



Season's Greetings Everyone,

As we begin to close out 2017, I thought we should take a few minutes to review the year.

During the year our Chapter made a contribution to the Herbert H. Klein AFS Scholarship at the Wentworth Institute of Technology, this contribution will allow the

fund to pay out \$1,000 each year to a deserving student studying Mechanical or Manufacturing Engineering.

This year's recipient is Justyn Sanford of Falmouth MA who is in his sophomore year at Wentworth majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

The Chapter is attempting to put together a visit to Wentworth in the spring to tour the facility and meet the recipient. In addition to the scholarship the chapter will pay for a year's student membership in the AFS. We should all take pride in helping a young person get an education and especially in the field of manufacturing. These are our next generation of foundry leaders.

There were 8 chapter meetings or events that took place during the year.

April, Jeff Cook, AFS President spoke at our meeting in Sturbridge, MA regarding the activities of the National organization and outreach programs. It was great meeting him and having him visit our group.

May, Mark Havira of Efficient Lighting Consultants spoke about the various programs available in the New England states for rebates and discounted lighting. Hopefully some of our members are taking advantage of the offers for energy reduction and rebates for replacing their lighting and motors.

June, The annual Golf outing took place at the Heritage Country Club, Charlton, MA, Many thanks to the now retired Mark Johnson and Brian White of DW Clark for their efforts and hard work.

June, T. Blair Decker of Electric Boat presented in Mystic, CT on EB's need for qualified employers and suppliers as they ramped up production of our submarine force. We had good attendance and many of you got his business card and contact information for possible casting work.

June, Bryan Charette, and Dan Hufziger of Burndy LLC presented the Foundry in a Box to the students of Swift Middle School, Watertown CT and the kids loved it. Kudos to the two engineers for donating their time to show the youngsters the casting process.

September Members of the Chapter toured the Avedis Zildjian Co. in Norwell, MA, it was an excellent tour and everyone who made it still talks about it. Many thanks to Tom Perkins for putting it together and to the Avedis Zildjian Co. for letting us tour their site.

October, Will Shambley, The Metalfish LLC spoke about "Foundries of the Future" his presentation was well done and well received. There seem to be new processes and advancements every day and his message was clear that we have to be open to learning and utilizing the new processes. Will has also agreed to serve as a Director of our Board beginning in January so double thanks to Will.

December The chapter celebrated with a holiday dinner and show at the Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam, CT. Everyone that attended enjoyed a good meal and great show.

Now that we are saying goodbye to 2017, let's see what 2018 is bringing for us.

On Tuesday March 20, 2018 the Chapter will be touring the FM Global Research Campus at West Gloucester RI. The event will start in the morning and end with lunch, the participants will be treated to hurricanes, earthquakes, fires and a combustible dust explosion. If you are responsible for your building or business you want to see this. It is limited to 20 people and I'm one of them, so sign up as soon as possible. You don't want to miss this tour.

April 3 -5, AFS Metalcasting Congress will be taking place in Ft. Worth, TX

Your chairman has been selected and will be awarded the AFS 2018 National Service Citation Award for several years of service and dedication to the AFS and the Foundry Industry.

A great honor that I will share with the men and women of our Chapter as it is because of all of you our chapter continues to not only exist but thrive. Thank you to all those who nominated and supported me for this honor, I am humbled.

April 17 & 18 the Chapter is sponsoring the AFS/Cast Metals Institute Course on "Analysis of Casting Defects" this will take place in Warwick RI. If you aren't looking to reduce your scrap rate, you're leaving money on the table.

June 2018 Once again the Chapter will be holding its annual Golf Outing, Brian White of DW Clark will be running the show and I expect we will have another successful outing.

We are working on a couple of other events for the year and we will try and move them around to encourage greater participation, but there is one critical ingredient that is necessary to make these events a success, and that ingredient is **you**. Please take the time to schedule and attend a meeting or event, the time you spend at a meeting can pay in dividends such as: scrap reduction, safety improvements, increased sales, or exposure to new methods to keep you competitive in our industry. I'll be looking for you, **DON'T LET ME DOWN.**

Finally many thanks to the Officers and Board members for their assistance throughout the year, for a chapter our size this is one pretty active group and I couldn't do it all by myself.

On behalf of the Officers and Board Members of the New England Chapter of the AFS, I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday Season. I look forward to meeting you all at a future meeting, but that can only happen if you attend.

Please send me any ideas or suggestions as it is your chapter and your dime.



HAPPY NEW YEAR, HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR.

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As a reminder, we have a New England Chapter page on LinkedIn and a Facebook page, both of which are being used to announce upcoming events. If you aren't able to connect on either, please let me know and we'll get you set up.

Thanks for your continued support,
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Chairman



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