American Welding Society

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Annual Christmas Party and Auction

December 12, 2024, 6 to 9 p.m.

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When YOU bid, YOU aid a welding student

Be prepared for our Annual Christmas Party and Auction by bringing your donations and your cash, check book, or credit card to the holiday event. We will accept VISA, Mastercard, Discover, and American Express.

For many years the Cleveland Section named scholarships have continued to assist students learning to weld, students enrolled in four-year university degree programs, and career welders learning a new process, or returning to college and this auction is the primary fund raiser for scholarships.

These four named scholarships, the **John Gerken**, the **Jack Buck**, the **Ray Sacha**, and the **Lowbrow Customs** represent members of the Cleveland Section who not only devoted time and energy to the welding industry but donated money to create scholarships. Each has a specific focus.

The **Gerken Award** assists a student attend study a welding related program at a community college or university level for up to four years.

The **Buck Award** lends a hand to a student developing pipe welding skills at the Lincoln Electric Welding School.

The **Sacha Award** encourages a student to develop welding skills at the Lincoln Electric Welding School before or during the pursuit of a post secondary degree in a welding related program.

The **Lowbrow Customs Scholarship** is for a student in the section attending the Lincoln Electric Welding School. Founded in 2004, is a physical manifestation of chopper fever and passion for all things motorcycle. Based in northeast Ohio, Lowbrow works hard to innovate and building, creating brand new parts and accessories, supplying motorcycle enthusiasts with cool parts and keeping them on the road.

Plus, the Section administers general scholarship funds available for qualified candidates.

Reservations are STRONGLY encouraged. Call Mike Barrett, 216-212-2021, or email, Cleveland@awssections.org . We need an accurate head count to insure there's enough meals for everyone and to save you money. Remember, with a reservation its $30 per person or $55 dollars per couple, without a reservation it is $35 per person. Cut off for reservations is December 6th.

For scholarship details and additional information, please contact us at Cleveland@AWSsections.org . In addition to the Cleveland Section Scholarships, the AWS Foundation awards more than $1 million in scholarships for welding students every year. Details and applications are available at www.aws.org.

The time has come to reserve your place at Cleveland's only auction dedicated to raising funds for scholarship funds for welding students.

Ask your coworkers, neighbors, relatives, customers, and vendors to join the festivities and to bring items for the auctions and deep pockets to generate more money for our scholarships.

For only $30 dollars for a single or $55 a couple with reservations you dine on the finest meal from Coyne Catering including two free drinks — beer or wine. **Without reservations the cost is $35 per person at the door.** Reservation deadline is Wednesday, December 6th. Reservations are important because we have had unexpected groups that really challenged the chefs to find enough food for all.

So as you read this, call or email reservations to: Mike Barrett, 216-212-2021, or email Cleveland@awssections.org by Wednesday, December 6th.

How's this for a great Christmas meal -- Chicken, kielbasa and sauerkraut, stuffed shells, vegetables, potatoes, salad and rolls. Then select from the dessert table and coffee.

Where else in northeast Ohio can you enjoy this dinner-for-two ticket for **$55** that includes two drink tickets per person (beer or wine), so you can generously tip the bar attendants.

The party starts at 6 p.m. with the silent auction and raffles. Then dinner at 7 p.m. and the live auction at 8 p.m.. The silent auction winners will be announced at 8:30, followed by payments about 9 p.m.

Auction items include donations from Lincoln Electric, OE Meyer, Flextur, and Airgas.

In addition to the great camaraderie and renewing friendships at the party, what will earn your bids to help our welding scholars?

***Please Note the Meeting Date – December 12th – Is A Thursday! ***

Auction Donations Wanted

The annual Christmas Party and Scholarship Auction is returning this year. It is currently scheduled for **Thursday Evening, December 12th**. Please note that this is a Thursday!

Your donations to our annual Christmas Party and Scholarship Auction continue the flow of section scholarship money for basic through advanced training. Donations range from welding related equipment and supplies, artwork, services, flower and fruit baskets, Christmas gift items, weekend packages, tickets to plays, ball games, and other events.

If you have an item for the auction, just contact Mike Barrett at 216-212-2021 or email the section at cleveland@awssections.org . Donations are welcome throughout the year. **It is never to late to donate, you can bring a donation the night of the event!**

Looking to Get Involved in the AWS?

The AWS Cleveland Section is welcoming volunteers to join the Cleveland Section Board. If you are interested in volunteering on the board, please email cleveland@awssections.org for more information. We currently have openings for a Member at Large position, a treasurer in training, and other opportunities!

Looking For Presenters

The AWS Cleveland Section is looking for anyone who would be interested in presenting on a welding related topic or would like to give a tour of their facility. We are currently scheduling speakers for Spring meetings. If anyone is interested in giving a tour of their facility or doing technical presentation to the Cleveland Section, please email cleveland@awssections.org.

Thank You

The AWS Cleveland Section Board would like to thank Mike Barrett for presenting on AWS B2.1, Specification on Procedure and Performance Qualification. They also would like to thank all the members who showed for the event. Thanks Mike!

AWS Scholarships

The application process for 2025 scholarships will start on December 1st, 2024. The deadline for scholarship applications will be March 1st, 2025. Students can apply for National, District, and Local Section Scholarships online at https://scholarship.aws.org/applications/Apply. If you have questions about scholarships at the local level, check out the Cleveland section scholarship page at https://sections.aws.org/cleveland/scholarships/ or email cleveland@awssections.org.

SPONSORS

Many of our sponsors offer their time as board members and volunteers and donate items for our annual auction, please support them.

Every month during the Section's business year, over six hundred welding professionals see the ads in this newsletter. That's over 5,000 opportunities each this year. Many of those welding professionals make purchasing decisions. A business card ad is a great way to get a buyer's attention and show support for the Cleveland Section. Please contact Harry Sadler at maineoutpost@gmail.com for more information. A business card ad is only $200 for the entire year.

Regards, Roman Martynyuk – AWS Cleveland Section Chair

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2024-25 AWS Cleveland Meeting Schedule

9/10/24 – AWS Social Meeting – Forrest City Brewery
10/8/24 – No Meeting – AWS Show
11/12/24 – AWS B2.1 Procedure Qualification
12/12/24 – Annual Holiday Party / Scholarship Auction
December 12th is a Thursday!
1/14/24 – NDE (Nondestructive Testing)
2/11/24 – TBD
3/11/24 – TBD
4/8/24 – Compressed Gas Safety
5/13/24 – AWS Social (TBD)