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**NBT Silent Auction Gets the Nod in Nashville**

Attendees from the FMA Annual Meeting amazed the foundation as NBT raised over $43,000 for its camp and scholarship programs. Thanks to the donors and bidders who participated in the silent auction, NBT can award more scholarships and summer manufacturing camp grants in 2020 and beyond.

Donations included an interesting array of items and experiences. A Takamine guitar, autographed by Blake Shelton, was among many unique offerings. The enchanted forest fire pit and the Oculus virtual reality headset made this auction one to remember! Several one-of-a-kind experiences were up for bid this year. Avid hunters bid on a two-day pheasant hunt amidst the Iowa and South Dakota prairie. Another exclusive experience offering was the ultimate NASCAR fan’s dream! The Joe Gibbs Racing Experience package included a complete behind-the-scenes weekend at the Joe Gibbs Racing World Headquarters in Huntersville, North Carolina, including an exclusive VIP tour of the entire manufacturing facility.

**Jumping in Feet First**

Foundation Director Ed Dernulc experienced his first FMA Annual Meeting by making a splash for NBT. FMA board members challenged him and Ed Youdell, FMA/NBT president and CEO, to jump into the Westin’s chilly 36-degree rooftop pool if they received enough pledges. The “Pool-er Plunge” campaign generated an additional $5,000 for the foundation. Watch Ed and Ed take the Pool-er Plunge on NBT’s Facebook page or YouTube channel!

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PMMI FOUNDATION RECOGNIZES THE NEED FOR MANUFACTURING CAMPS

The PMMI Foundation and NBT are partnering to develop summer camps that educate and inspire the future workforce to explore careers in manufacturing with the goal of narrowing the growing skills gap. The PMMI Foundation will support 10 camps in 2020 and 10 camps in 2021 with a $100,000 grant. The co-branded camps will allow approximately 300 students, ages 12-16, to be introduced to the manufacturing process from design through production.

“One of the most widespread challenges cited by our members is how to address the growing skills gap within the packaging and processing equipment manufacturing industry,” says Jim Pittas, president and CEO, PMMI. “The partnership between the PMMI Foundation and Nuts, Bolts & Thingamajigs is an exciting opportunity to reach and inspire young people to pursue careers in manufacturing.”

About the PMMI Foundation

The PMMI Foundation is a part of PMMI, The Association for Packaging and Processing Technologies, which represents more than 850 North American manufacturers and suppliers of equipment, components and materials as well as providers of related equipment and services to the packaging and processing industry.
INVESTING IN NBT’S MISSION

FMA Employees Nearly Double their Donations for the NBT Foundation

Donations from the FMA staff surpassed all expectations when a challenge was set out before them. Maurine S. and Aimee A. of FMA’s Human Resources Department kicked off the employee support campaign in January. Since then, staff giving increased to a total of 69 percent of FMA employees donating to the foundation through payroll deduction, and individual participation almost doubled from December 2018!

“As my kids are getting older, I hear about the realities and struggles of young people trying to further their education after high school. I wanted to be a part of contributing to the NBT scholarship program, in hopes of making a difference in someone’s life by helping them further their education.”

Kari A., IT

“I believe in the mission of the FMA and the NBT Foundation. (I agree that) we need to invest in our mission and the good that we are doing in the industry. I value and stand behind our efforts, and I hope others will too.”

Michelle K., Education and Membership

“As a dad, I am happy to support Nuts, Bolts & Thingamajigs. I only wish I’d have learned about [NBT] sooner. An NBT summer manufacturing camp may have changed the career trajectory of at least one of my three children, and we’d be suffering far less college debt as a result. Getting good people into skilled trades is a great opportunity for them, and for our communities. I wholeheartedly support NBT’s mission to develop next-generation manufacturers.”

Steve K., Marketing

MILLER DEMONSTRATES ITS DEDICATION TO THE FUTURE OF MANUFACTURING

Wisconsin-based Miller Electric Mfg LLC has donated $10,000 to support NBT summer manufacturing camps throughout the state. Nearly 200 students in Wisconsin will get to work on some of the most advanced manufacturing equipment and build a project with their own hands this summer. Introducing new skills and growing the local talent pool is extremely important to Miller®.

“Miller Electric Mfg LLC believes welding is a key process to the future of manufacturing. We are proud to provide camp and scholarship donations for the young people to connect with a career in such fields. Welding is a key part to the manufacturing economy, and we need these future leaders to keep it going,” said Bruce Albrecht, vice president, global innovation and technology, Miller Electric Mfg LLC.

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Celebrate the Summer and Support NBT at 2 Golf Events

Join our current sponsors:

**GOLF4MFG**

GOLF4MFG® will be held at Prairie Landing Golf Club in West Chicago, Illinois, on Monday, Aug. 19. This prairie links-style, 18-hole course, designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr., has been rated 4.5 stars by Golf Digest for “Best Places to Play,” one of only 25 Illinois courses to receive such a rating.

Spend a day of fun, and take on new golf challenges, knowing that your participation can help the next generation of manufacturers find their way to an exciting career path. Challenge NBT/FMA President, Ed Youdell, to a closest to the pin contest or take a shot across the prairie with the blasting ball launcher. There will also be several skill contests and prizes included with your registration fee.

Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. with the shotgun start at 11 a.m. $250 includes a deli lunch, 18 holes with carts, and on-course games and prizes, followed up with a post-play reception, awards, and raffle. **Sign up at nbtfoundation.org/golf.**

**The Processors Auction at the Motor City Slitters golf outing will be held at the Detroit Golf Club on Monday, July 15.** Up to 250 golfers from the metals industry will play on two premier courses designed by Donald Ross.

The silent auction is being held during the evening reception, and proceeds help fund the John Grossheim Memorial Scholarship program of NBT. Companies can donate industry-related services such as slitting, pickling, and transportation, as well as gift items and experiences such as sporting event tickets. Donating companies will be recognized onsite and donations are tax deductible.

“John Grossheim was passionate about encouraging the next generation of workers to consider a career in the metals industry. He was the originator and driving force behind the silent auctions held at the Motor City Slitters golf event,” said Tim Bilkey, Voss Industries and auction chair. The Processors Auction has raised nearly $170,000 over the last eight years to support the scholarship program. **Learn more and donate at nbtfoundation.org/processors.**

Contact NBT event coordinator Daunel Czarnecki at daunelc@fmanet.org for more information about these important fundraisers.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Thursday, October 24**

Save the date for the inaugural **Nuts, Bolts & Thingamajigs Awards Gala.** NBT will celebrate the industry’s finest contributors with “A Night to Celebrate Manufacturing’s Brightest Minds.” Enjoy a delightful evening with colleagues and friends who share a passion for manufacturing and want to ensure its future with a thriving skilled workforce. **Learn more at nbtfoundation.org/gala.**