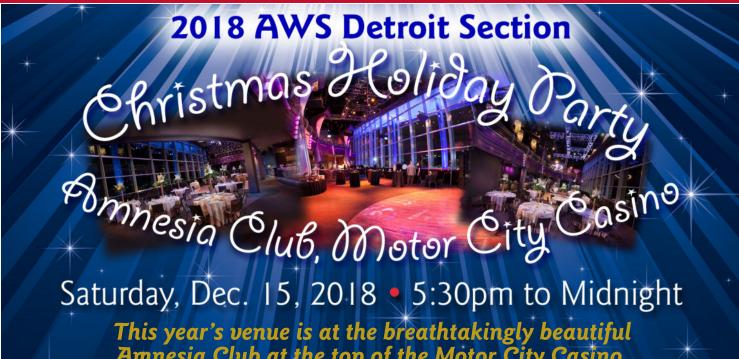




PLEASE NOTE: The Christmas Holiday Party replaces our December Technical Meeting

Reservations are required in advance, so RSVP and purchase your tickets by Dec. 8, 2018.



Amnesia Club at the top of the Motor City Casino.

Come celebrate the holiday with friends and colleagues while overlooking the beauty of the city at night. As always, there will be a drawing for door prizes after dinner! Special Room rates are available when you mention AWS Detroit section. Limited number of rooms available. Tables will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. This is a great way to say "thank you" to your employees, valued customers, and suppliers while enjoying an evening out, and connecting with others in the industry. Hope to see you there!

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Single ticket: \$ 150 Couples ticket: \$ 225

\$1,200 Table (seats 8):

5:30 pm ~ Come join us for Appetizers and Cocktails Reception

6:30 pm ~ Introduction and Welcoming remarks from our Chairman

6:45 pm ~ Dinner is served*

8:00 pm ~ Dessert and dancing!

The event continues until Midnight

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Chairman's Message

As 2018 draws to a close, the Detroit section of the American Welding Society has had a lot to reflect on.

We can be thankful to have witnessed a strong manufacturing economy for at least a decade. Although recent events have put a strain

on the stock market, most of us are much better off that we were a short decade ago. Our local section has had exciting year. Our numbers have grown almost 11% compared to a year ago.

More than 500 of us started out 2018 with a Ladies' Night Gala at the Motor City Casino. We experienced one of our strongest showings in recent years.

This spring several local schools took part in our annual High School Welding Completion. Glenn Kay's dedicated team makes this a success every year.

This summer, several dozens of us shared the passion of chasing a white ball at this summer's successful AWS-Detroit Golf Outing. The networking and relationships developed at outings such as these makes our section stronger and tighter. Thanks to Donnie Crist and his team for putting together this fun event.

Later this fall, our section hosted our biannual Sheet Metal Welding Conference. Warren Peterson and his team put in countless hours to prepare for a successful conference. Almost 300 people attended to learn about recent advances in the welding and joining of sheet metal.

We should all take a few minutes to remember a few of our own members whose recent passing begs us to recall their contributions to our society and our section. Bernie Bastion (former section chair and fellow of AWS) was as strong mentor for young welders and engineers. Even though he rarely took credit for his tutelage, many of us know that Bernie's mentorship helped make our industry and our section strong. We would also be remiss if we did not acknowledge the passing of Marilyn Winsand. The generous grants that Marilyn and Amos Winsand have made to welding students throughout the decades have been great example for other successful icons in the welding industry.

In December we plan to finish the year much like we started it. The 2018 AWS-Detroit Christmas Party will take place in the Amnesia lounge of the Motor City Casino Hotel. Amanda Davis team is working hard to send us out of 2018 with as much fun as we had starting it.

Our section would like to thank Wesley Doneth who was willing to selflessly finish a second term as section chair this spring. His guidance to our section cannot be under stated. We would also like to thank all of our patrons, executive committee members, ladies' night team, high school welding contest team, golf outing continued on page 6



This is a small tribute to Marilyn Winsand who passed away this past November 2018.

She and her husband, Amos Winsand (a past chair member) have been long-time patrons and members of the AWS Detroit Section. I think all chairs will agree that the support of their spouse or loved ones and understanding of the hours it takes to plan, present, and head the executive committee each season is sometimes a bit of a sacrifice for personal life. Marilyn supported Amos and the Detroit section in their endeavors to continue to expand the awareness and education of welding for our future.

Together, they founded the Amos and Marilyn Winsand Scholarship which is awarded every September to one deserving student who is pursuing their education in the field of welding. Whether it be as a weld engineer, a welder, or even an educator, that student has been provided some of their education by the Winsand family.

Many of you have met or seen Marilyn at some of the AWS Detroit Section events. Whether it be the annual Ladies Night, the Christmas/Holiday Party or the Scholarship night.

We wish her husband, Amos Winsand, and their family our deepest sympathies. She will definitely be missed by the AWS Detroit Section members.





