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CWA Ottawa Chapter Season 10

By Bill Eccles, Chapter Chair

The CWA Ottawa Chapter is ten years old this season and a lot has happened over the past decade. This May the CWA National was purchased by the CWB Group and is now a division of the CWB.

Our mission is still to provide a Canadian forum in which welding professionals, their employers, fabricators, welding products manufacturers, resellers and distributors, and educators are all able to exchange information, share knowledge resources and work with government and regulatory agencies and each other to advance the welding profession, its products and its practices.

As with all the other Chapters across Canada the CWA Ottawa Chapter will continue to operate as an independent non-for-profit chapter working in our community to offer quality technical seminars and to help students find a career and promote public safety in the welding industry. Each independent chapter has signed an affiliation agreement with the National Chapter and will have more support from the new CWA National office.

Over the past decade we have talked about the shortage in skilled trades people and the shortage would be the greatest by the year 2010. Well 2010 is only two years away and the estimated need for quality welders in Canada was 100,000. Alberta has come up with an estimated need for 150,000 skilled trades people by 2010 and all over the globe there are similar estimates. If you are responsible for hiring you will understand this clearly as there are very little experienced trades people available and the more experienced one, have better paying jobs than years ago.

Part of our new strategies is to get more involved with the education of welding in the high schools, colleges and universities in our local areas. Our goal is

to raise money to purchase welding equipment, materials and other needed supplies for the school offering a welding program. The CWA Ottawa Chapter will be meeting with the Ministry of Education for all the districts in Ontario East and come up with a plan to offer tax receipts and possibly tax breaks to offer incentives to participate.

We hope with this type of plan to raise much needed funds to invest in the future of welding programs in the high schools to interest more students in one of the many career paths in the welding industry, or to interest the students to continue on to college or even become an apprentice and be able to work across Canada and make even more money.

If you are a business owner or someone who can donate cash or equipment for the local schools and colleges please contact me and I will make sure we get the needed supplies to those schools offering an welding course.

There are two ways to contact me by phone anywhere in North America at 1-800-844-6790 ext: 331 or e-mail bill.eccles@cwbgroup.org

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Students for Hire

This spring there will be some students available for hire for the summer and for full time that have finished or are in a welding program at a local school or College.

If you would like to hire a welding student then you can contact the following schools and colleges to find out who is available:

Ottawa Technical Learning Centre

Contact; John White, john.white@ocdsb.ca or 613-745-0347 mailbox 597 or home 613-487-3871

Kemptville College

Contact: Mike Ryan , mryan@kemptvillec.uogulph.ca or 613-258-8336 ext: 460 or 402

Paul Beckinsale, pbeckins@kemptvillec.uoguelph.ca or 613-258-8336 ext: 460

St Lawrence College

Contact: James Van Der Fluit, JVanDerFluit@sl.on.ca or 613-933-6080 ext: 2161

Pontiac High School

Contact, Sylvio Richard, magnalum@lino.com or 819-647-5697

La Cité collégiale

Contact, Julie Laflamme, Technical Trades Institute, jlafila@lacitec.on.ca, Tel: (613) 742.2483 ext. 2404, 1 800 267.2483

If you are looking for employment or you need welders please contact Bill Eccles @ 613-222-9490 or e-mail cwaottawachapter@sympatico.ca and I will put your requests in the next monthly newsletter.



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Welding Education

Part of our annual strategies is to offer two bursaries each year to the top welding students at a local college or university that has a welding program. The amount is determined by our bank account and last year we could not fund any bursaries. We generate our funds through advertisement in our local newsletter and through any extra we make at the technical seminars.

This year we have not had a successful in the turn out of attendees to the events and have no funds to help the students with their annual tuitions.

I was hoping for some support from industry to help us with some cash donations towards a foundation that will generate enough annually to offer financial support to students as each year tuitions rise and it is hard to make ends meet.

If you or your company can help with cash donations please contact Bill Eccles at 613-222-9490 or bill.eccles@cwbgroup.org and we can discuss income tax receipts for the donations. Your company will also be featured in one of our monthly newsletters in 2008.

Please help us to support our future welders.

Please contact me at anytime if you have questions on supporting the CWA Ottawa Chapter, local welding students or if you would like to volunteer as an executive member.





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