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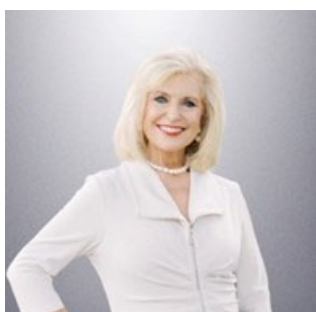
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THE SPIDA NEWSLETTER

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Letter From The President



Dear SPIDA Members,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to reflect on our recent meeting in beautiful Scottsdale, Arizona - what a tremendous success! From start to finish, the event was filled with great energy, valuable connections, and a whole lot of fun. We could not have asked for a more perfect setting than that of the Scottsdale Resort & Spa! Thank you to an awesome

board of directors who each pitched in to plan and carry out a great meeting for everyone.

The golf was outstanding, as always - perfect weather, great company, and a little friendly competition made for a memorable outing. The Bill Bradford Golf event, along with SNIPS magazine, enables us to acknowledge a person who is not only making a positive impact in their company, but also in our industry. A huge congratulations to Milli Slovensky from Haltom Industries who took home the award this year. A special thank-you to everyone who attended the first annual "Women of SPIDA" event, which was both fun and engaging. These ladies had a wonderful time and sported some fancy hats at our welcome vendor reception on Monday evening. Lastly, who could forget our night at the ballpark? It was the perfect end to our meeting, and a highlight of the trip for many.

Outside of the social aspect, the purpose of the event was for the day of learning. Our lineup of speakers was truly exceptional this year. The humor from Greg Schwem was a great way to start the morning. A huge thank you to John Cologgi and Olympic Steel for the steel update. The opportunities available thru the technical colleges are always of interest as each of our companies are looking for the next generation of leaders. The presentation from Kim at Culture Index certainly made me understand myself better and quickly let me know what areas I need to work on.

Each of these speakers brought great insights, expertise, and passion which brought incredible value to the meeting, and we are grateful for the time and effort they dedicated to sharing their knowledge with us. We look forward to continuing to connect with you, our members, both in person and virtually. The fall of the year will offer our first webinar where we learn from the talent within our organization. Be sure you are getting the emails that we send, as well as the Pipeline newsletter, so you do not miss being a part of these offerings. If there are others in your organization that you would like

to see added to our email listings, please send that name and email address to info@spida.org.

A heartfelt thank-you also goes out to our generous sponsors - your continued support is vital to the success of our meetings and the growth of our organization. We couldn't do this without you! Looking ahead, we are actively seeking sponsors for 2026. Specifically, a Diamond Sponsor. These funds would not be requested until the new year, so you have time to put it in your budget. This not only gives you promotion at our annual meeting which will be in Boston next year, but also the meeting in association with AHR/ASHRAE in February in fabulous Las Vegas. I would love to speak with those interested in sponsorship, at any level. Some of you who attended our meeting this year indicated you would get back to me. Now is the time to do that. It's a great opportunity to showcase your company and make a meaningful impact.

To our attendees: thank you for being there. Your participation is what makes these meetings worthwhile, and we encourage even more of our members to join us at future events. Whether it's your first time or your fiftieth, your involvement enriches the experience for everyone.

Lastly, I encourage each of you to consider joining a committee. It's a fantastic way to get involved, share your ideas, and help shape the future of SPIDA. We are stronger when more voices are at the table. We are looking for people to join our programs committee, our technical committee, as well as the membership committee. Let me know where you may be willing to serve. It's only one zoom call a month. If each member could bring one more person or one more company to our SPIDA meetings, think of what SPIDA could do to impact the opportunities for spiral round and flat oval duct!

Thank you once again for your support, your time, and your commitment. I look forward to seeing even more of you at our next gathering!

Robin Stegall, SPIDA President
Hamlin Sheet Metal Companies

2025 Annual Meeting - Scottsdale, AZ



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Our annual conference kicked off this year with the Third Annual Bill Bradford Jr Memorial Golf Tournament and the Women of SPIDA Social Event.

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Women of SPIDA

The Women of SPIDA enjoyed Old Town Scottsdale with lunch and a custom hat fitting at the Turquoise Candy Hat Bar. A special thank you to event sponsor Haltom Industries!



Third Annual Bill Bradford Jr. Golf Tournament

The annual Bill Bradford Jr Charity Golf Tournament took place at the McCormick Ranch Golf Course in Scottsdale. The proceeds from this charity event along with a generous \$1,000 donation from SNIPS magazine fund the \$2,000 SPIDA Outstanding Service Award.



