and colleges. Serve as a liaison between the Section and its Student Chapters and/or Student Members. Oversee student welding contests and other activities.

Technical Representative
Ensure that a complete set of AWS codes, standards and specifications are maintained. Answer technical questions posed by the membership.

Other special and/or ad hoc committees may be established at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

If your interests or abilities match any of these activities, email your contact info to: weldnj@optonline.net

—AWS NJ Section News  Summer, 2012—
At the Meeting - May 15, 2012

Somerset County Vocational-Technical School, Bridgewater, NJ, hosted the May 15, 2012 NJ Section Annual Meeting and Student Recognition Night. Students from their Culinary Arts program prepared and served a delicious buffet dinner. They did a fantastic job!

Four students were recognized by their instructors for Outstanding Achievement and received awards:

- **Student** Vincent Esteve, **Instructor** Herb Brown, Morris County Institute of Technology
- Mohammed Uddin, David Griep, Passaic County Voc-Tech
- Christopher Keck, Don Smith, Somerset County Voc Tech
- Andrew Caldas, George Sheehan, Union County Voc Tech

In accordance with NJ Section Bylaws, as no further nominations were received, NJ Section Secretary, George Sheehan, Union County Voc-Tech, cast a vote to elect the 2012-13 slate of officers as proposed by the Nominating Committee, and the slate was installed.

NJ Section Chairman Herb Browne, Morris County Institute of Technology, received a certificate of appreciation for his service.

Paul Lenox, DCM Erectors, gave an informative presentation about Careers in Welding, with timely examples of the work currently being done on the “Freedom Tower” at the former site of the World Trade Center.

Students from the Culinary Arts Program at Somerset County Voc-Tech.

Were you there?

All photos courtesy of Eric Dolan, Dolan Associates

(L-R) AWS NJ Section Treasurer & Communications Chair Al Fleury, A.F Fleury Associates; Speaker Paul Lenox, DCM Erectors, Inc.; District 2 Director Harland Thompson, Underwriters Laboratories.
Welcome New Members

The AWS NJ Section welcomes the following new members:

Joey L. Aungst
Jim Barrett
Brian L. Ellman
Daniel C. English
Joseph Ferenc, Mistras Group Services
Juan C. Garcia
Joseph M. Gilmore
Niels H. Johnson, Lors Machinery
Juan Jose Jovel, John Maltese Iron Works
Nicholas Katsock
Michael Montoya
Alexander Muller
John Peterson
Frank Roehrich, John Maltese Iron Works
David B. Shaffer
Robert Stanavitch, John Maltese Iron Works
Leah Tarlow, Weldcomputer Corp.
Austin Ververs
Matthew D. Visen
David A. Winget

We’ll look forward to seeing you at the meetings. Remember, dinner is complimentary at the first meeting that a new member attends.

CWI Seminar & Exam Newark, NJ Act Now!

Location: Wyndham Garden Hotel Newark Airport 550 Rts 1 & 9 South, Newark, NJ 07114

★ The deadline for applications is September 10, 2012 ★

To take the Exam, you must submit a completed Exam application before the deadline. Seminar enrollment does not automatically cover the Exam. For full info about requirements, pricing, and online registration, go to the AWS website: [www.aws.org](http://www.aws.org) - Click on “Certification” then on “CWI” and follow the links. For questions, call AWS Certification: 800-443-9353 ext. 273.

Note: All re-exam candidates applying for the second or third retest (or after the one year grace period), must provide 40 hours of additional training prior to being accepted to the exam site. This information (proof of earlier training or confirmation letter for seminar scheduled just prior to the exam date) must be received no less than two weeks prior to the scheduled exam date. Candidates who fail to provide this documentation will not be allowed to take the exam.

Become a Sponsor

AWS NJ Section News Sponsors make this newsletter possible and also provide needed support to help the NJ Section keep in touch with the membership through the Section website and other forms of communication. Sponsorships run for an entire year and include a display ad in each issue, and exclusive benefits including online web links, profile editorials, and other free and discounted promotional opportunities.

Single issue promotional inserts are also available to supplement display ads, to announce open houses, new product launches, etc. Call for details.

The new season will be starting soon. Please consider showing your support by becoming a newsletter Sponsor. For full info without obligation, call 973-731-2967, or email: grillonpkg@comcast.net
The American Welding Society New Jersey Section will conduct a two day training seminar on Liquid Penetrant Inspection (PT). This course will meet the requirements of ASNT-TC-1A, level II.

16 training hours will be awarded for CWI re-qualification

Dates: Monday, January 21, 2013 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
       Tuesday, January 22, 2013 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Somerset County Vo-Tech, Bridgewater, New Jersey

Cost: $450.00 per person

Certificates of completion will be awarded at the February 19, 2013 AWS NJ Section meeting at Pantagis Renaissance/Snuffy’s, Scotch Plains, NJ.

Interested candidates please contact Jim Dolan, email: dolanjf@aol.com.

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Update your member contact info at AWS

Please remember to review and update your membership info at AWS headquarters so that the general database can be accurate and complete. Add your current email address and make any other necessary changes to your phone number area code, address, employer, etc. so that you can stay in touch and keep informed.

Log-in to your member account on the AWS website: www.aws.org

or contact AWS Member Services:
phone: 800-443-9353 Ext 480
or email Maria Trujillo: mtrujillo@aws.org

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New Feature: NJ Section Savers E-Z Discounts

This new feature will provide NJ Section members with special, limited time offers for a variety of products and services. To redeem, just use your AWS Member number and the Offer Code that is provided.

Here’s your first offer— It’s valid through September 23, 2012.

Four Fourteen Entertainment
20% off the admission to any Sunday Comics stand-up comedy show, 8:00 - 10:00pm in Montclair, NJ. Reserve your seating in advance.
Up to four admissions per offer. Use Code: AWS-FF812

Start your week with laughter
Email: fourfourteen@comcast.net or call: 973-731-2967

NOTE: If your company would like to present a NJ Section Saver offer to the members, just call 973-731-2967, or email: grillonpkg@comcast.net

Promotional Inserts

Your 8 1/2” x 11” promotional flyer can appear as a full page insert in any issue of the newsletter. It’s an effective, economical way to announce an open house, launch a new product, or promote your company’s services.

Specific issues are available on a first-come, first served basis. For complete info call: 973-731-2967, or email: grillonpkg@comcast.net