

Zierick Recognized at PMAEF Annual Meeting

Gretchen Zierick, president of Zierick Manufacturing Corp., Mt. Kisco, NY, received a **FOUNDATION** plaque in recognition of her work as chair of PMA's Educational Foundation at the organization's Annual Meeting on October 11, held during the PMA Annual Meeting in Tucson, AZ. The plaque was presented by 2007 PMA Chair Wes Smith.

Also at the meeting, the foundation elected its 2008 Board of Trustees. New trustees include Frank Semcer Jr., Micro Stamping Corp.; Joseph Vrabely, Atlantic Steel & Processing LLC; Rich Kelly, Hennepin Technical College; John Kovalchuck, Lincoln High School; and PMA First Vice Chair Wayne Boeckman of Texas Metal Spinning, A Division of Metal Spinners Inc. Tim Gleason of

Olson International and Ron Lowry of Dayton Rogers were re-elected to new terms on the board. Continuing on the board are Mike Aznavorian, Clips & Clamps Industries; Stacey Jarrett Wagner, NAM Center for Workforce Success; Stewart Rariden, Stone City Products; Erick Ajax, E.J. Ajax & Sons; Dietra K. Rosenkoetter, Purdue University Technical Assistance Program; Bernie Rosselli, Stewart EFI; Chuck Guiste, Penn United Technologies; and Gretchen Zierick.



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Foundation Launches Legacy Partner Campaign

The PMA Educational Foundation (PMAEF) launched its Legacy Partner planned giving campaign at a cocktail reception at PMA's Annual Meeting on October 11 in Tucson, AZ. This new campaign recognizes Legacy Partners as those who make bequests of \$10,000 or more to the PMAEF endowment in their estate-planning documents. Erick Ajax of E.J. Ajax and Sons, Fridley, MN, became the first Legacy Partner when he announced his bequest of \$100,000 at the reception.

Legacy Partner bequests can be funded through wills, retirement plan assets, life insurance policies, living trusts, charitable remainder trusts and other giving vehicles. The campaign was launched to

grow the permanent endowment of the foundation, which funds grants to foster metalforming-industry workforce development. Since 1997, proceeds from the PMAEF Endowment have funded more than \$825,000 in grants to support the foundation's mission: *To create the means to educate and motivate the current and future workforce of the North American metalforming industry.* Grants have been awarded in 15 states; 23 have gone directly to educational institutions, 21 to not-for-profit workforce-development-oriented organizations and five to PMA districts.

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Trainers Share Expertise at 13th Annual Roundtable

Trainers from PMA member companies exchanged ideas, tips and **FOUNDATION** resources on a wide range of training-related issues when they met for the annual Trainers' Roundtable at PMA headquarters in Cleveland, October 23-24. Subjects included training for skilled trades/apprenticeships/pay-for-skills, computer-based training/e-learning, assessment/needs analysis, measuring R.O.I. for training, funding sources, leadership training, entry-level training programs and knowledge retention.



At a networking dinner on October 23, Erick Ajax, vice president of E. J. Ajax & Sons, Inc., Fridley, MN, the winner of the 2007 PMA A.R. Hedberg Training and Education Award of Excellence, was the kickoff speaker, describing the training and safety culture at his company. He also discussed the metalforming lab

at Hennepin Technical College and the Twin Cities District's M-Powered entry-level training program. This lab was developed with the assistance of PMA Twin Cities District members to meet their workforce development needs and has received funding from several outside sources, including the PMA Educational Foundation. Following the presentation, attendees created the agenda for the following day's roundtable discussion.

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