This year's winners:



- First Place: John Cologgi – Olympic Steel, Mike Bowersock – American Metals Supply, Mike Tookey and Stephen Cochran – Olympic Steel
- Second Place (after a dramatic rock-paper-scissors playoff): Kyle Brumleau – Omniduct, Ryan Barnes – Sheet Metal Connectors, Serge Modoyan – WindGate Products, Eric Engles – Camden Yards Steel
- Third Place: Mark Adair – MFGSoulutions, Kevin Ginley – Majestic Steel USA, Emil Havai and Owen Ginley – HFC Enterprises
- Closet to Pin: Craig Wudi – Haltom Industries
- Longest Drive: Riley Cline – Vortex Metal Manufacturing
- Longest Putt: Mike Tookey – Olympic Steel

Bill Bradford Jr Award Winner – Milli Slovensky, Haltom Industries

Milli Slovensky of Haltom Industries was chosen as the 2025 Bill Bradford Jr Service Award winner. SPIDA awarded Milli with a check for \$2,000. The money was funded by the charity golf tournament proceeds and a \$1,000 donation from *Snips* magazine. Milli was chosen because she best exemplifies the characteristics of Bill Bradford Jr.: hardworking, selflessness, positivity, patience, mentoring, steadfastness, respectfulness, loyalty and integrity. Bill is recognized as an industry icon who gave so much to the spiral industry and the members he touched.

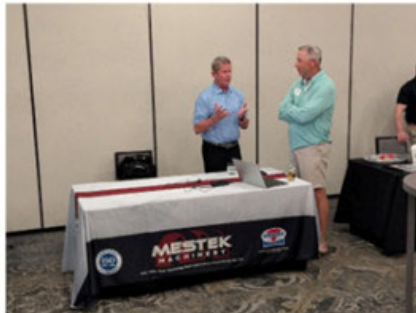
Milli is the account manager and head of marketing at Haltom Industries, located just outside Fort Worth, TX. Although she has been in this position and in the industry for less than two years, she saw the opportunity to help plan and organize the Women of SPIDA event and get it sponsored. She is described by her customers and co-workers as talented, having a very positive attitude, self-starting, willing to take on new tasks and encouraging to others. We look forward to having Milli involved with SPIDA for years to come.



Congratulations, Milli Slovensky!

Vendor Exhibits and Opening Reception

The opening reception and vendor exhibits followed the golf and hat making. Industry suppliers were able to showcase their products in a fun and casual environment.



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Haltom Industries



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SPIDA Membership Meeting



SPIDA president, Robin Stegall, opened the membership meeting portion of the conference by welcoming the attendees and thanking our generous sponsors. The SPIDA membership would like to send a special thank you to this years Diamond Sponsor: Mestek Machinery.

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Keynote Presentation – Comedian Greg Schwem

Keynote speaker Greg Schwem is a Chicago-based stand-up comedian, master of ceremonies, nationally syndicated humor columnist for the Chicago Tribune, two-time Amazon best-selling author and creator of the TV series, "A Comedian Crashes Your Pad." His has appeared on Comedy Central, VH-1, An Evening at the Improv and Caroline's Comedy Hour. He also has shared the concert stage with the likes of Celine Dion, Keith Urban, Enrique Iglesias, Styx and many more.



Greg spoke to our group about infusing humor into the corporate world. He discussed how laughter is a powerful tool that sparks creativity, generates connections and breaks down barriers within a company.

Round Tables and Educational Presentations

Technical presenters Don Charbonneau from the Refrigeration School presented on state of trade schools and how to develop talent and Dr. Kim Watson from the Strategic Alliance discussed identifying, building, coaching and leading business teams.

John Cologgi of Olympic Steel presented on the state of the steel industry, a topic of interest to everyone in the audience. John discussed market uncertainty and inventory changes from the end of 2024. Olympic Steel is a publicly traded steel servicer with 21 locations and 2,100 employees.



Round table discusses this year focused on Risk Mitigation and Tariffs, Economic Outlook, Supply Chain Challenges/Optimization and Keeping a Positive Attitude. Many of the leading experts in the HVAC and Sheet Metal Fabrication industries shared their expertise with the group. Join us next year and learn from the industry elite.



SPIDA at the Ballpark – Sponsored by DuroDyne

Thanks to another generous sponsor, DuroDyne, SPIDA was able to reserve a box suite for the Arizona Diamondback vs New York Mets baseball game. More than 50 members attended the ballgame with food and drink provided by DuroDyne in a private box suite.





2026 Annual Meeting

The votes are in! SPIDA's 2026 Annual Meeting will be in Boston. Conference attendees voted on next years meeting location. Boston, MA was selected over Fort Worth, TX, Washington, DC, and Louisville, KY.

We look forward to seeing everyone next year in Beantown.



SPIDA Member News

Hercules Industries



Hercules Industries celebrated the grand opening of its Commercial Division building on April 17. The new 100,175-square-foot Denver facility will serve customers throughout the Southwest from branches in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas. The new plant is equipped with new state-of-the-art equipment including a laser cutter, coil line, and 2 spiral pipe lines. Hercules buys direct from domestic mills for fabrication as well as for its steel service division, in which they have full sheet and coil processing capabilities. www.herculesindustries.com



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Curbco

Curbo announced that Teddy Fairchild had joined their organization as Chief Operating Officer. Teddy brings his experience directing operations at a spiral/rectangular duct manufacturer to Curbco.

