



Mission Statement: Helping the manufacturers  
Of North Central Ohio prosper through  
Education and Networking

***NEWSLETTER***  
***February 2016***

## President's Message

RMC Members,

Thank you to all who attended and donated to the RMC Annual Dinner and Silent Auction. The event was another success. Our membership continues to grow. Welcome to our newest RMC Members, Mansfield Plumbing Products of Perrysville (manufacturer of plumbing products), RADoptic LLC of Mansfield (at the Braintree incubator and manufacturer of radiation measurement technology), New Hope Industries, and Kingdom's Cup (manufacturer of specialty coffee beans and grounds), of Mt. Gilead. Kingdom's Cup is owned by the Keller family. Hank Keller currently sits on the RMC Executive Committee, and has announced that he will retire from Therm-O-Disc at the end of March. We are pleased that Hank will continue in his service to the RMC Executive Committee representing Kingdom's Cup.

Welcome to Ann Downs of MHS Industrial Supply as the newest member of the Executive Committee. I am also pleased to report that the Executive Committee has discussed and approved a Succession Plan for the Executive Committee Presidency and for the Executive Director's roles that should help to ensure leadership stability for our organization for a number of years to come. Don't forget your valentine,

Scott

## Website

Have you checked out the website? If you would like to have your company in the spotlight, I would like to start including one at a time on the website. I'm still looking for companies to spotlight. Don't be shy – let me know if you want to participate.

Check us out at [www.rmc-ohio.com](http://www.rmc-ohio.com)

What is missing from the website that you would like to have included? It is a work in progress, so send your feedback to

[rmc.ohio@yahoo.com](mailto:rmc.ohio@yahoo.com)

## Upcoming Events

**February 25, 2016**

*Business Before Hours*

**Jones Potato Chips 7:30 a.m.**

**March 3, 2016**

*Scott Warrick seminar*

**Developing & Emotionally**

**Intelligent Leaders**

**Gorman-Rupp**

**April 22, 2016**

*Quarterly Meeting*

**May 18, 2016**

*Business Before Hours*

**Crossroads Original Design**

# **RICHLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO JONES POTATO CHIPS!**

Of the many fine companies in the Richland County area, it is an honor to have been selected as the Small Business of the Year for 2015 in the 15+ employee category. It cannot be done without committed Managers and Employees so honor must be paid to everyone that works at Jones Potato Chip Co. Over the last eight years we have adapted our product offerings to meet the needs of a broader audience around the country and have transitioned from a product mix that was 100% local to a 25% local/75% national ratio. We are still an extremely small company in the scope of the snack food industry, however, we have found, and continue to search for, niches that our larger competitors have no interest in pursuing. I take the time to listen to every idea that comes to us. Two of the more unusual have been “Can you fry dehydrated Seaweed?” and “Can you fry pumpkin seeds?” We will not participate with either of these products, however, I am always interested and try to help the callers take one more step in trying to solve their challenge whether I get any business from them or not. I know that many of you purchase Jones Potato Chips and I appreciate your support.

Bob Jones

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO MHS Industrial Supply!**

MHS Industrial Supply started in 1940 as Mansfield's first general line industrial supply company and today is again the only one. We sell MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Operating) supplies but also include OEM (Original Equipment Mfg) items. MHS also can provide services such as power tool repair, sling inspection and repair, tooling repair, tool sharpening and electricians glove inspection and re-certification. Operating our own delivery trucks, we provide free delivery throughout the area. A third generation business, we are proud to be a part of Mansfield and humbled to have been selected as The Chamber's "Small Business of the Year" for 2015.

Phil and Ann Downs

## **MAGNET**

Hello,

This is Jan Miller, your local Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) representative, coming to you with another highlight in Northeast Ohio manufacturing.

Among MAGNET's most recent successes is our work with LEFCO Worthington, a Cleveland-based manufacturer of wooden crates, pallets, and other materials used for product distribution and shipping. CEO Larry Fulton was concerned with a number of issues facing his company, including high turnover and operations inefficiency. Hear how MAGNET helped him turn things around in [our latest video](#), or [get the full story on our website](#).

MAGNET also holds several events year-round for NEO manufacturers to connect and learn from manufacturing experts and top-tier companies. [Click here](#) to see the current events calendar or [follow MAGNET on Twitter](#) for the latest updates.

