

Tri-State Tooling & Manufacturing Association

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DID YOU KNOW?

Every new manufacturing job is estimated to create 1.6 new jobs in the local service businesses of that manufacturing facility.

If it is a high-tech industry, that number increases to 5 new jobs in the local service businesses of that manufacturing facility.

2017 TTMA Golf Outing – Tuesday, June 6th

Join us in June for our 16th Annual Golf Outing

Walden Ponds Golf Club in Hamilton, OH
11:30am Registration | 1:00pm Shotgun Start
Dinner to Follow Golf

Scramble Format - Win Cash Prizes! Win Raffle Prizes!

Register Online Using PayPal

[\\$90 Individual Golfer](#) | [\\$350 Foursome](#) | [\\$30 Dinner Only](#)
[\\$150 Hole Sponsor](#)

Looking Ahead: May Meeting – Monday, May 15th

Welcome Brian Papke, Chairman, Mazak Corporation

Brian J. Papke was named Chairman of Mazak Corporation in 2016 after 27 years of service as the company's President. Mazak Corporation is the North American manufacturing and marketing unit of Yamazaki Mazak Corporation, which is headquartered in Oguchi, Japan. Since joining the company in 1987, Mr. Papke has sustained a pattern of continuous growth and improvement for Mazak through the establishment of three core business strategies.

Prior to his appointment as President and then Chairman, Mr. Papke served in several management positions with Mazak, including Executive Vice President and Vice President Sales & Marketing. A graduate of the University of Illinois, Papke began in the machine tool industry in a management training program then progressed through various sales and management positions, eventually becoming president of Mazak Corporation.

JOIN US IN MAY! REGISTER ONLINE WITH PayPal!

Chicken Marsala

[Member RSVP \\$28](#)

[Non-Member RSVP \\$35](#)

Blackened Prime Rib

[Member RSVP \\$38](#)

[Non-Member RSVP \\$45](#)

FANUC America Factory Tour a Success!

In April we took a field trip to FANUC America, where our hosts gave us a presentation on FANUC's history and current business offerings, and led us on a tour of their Mason, OH facility.

FANUC America offers the most complete range of industry-leading products and services for robotics, CNC systems, and factory automation solutions. FANUC America is dedicated to increasing the competitiveness of North and South American manufacturers by creating opportunities to help them maximize their efficiency, reliability, quality, and profitability.



MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

Greg Knox, Owner, Knox Machinery, Discusses Manufacturing with President Trump

Knox Machinery, Inc. owner and President, Greg Knox – past Chairman for the Dayton Region Manufacturers Association, current board member of the Tristate Tooling and Manufacturing Association and committee member for the Association for Manufacturing Technology – was recently selected by the Vice President of the United States to attend a business roundtable in Cincinnati, Ohio, to provide valuable feedback about corporate healthcare issues and challenges from a small business perspective to both, Vice President Pence and Tom Price, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

During the meeting, Mr. Knox spoke candidly about his opinion on the healthcare system, before changing the topic to manufacturing. Vice President Pence welcomed the topic with excitement. Knox praised the Vice President and President Trump for giving manufacturing more attention and genuine hope than the past 4 administrations combined, before discussing several, key issues. More specifically, Mr. Knox made the point that, “the erosion of our manufacturing base [in the U.S.] equates directly to the erosion of our National Security.” At the conclusion of the meeting, Vice President Pence offered complimentary words, and later that night, the Deputy Assistant sent a glowing email to Mr. Knox for his small business insight and keen manufacturing leadership.

Several days later, the White House phoned Mr. Knox, and it was communicated that Vice President Pence told President Trump about the insightful meeting that had taken place in Ohio. Furthermore, it was arranged

that President Trump would fly Greg to Washington, DC to share his personal story in the West Wing of the White House. In preparation, Greg organized a mission to do three things: 1) share Midwestern values and conservative views in regards to the relationship between the government and healthcare, 2) “talk a little manufacturing” with the President and how the erosion of U.S. manufacturing base equates to the loss of jobs, a weak middle class, and threatens National Security, and 3) deliver a card, from his 11-year-old daughter, to the hands of the President.

The meeting took place on Monday, March 13, 2017, and President Trump listened to Mr. Knox share his thoughts on the healthcare system and its impact on small business owners. Knox stressed the Government should not be in the “healthcare business” and free market solutions should be made available. Furthermore, Knox expressed that America needed to get back to core principles, such as a strong work ethic and Entrepreneurialism. Mr. Trump acknowledged these statements, and told the group in attendance that over time, he would work to lower costs, expand choice, and ensure access for everyone in regards to the healthcare marketplace.

During each encounter, Mr. Knox engaged in “offline” conversation about other manufacturing challenges, including: unfair competition, underdeveloped workforce, over regulation, and increased taxation. And, Greg was able to personally present and read his daughter’s note; which, in return, the President autographed for Mr. Knox to take back home to Ohio.



Greg Knox is seen in this photo handing President Trump a card made by his 11-year-old daughter.

Peter Leeper Inspiring the Next Generation of Manufacturers!

Millford High School Students Build a Prosthetic Brace for a Young Hockey Player under the direction of TTMA Member, Peter Leeper.

[Watch the Full Story Here](#)

Congratulations to Nexigen!

Nexigen was recently named one of three finalists for the Cincinnati Business Courier Tech Company of the Year for its seventh annual Innovation & Technology Awards! The awards recognize companies in 10 different categories that are changing how we use technology and introducing innovative products and services to the Tri-State.

Want to see your company in the spotlight?
Please send us your news, stories, or updates, and be featured in an upcoming newsletter!

News from NTMA

NTMA-U Grant Approved! Chapters can Save \$2,500

The National Tooling and Machining Foundation (NTMF) voted at the 2017 MFG Meeting to support any NTMA Chapter that purchases or renews an NTMA-U portal by paying half of a year's total costs — a \$2,500 value!

[READ THE FULL STORY HERE](#)

[Watch the Newest NTMA Videos](#)

“We are Manufacturing” and “NTMA, the Faces of Manufacturing”

Upcoming events include:

[June 14th NTMA Workforce Development Roundtable 2017 – Chicago, IL](#)

[June 7th Sales & Marketing Conference – Pittsburgh, PA](#)

[September 5th 2017 Top Shop Conference – Indianapolis, IN](#)

[September 17th 2017 EMO Executive Technology Tour – Hanover, Germany](#)