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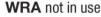
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AWS Detroit Section Welder Workforce Grant 2018

In February 2018 the Detroit Section announced a major investment in our commitment to education and the foundation of our mission as a section. Over the last few years we have worked with the AWS Foundation and were able to develop a matching funds program for education grants that benefit the institution directly for a range of support. We have had a long standing and successful scholarship program where we directly help students but as a section always felt there was something missing. How can education facilities succeed if they don't have the equipment and supplies, they need to excel and train the next generation of skilled trades and engineers for our industry? In partnership with the AWS Foundation Welder Workforce Grant program we established a \$15,000 grant for schools in our geographical boundaries. The Detroit Section has guaranteed that every year for generations to come \$15,000 in funds will be distributed to local schools by developing the "Detroit Section Welder Workforce Grant." The investment was only possible by the work of volunteers, generous donations of companies and the commitment of our members. When you attend the Christmas Party, Sheet Metal Welding Conference or contribute as a Patron or advertiser those funds make it possible for us to make real results for schools and students who you turn into employees. For the first time in our 93-year history as a Section we were able to award \$15,000 to a local non-profit training program named Women Who Weld. On top of our grant the Foundation provided additional funds to fully meet their need which will go to their facility development and equipment.

Thank you to everyone who made this possible,
Best Wishes and Happy Holidays
AWS Detroit Section Grant Committee
www.aws.org/foundation/page/welder-workforce-grant

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team, sheet metal welding conference team, Christmas party team, and all of the countless other members of the American Welding Society – Detroit section who together make up our strong community.

Best regards, Mark +1 810 602 9735 mark.gugel@gm.com

Women Who Weld

Submitted by Samantha Farr, Founder & Instructor

Women Who Weld, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that teaches women how to weld and find employment in the welding industry, is actively outfitting its own, dedicated 2,000 square foot training facility in central Detroit.

Outfitting a dedicated training facility with welding equipment and materials will allow Women Who Weld to increase the number of week-long intensive welding training classes it holds each year and increase the number of participants in its subsidized, 6-week intensive welding training program for unemployed and underemployed women. Additionally, it will allow Women Who Weld to increase its single-day introductory workshops that are designed to expose women to welding and serve as a feeder into its week-long intensive welding training classes. Notably, Women Who Weld has a 100% program completion rate and 100% program to employment rate.

The AWS Detroit Section Welder Workforce Grant will positively improve the welding training offered by Women Who Weld by allowing its team to devote more time and greater attention to instruction and hands-on training; no more time will be spent searching for available space in other welding facilities and coordinating with external welding equipment suppliers to borrow and deliver machines to an under-equipped facility for a limited period of time.

Additionally, outfitting a dedicated training facility with an adequate number of machines and metalworking tools, e.g. welding tables, an ironworker, a plasma cutter, and, potentially, a bend and tensile tester, will significantly enhance the participants' training and will help further Women Who Weld's effort to improve the talent shortage in the welding industry by training women to weld.

Notably, this dedicated space is in the heart of the City of Detroit and will be 1 of 2 welding training facilities operating in the city's limits (excluding private businesses and K-12 schools), and it is therefore more accessible to a greater number of people in need of welding training and job placement and is in close range to many hiring employers across the auto, defense, aerospace, transportation, and general industrial fabrication industries in Southeast Michigan.

Women Who Weld would like to thank the AWS Detroit Section and the AWS Foundation for their support!

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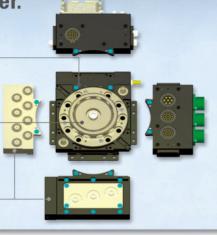
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Remembering Past Members

With sadness and a heavy heart, I would like to report the recent passing of two longtime associates

of the Detroit Section, Mr. Bernie Bastian and Ms. Marilyn Winsand. Mr. Bastian was a past Chairman (1988-89) and Ms. Winsand was the wife of Amos Winsand, also a past chairman (1978-79). Please see below links for information on services:

www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/obituaries/Bernhard-Bastian/#!/Obituary Flowers have been sent on behalf of the Detroit Section.

www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/williamston-mi/marilyn-winsand-8042227 We will send flowers when details are released.

Both of these individuals were active for many years in the AWS and will be missed, but remembered for their many contributions.

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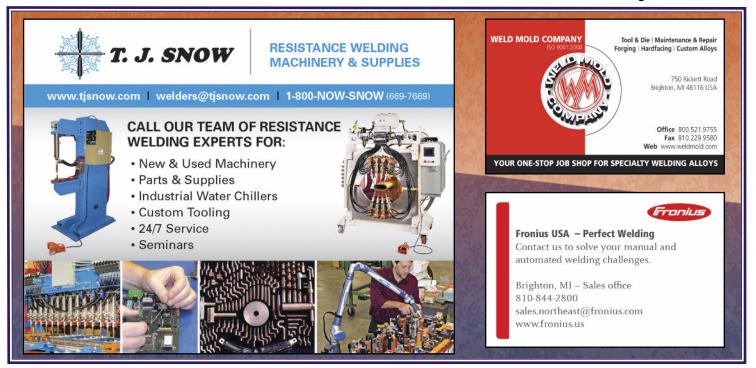
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