If you would like to learn how MAGNET can grow your business, contact me at [jan.miller@magnetnetwork.org](mailto:jan.miller@magnetnetwork.org) or call me at 419.755.9018.

Jan Miller

## NCSC

*NCSC adds Wenzel CMM*

### X-Cite DCC 5.6.4 CMM

Intrinsically accurate, homogeneous all-granite construction, X-Cite DCC Coordinate Measuring Machine.

Measuring strokes

X = 500mm

Y = 600mm

Z = 400mm

Accuracy  $2.4 + L/300$  microns

The addition of the CMM has completed the design, build, and verify iteration circle for NCSC. This will give our students first-hand experience in the life cycle of product design and manufacture.

## Manufacturing Forums

We are always looking for topics of interest to you, our members. Please drop me an e-mail if there is any particular subject you would like to have covered in a future event.

Melanie

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## Interesting information from the Ohio Manufacturers Assoc.

### [Central Ohio's new 380 area code joins 614 on Jan. 30](#)

Ready or not, here comes the new 380 area code to overlap the longstanding 614 area code.

**Columbus Dispatch** - 1/6/2016 Reporter **Tim Feran**

### [Ohio lawmakers to consider allowing some drug offenses to be expunged](#)

Secretary of State Jon Husted has officially notified the state Legislature about a marijuana-legalization group's effort to enable residents to clear certain drug-related offenses from their criminal records.

**Youngstown Vindicator** -  
1/6/2016 Reporter **Marc Kovac**

### [Critics say proposed state rules would allow companies to harm streams, wetlands](#)

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency has proposed making it easier for companies to get the permits they need to build roads,

pipelines or surface coal mines that could affect wetlands or streams.

**Columbus Dispatch** - 1/12/2016 Reporter **Laura Arenschiold**

**[DeWine says he supports CDC recommendations on pain pills](#)**

A federal agency hopes to stem the tide of addictive drugs prescribed annually by issuing guidelines which, among other things, urge physicians to find alternatives for treating pain.

**Columbus Dispatch** - 1/12/2016 Reporter **Alan Johnson**

**[Drug prices up more than 10 percent in 2015](#)**

Drug prices were big news in 2015, thanks in large part to Martin Shkreli, who drew outrage for hiking the price of a life-saving drug by 5,000 percent. Such eye-popping increases were rare. But plenty of drugs became more expensive during the past year.

**Columbus Dispatch** - 1/12/2016 Reporter **Brady Dennis**

**[Medical pot](#)**

It appears Ohio voters will have to weigh in on marijuana again this year. That is, unless lawmakers decide to tackle the issue first.

**The Findlay Courier** - 1/12/2016

**[Is Ohio headed for 'right-to-work' anyway?](#)**

**COLUMBUS** - Remember that political grudge match called Senate Bill 5?

**[Why the decade's second half may look much different from the first for investors — and workers](#)**

For all the pain and suffering brought on by the 2008 financial crash, the years that followed turned out to be pretty decent for the U.S. economy - at least compared with the dire forecasts that were commonplace in 2009 and 2010.

**LA Times** - 1/9/2016 Reporter **Tom Petrino**

**[A divided country gets a divisive election](#)**

The election year has started as 2015 ended, only more so. If campaigns are always about the future, the 2016 one points to a country that could end this year even more divided against itself than it was after the 2012 election.

**Washington Post** - 1/10/2016 Reporter **Dan Balz**

**[A fair fix to a broken unemployment system: Don Boyd, Ohio Chamber of Commerce](#)**

The unemployment compensation system in Ohio is broke and broken. Ohio is one of just three states that has an outstanding debt to the federal government, owing more than \$770 million of the billions borrowed during the last recession.

**Cleveland Plain Dealer** -  
1/10/2016 Reporter **Don Boyd**

### [At the Supreme Court, a Big Threat to Unions](#)

A case the Supreme Court will hear on Monday morning threatens to undermine a four-decade-old ruling that upheld a key source of funding for public-sector unions, the last major bastion of unionized workers in America.

**New York Times** - 1/9/2016 Reporter  
**Editorial Board**

### [Self-driving cars arrive on area highways](#)

Self-driving cars, once thought to be part of the far-off future, are on Miami Valley highways now, and most motorists and even law enforcement are unaware.

