



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

***NEWSLETTER***  
***December 2017***

## Upcoming Events

January 11, 2018  
*Manufacturing Forum*  
OSHA presentation  
Gorman-Rupp  
7:30 a.m.

January 22, 2018  
*RMC Annual meeting*  
Café on Main  
5:30 p.m.

February 1, 2018  
*Business B4 Hours*  
Gorman-Rupp Engineered Systems  
7:30 a.m.

February 21, 2018  
*Manufacturing Forum*  
Drugs in the Workplace  
Tony Tambasco  
Gorman-Rupp  
7:30 a.m.

March 27, 2018  
*RMC Manufacturing Forum*  
Scott Warrick  
The Gorman-Rupp Co.  
7:30 a.m.

April 20, 2018  
*Quarterly Meeting*  
Gorman-Rupp  
7:30 a.m.

May 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2018  
*Manufacturing Forum*  
OSHA 30 Hour Training  
Gorman-Rupp  
7:30 to 4:00 each day

## Messages from Melanie

I would like to thank **Bob McMullen** for his many years of service to RMC. Bob has been on the Executive Committee since its inception. He has announced his retirement from the Committee effective the end of the year. We hope to still see him at a meeting here or there when he is in town. Thank you, Bob for your dedication and service to our organization! Your input and advise will surely be missed. We wish you the best!!

I am happy to announce that Jennay Cacchio has agreed to fill Bob's position on the Executive Committee. Thanks Jennay, for your willingness to serve. We look forward to working with you.

We are always looking for topics of interest to you, our members for our Manufacturing Forums. Please drop me an e-mail if there is any particular subject you would like to have covered in a future event. We would love to hear your ideas. I would also be interesting in hearing if there is a particular place you would like to have a Business B4 Hours tour.

Thank you always for your continued support of RMC!!!!

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## Company Capsules:

(I will be including a couple in each upcoming newsletter)

### Stoneridge, Inc.

**Product:** Sensors, switches, solenoid valves

**Product Description:** Stoneridge is a global automotive supplier of sensors, switches, solenoid valves and other similar products.

**Location:** 345 S. Mill St., Lexington

**Employment:** 770 in Lexington, and 4,200 globally

**Ownership:** Now part of a global company, Stoneridge, which has corporate headquarters in Novi, MI.

**Top Local Official:** President Mike Sloan

**Fun Fact/History:** Jack Hire started the business in Lexington in 1968. It was privately owned and operated as Hi-Stat from 1968 to 1999, before becoming part of Stoneridge.

### Manairco, Inc.

**Product:** Airport and heliport lighting equipment

**Product Description:** Manairco specializes in the design and fabrication of airport and heliport lighting equipment. Manairco builds all of its own test equipment and services small and large airports worldwide. Its largest customer is Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

**Location:** 28 Mansfield Industrial Parkway, Mansfield, and Seven Springs, NC

**Employment:** 10

**Owners:** Gayle Gorman Green, president and CEO

**Founded:** 1955

**Fun Fact/History:** Manairco started one of the first company on site day care centers in Ohio.

## Interesting Information from the Ohio Manufacturers Assoc.

### [Ohio's homeless population is decreasing, but challenges remain](#)

Ohio's homeless population decreased by 3 percent in 2017, according to data recently released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Willoughby News Herald** -

12/19/2017 Reporter **Andrew Cass**

### [Minimum wage hikes: 18 states, 20 cities to lift pay floors Jan. 1](#)

The movement to lift earnings of low-paid workers will gather force in 2018, with a growing number of states and cities raising their minimum wages as high as \$15 an hour.

**USA Today** - 12/19/2017 Reporter **Paul Davidson**

### [Warning: Grant scams are making the rounds, Ohio attorney general says](#)

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine is warning Ohioans to beware of phony offers for federal grants. In recent weeks, the Ohio Attorney General's Office has received dozens of reports of grant scams from people across Ohio.

**Akron Beacon Journal** -

12/19/2017 Reporter **Staff Report**

### [How soon after President Trump signs the tax bill could you see the effects?](#)

There's no shortage of Republican optimism and Democratic pessimism about what is going to happen if, as all signs indicate, Congress sends President Trump a sweeping tax bill this week and he signs it before heading to Florida for Christmas.

**USA Today** - 12/19/2017 Reporter **Herb Jackson**

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