Curbco is a Houston-based manufacturer of roof curbs, curb adapters and rooftop software solutions. <https://curbco.com/>





Superior Duct Fabrication

Pike Street Capital, a Seattle based private equity firm, recently made an investment in Superior Duct Fabrication. Founder, Mike Hilgert, has retained a significant interest in Superior and will remain CEO. Superior is a spiral and rectangular duct fabricator with five facilities in California (2), Nevada, Arizona and Ohio. www.sdfab.com



McCorvey Sheet Metal

McCorvey Sheet Metal recently celebrated their 100th anniversary. McCorvey was founded in 1925 in Macon, GA. After two relocations to Jacksonville, FL and Dallas, they moved to the Houston area in 1946 where they are still headquartered. In addition to the 214,000 square foot Houston facility, their growth includes a 110,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Orlando and offices in Austin, Dallas, San Antonio, Raleigh, Charlotte and Nashville.



With six spiral machines, an ovalizer, three coil lines, conveyor belt systems, six laser tables, four plasma's, 1,600 employees and 3,000 projects completed, McCorvey is one of the largest sheet metal companies in the country. They remain a family-owned business with Tony McCorvey Sr as CEO and President. www.mccorvey.com

In Memoriam - SPIDA Original, Bill Busse



SPIDA expresses our deepest sympathies to the Busse family with the passing Bill Busse on March 19 in Las Vegas. Bill was an industry icon and founding member of the SPIDA organization. He and his wife Connie started Air Systems in Las Vegas in 1980 with the only spiral machine in Las Vegas and one of the few in the West. He was one of a small group of spiral manufacturers that met in 1980 at Spiral Helix in Chicago to form our organization. Bill and Connie ran Air Systems until their retirement in 2015. SPIDA is grateful to his contributions to the organization and the industry.

Bill and Connie enjoyed their retirement traveling in their RV. It was a much slower pace than Bill's daredevil days as a pilot and the first licensed balloonist in Nevada – Evel Knievel's doctor had to put him back together after one accident.

Bill Busse's obituary can be [found here](#).



Bill and Connie Busse at Yosemite National Park.

SPIDA Board Updates

Thank You For Your Service - Bill Busch



SPIDA would like to thank Bill Busch for his 14 years of service to the SPIDA Board of Directors, including his term as President from 2014-2015. Bill is retiring from the board directors but will remain an active member as Vice President at Northeastern Sheet Metal in Goffstown, NH. Northeastern Sheet Metal was one of the founding members of SPIDA. Bill began his career in the HVAC industry at the age of 17, and has worked nonstop since then. Along the way he made time, at night, to earn his bachelors degree from Northeastern University and his MBA from Babson College. Bill previously worked for spiral duct manufacturers United McGill and SEMCO before joining Northeastern Sheet Metal. He has brought extensive knowledge and expertise to our board.

SPIDA sends Bill our sincere gratitude for his many years of service to our organization.

Welcome New Board of Directors Member – Drew McCaffrey



SPIDA is pleased to welcome Drew McCaffrey, founder and principal of The Cincinnatus Group, to its Board of Directors. Based in Greensburg, PA, The Cincinnatus Group was founded in 2004 and delivers programs, processes, and cost-saving optimizations for businesses navigating the complexities of HVAC ductwork materials management. The company provides duct sourcing, estimating, project management, and contracted sales and marketing services to HVAC contractors, manufacturers, and wholesalers nationwide.

In addition to his leadership at The Cincinnatus Group, Drew is actively pursuing certification as an EOS Implementer and is on track to complete his training in August 2025. His passion for helping entrepreneurial leadership teams gain clarity and traction through the Entrepreneurial Operating System® (EOS®) reflects his commitment to organizational health and long-term business success.

Originally from West Chester, PA, Drew now resides in Greensburg with his wife, Amy, whom he met at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. They have three children: A.J.,

Matthew, and Emily. Drew is also active in his faith community at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish.



To learn more about Drew and The Cincinnatus Group, visit www.tcgduct.com or connect with him on [LinkedIn](#).

AHR Expo • SAVE THE DATE

February 2-4, 2026 | Las Vegas, NV



SPIDA will be exhibiting at the AHR Expo in Orlando February 2nd – 4th. Please plan on visiting our booth or better yet, volunteer for a short booth assignment and help answer technical questions from attendees, and spread the word about SPIDA. Contact James Nicholson at info@spida.org for details.

SPIDA Logo and Brochure

The SPIDA logo and new SPIDA brochure are [downloadable here](#) (log-in required). We encourage you proudly add the SPIDA logo to all your correspondence.

