



December 2013 & Beyond

Seasons Greetings to all our Chapter members and friends!

Our December holiday party was a huge success! It was great to see and meet everyone at the Fireplace Feast of the Salem Cross Inn in West Brookfield, Massachusetts. Kudos to Karl Nye for putting the event together and a round of applause to George Caligan for keeping the snow away until the end of the evening. Great job both of you.

Photos of the event can be seen on our Facebook page and also on our website www.newenglandafs.com. Also a special shout out to Bryan White, of DW Clark, our newest Board Member, for helping to stir the "chowdah". The way he handled the stirrer proved he was a foundryman unafraid of a little heat and flame. As for me, I was as far away from the heat and flames and as close to the cold beer as possible.

Our chapter is looking into sponsoring another CMI course next year. We have proposed sponsoring the Aluminum 101 course and, Jennifer Head, the director of the CMI, is engaged in a discussion with a possible host location. As we obtain more details I will post them on the Facebook and on our website page in addition to sending out an e-mail. This will be a one day course and costs are presently quoted as \$685 for members and \$835 for non-members. The course will be an introductory course to aluminum and the aluminum casting processes. Tentatively scheduled for May or June of 2014.

Another piece of news is the return of offshore manufacturing to various companies in the United States. Most recently, Samsung announced that it would be manufacturing its SL20 CNC machine line in Pewaukee, Wisconsin in order to reduce lead times and better serve its customers. The phenomenon of onshoring continues as more companies realize the advantages of bringing the factories closer to the customer. Good news for the foundry industry, hopefully this trend will continue to grow and keep us all busy.

The board has also met electronically via webinars and will schedule some of our membership meetings via webinars. As soon as we have details regarding the next meeting schedule, we will post on our website and send out an electronic notice to all the members. If we don't have your e-mail and you would like to receive our notifications, then please send this request to me emarczyszak@burndy.com or Kevin Vecchiarelli at Kevin@Yankeecasting.com so we can add you to our list.

Also 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.

As always we encourage your suggestions for meeting topics. The chapter remains strong only through the efforts of our members. Anyone interested in joining the board, please e-mail me at emarczyszak@burndy.com. We welcome your interest and participation.

Finally on behalf of myself and all the board members, we wish all our members and friends a Happy Holiday and Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Thanks for your continued support,
See you in the New Year.
Ed Marczyszak
Chairman