

June Newsletter

Upcoming Events!

June 9,
2011

**Pam Swanson,
President of Airgas,
North Central "My
Non Traditional
Path to President"**

August 9,
2011

**9th Annual Golf
Play Day
Timber Pointe Golf
Club
5750 Woodstock
Road
Poplar Grove, IL**

We are always looking for people with bright ideas to help with upcoming meetings! If you would like to help, we have openings on all committees. Also if you would like to add anything to the newsletter.

I need information a week before the meeting.

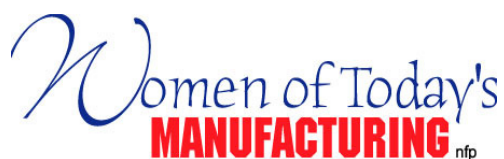
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WOTM in Action

WOTM will sponsor a booth at the Women in Business Luncheon Thursday June 23, at Cliffbreakers. We need volunteers to work the booth. Lunch will be served at noon with the Women in Business awards and guest speaker, Amy Millman Co-founder, President and Board member of Springboard 2000 Enterprises, Inc. If you would like to volunteer some time to join the event, please contact Ruthann Gaston.

May Meeting – Lino's

Anne E. O'Keefe, President and CEO of the Rockford Area Arts Council spoke to us about "Manufacturing" and "The Arts" can combine their expertise and efforts to promote growth and development in our area.

April Meeting – Lino's

Mark Immekus from QPS Employment Group as April's Guest Speaker. Mark discussed hiring trends and the shortage of skilled candidates available in manufacturing, offering suggestions to help organizations handle this issue.

Golf Outing! – August 9- Timbre Point

We will not have a formal meeting for July or August. Be sure to join us for the The 9th Annual playday, Tuesday, August 9, 2011. 12:00 shotgun. \$95 per person or \$380 foursome. Lunch and steak dinner included. \$100 hole sponsors. Check out the good times had by all participants in our prior newsletters on the WOTM website.

Follow-up on the Robotics Teams

Both of our teams made it to the semi finals! They competed with 352 other teams at the US First National Championship, April 27-30, 2011.

Winnovation - Winnebago was upset in the semifinals, losing its last match 98-94. Their high-scoring robot, Snuggles, drew plenty of buzz and was photographed by Popular Mechanics magazine. <http://winnebagoschools.org/schools/highschool/activities/robotics/>

Rockford Robotics Team #2039 seeded at 55 for their division, they are proud of their robot, "Loki" and how the team worked together during their year's build and competition season. Overall they did well for their first season! Watch this team at <http://www.rockfordrobotics.com/> - they have a great website that highlights their build season.

NEW !!! Member's Place

WOTM is trying something new in the newsletter. We would like to highlight a member and or their business each month.

It was easy to choose one this month because they have a special event coming up. Let us highlight you or your company in the following months. We currently have 52 members and 13 corporate members who have exciting news to share. Let us share yours. Contact Deb Carlson at deb.carlson1@comcast.net.

We also offer a page on the website to host your corporate link. Be sure to contact Kevin Thompson at thompsondigitalimage.com.

Member's Place

North American Tool Celebrates 25 Years of Excellence!

South Beloit, IL – North American Tool Corporation, South Beloit, IL, is celebrating its 25th Anniversary!

To commemorate this momentous occasion, North American Tool will be sponsoring the City of Beloit, WI fireworks on the Fourth of July. The company will host a company picnic at The Rotary River Center in Beloit's Riverside Park on July 4th, inviting Associates and their families, retirees and others who have played key roles in the growth and success of the company.

"It's an ideal way to give back to a great community while we celebrate a milestone event," stated company president and CEO Curt Lansbery. "We are truly excited for our customers, our associates, and our community to be celebrating our 25th year in the industrial tooling business", said Lansbery.

North American Tool was founded in 1986, in South Beloit, IL by the father and son team of Kenyon Y. Taylor, a leading industrialist and his son Roger K. Taylor, a recognized marketing strategist. Working in an area of the country known for its strong industrial roots in the manufacturing and metalworking industries, these men had a vision, recognizing a need for a special tooling company to service a growing U.S. market. The company was founded on three simple principles and ideals:

- Outstanding Customer Service
- Quality Products
- On Time Shipments

"What started as a small, specialty tool producer with an emphasis on threading tools and a goal of 24 hour delivery, has grown into an internationally recognized manufacturer selling products and providing services in 56 countries", said Bernie Bowersock, Senior Vice President.

Today, North American Tool Corporation is an integral part of Global Specialty Solutions Inc. (South Beloit, IL), which also includes Gaylee Saws (Sterling Heights, MI), Bitner Tooling Technologies (Sterling Heights, MI), Allen Benjamin, Inc. (Mesa, AZ), and Group United Corporation (South Beloit IL). Global Specialty Solutions Inc. is a privately held corporation with a diverse range of industrial business interests serving the needs of industrial distributors and manufacturers on a global scale. Additional information is available at: www.globalspecialtysolutions.com

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