**Dayton Daily News** - 1/10/2016 Reporter  
**Rachel Murray**

### [Local firm faces rare charge in worker's death](#)

This week's indictment of a Spring Grove Village environmental services company after the death of an employee in a fire is a rarity, experts say.

**Cincinnati Enquirer** - 1/9/2016 Reporter  
**Fatima Hussein**

### [Ohio politicians react to Obama's speech](#)

"On-the-job training in this presidency has marched us down a trail of failure and left America weaker, divided and adrift. That's

going to end and by working together we're going to fight, win and succeed."

**Columbus Dispatch** - 1/13/2016

### [Six takeaways from Obama's last State of the Union](#)

President Obama addressed Washington's lack of bipartisanship during his final State of the Union address. The widening gap between political parties is 'one of the few regrets' he has about his presidency. VPC

**Newark Advocate** - 1/13/2016 Reporter  
**Cooper Allen and Paul Singer**

### [Portman says, without changes, he will oppose trade agreement](#)

WASHINGTON - Provoking intense criticism from his potential Democratic opponents, Sen. Rob Portman said Thursday he would oppose a free trade agreement "in its current form" which had been negotiated by the Obama administration with 11 other Pacific-rim countries.

**Columbus Dispatch** - 2/5/2016 Reporter  
**Martin Larsen & Jack Torry**

### [Portman, Kaptur blast trade deal](#)

U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R., Ohio), known for his ardent support of international trade agreements, said today he does not support the Trans-Pacific Partnership as proposed by President Obama.

**Toledo Blade** - 2/5/2016 Reporter **Tom Troy**

[Ohio secretary of state closes call center, sends callers to Cleveland nonprofit](#)

COLUMBUS, Ohio -- Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted's office closed its in-house call center last month and instead is contracting with a Cleveland organization to field calls seeking information about business services.

**Cleveland Plain Dealer** -  
2/5/2016 Reporter **Jackie Borchardt**

[Ohioans support federal spending reductions, tax increases, survey shows](#)

WASHINGTON - An independent survey concluded that voters from both political parties in Ohio are willing to support some spending reductions and tax increases to reduce the federal deficit by at least \$100 billion during the 2017 spending year, which begins in October.

**Columbus Dispatch** - 2/5/2016 Reporter **Jack Torry**

[ArcelorMittal, Whirlpool, BASF oppose FirstEnergy, AEP rate increases](#)

COLUMBUS, Ohio -- The world's largest steelmaker, its largest chemical company and its largest appliance maker oppose FirstEnergy and AEP Ohio's requests to raise rates for up to eight years to subsidize operations of some of their old power plants.

**Cleveland Plain Dealer** -  
2/6/2016 Reporter **John Funk**

[Drillers using more water to frack Ohio shale](#)

The amount of water that companies use to drill for oil and gas in Ohio shale increased steadily from 2011 to 2015, according to a Dispatch analysis.

**Columbus Dispatch** - 2/8/2016 Reporter **Laura Arenschiold**

[Ohio anti-fracking activists miss the mark on climate change, methane regulations: Jackie Stewart, Energy In Depth-Ohio](#)

Ohio's anti-fracking activists, inspired by December's Paris Climate Conference, have been eager to push misinformation about fracking and greenhouse gas emissions and champion increased regulations on the oil and gas industry. But what they fail to acknowledge is that it's precisely because of fracking, and the increased use of natural gas, that the United States has achieved dramatic reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

**Cleveland Plain Dealer** -  
2/7/2016 Reporter **Jackie Stewart**

[U.S. added just 151k jobs in January; unemployment at 4.9 pct.](#)

WASHINGTON: The U.S. economy added 151,000 jobs in January, a slowdown from recent months but still a sign of a solid job market. Employers raised pay, more people felt confident enough to look for work and

the unemployment rate dipped to 4.9 percent, its lowest level since 2008.

**Akron Beacon Journal** -  
2/6/2016 Reporter **Josh Boak**

[Wages rise as unemployment rate falls below 5 percent](#)

Is the American worker finally getting a raise?

**Toledo Blade** - 2/6/2016 Reporter **Staff Report**

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