



HER EXCELLENCY
THE MAYOR,
Michelle Trapp

SIDEBAR

JANUARY 2024

Happy New Year GILD Membership! The GILD finished our 86th Year in a spectacular manor! The photos included of the Holiday Gatherings are heartwarming. What a wonderful way for you, our Suppliers, to gather & celebrate this year's accomplishments in the Great Natural Gas Industry!

The GILD remains in a healthy financial status. If you've not already done so, please renew your GILD membership which was emailed out in December. With the payment of dues, fines & donations, the GILD gives back to the Natural Gas Industry through the annual scholarship and supporting charitable organizations on behalf of our Industry Leaders across North America.

The Great Council had a busy & productive several months. Thank you for your active engagement & letting your voices be heard! It is one of my goals to keep the GILD relevant, staying in sync with the Natural Gas Industry. Our GILD Leadership continues to work steadily to enhance our Constitution & By-Laws. We are your voice, I encourage all Suppliers to share your ideas with us. What can we do to increase the value the GILD brings to you?

The Advocacy & Marketing Committee had a productive year as well! You'll read in this Sidebar the updates that are being made to the logo and the creation of a GILD LinkedIn page.

From the words of 2024 AGA Board of Directors Chair, Jerry Norcia, "Natural Gas is a Key Enabler." The GILD collaborates with AGA and all Gas Associations as we work together in this ever-changing energy environment. We read about net-zero goals, decarbonization, hydrogen, renewables, electrification, all of which are a reality. As GILD members, we are here as partners to support & enhance our GILD theme: Green Energy Choice, Independent Energy Choice, Low-cost Energy Choice, Dependable Energy Choice.

The GILD website hosts a variety of support materials. From the necessary guidelines & forms to a current membership directory, the site provides a variety of helpful information. Here you will also find the Membership Proposal Form. Who do you work with in the Natural Gas industry that's worthy of an invitation to join our honorable society?

I understand we each have busy careers & lives at home, thank you for your continued dedication to the GILD. I appreciate the time you take to attend a breakfast, gathering, participate on a committee or join a call, together we make the GILD and the Natural Gas Industry stronger! I look forward to seeing you throughout the year!

With a Grateful Left,
Michelle Trapp
Mayor XXXIX

PAST EVENTS.....

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APGA Annual Conference “GILD on Stage”
Scottsdale AZ
July 16, 2023



Clerk Jon Beam presents a \$500 Charity Check to Chairman of the Board John Olshefski



APGA’s event photographer snapped a pic of Brett Jones when Clerk Beam asked for GILD members in the audience to stand up.



AGMSC GILD Breakfast
Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh Airport
Moon Township, PA
August 2, 2023

District 6 Warden David Kerr hosted a GILD Breakfast in conjunction with the Appalachian Gas Measurement Short Course. Our guest speaker was Louie Hendrix, Senior Technical Support Specialist M&R with NiSource and the program chair of the 2023 Appalachian Gas Measurement Short Course.





**MEA Gas Operations Technical & Leadership Summit GILD Gathering
The Bar at Palm Court in Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza
Cincinnati, OH
August 16, 2023**



*Pictured From Top Left: Joe Serrett, Randall Rogers, Chad Cuvo, Dist. 6 Warden David Kerr
Mid-Atlantic Alderman Scott Kranstuber, Matt Dvorak, Rich Stocker, Jay Lippert, Brett Jones,
J Ramirez, Dan Rosinski, Dan Pajak, PM Scott Kleppe*



**Western Regional Gas Conference
GILD Gathering
Bar Six40 Hilton Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch, Scottsdale, AZ
August 21, 2023**



Pictured From Left to Right: Jason Garland, Chris Foley (guest), DeWitt Burdeaux (guest), Howard Lyon, Pat Jacobs, Jay Lippert, PM XXXI Paul Wehnert



**ASGMT GILD Gathering
Marriott Houston Westchase M Club Lounge
Houston, TX
September 13, 2023**



Pictured From Left to Right: Nick Meole, Dave Manfroni, Dean Lightfoot, Jack Hernig, Mayor Michelle Trapp, Clerk Jon Beam, PM XXXI Paul Wehnert, Alderman Julie Boyd, District 1 Warden Pat Jacobs



**District 1 GILD Christmas Luncheon
Rio City Cafe
Old Sacramento, CA
November 28, 2023**



Pictured From Left to Right: Jim Green, Scott Henrich, PM Bill Murtaugh, Mike Legittino, Dist. 1 Warden Pat Jacobs, Vincent O'Connor, Sir Claude Transue, Murray Royce, Erwin Cayanan



**District 4 GILD Christmas Luncheon
Stoney River
Roswell, GA
December 5, 2023**



Pictured Seated Left to Right: Brett Jones, Jim Hansen, Clerk Jon Beam, Jeff Swart, Hayden Strickland, Jeb Bell, Nathan Sills, Dave Manfroni, Rick Schneider, Asst. Keeper of the Treasure, Anne Blong
Standing Left to Right: Keith Ormsby, District 4 Warden David Love, Mayor Michelle Trapp, PM XXXIV Larry Brown





District 3 GILD Christmas Luncheon
Federal American Grill, The Woodlands, TX
December 8, 2023



Pictured From Left to Right: PM XXX Bruce Hotze, Historian Kris Kimmel, PM XXXIII Jim Micklos, Tod Bradley, Mayor Michelle Trapp, Dist. 3 Warden Gerald Sims, PM XXXI Paul Wehnert, Dist. 1 Warden Pat Jacobs



District 7 Colonial GILD Christmas Luncheon
Benjamin's Steakhouse, New York, NY
December 21, 2023



In attendance: Mayor Michelle Trapp, PM XXXVI Dean McGowan, Patricia Kittelberger, Dist. 1 Warden Pat Jacobs, PM XXXI Paul Wehnert, Carolyn Heath-Haag, District 3 Warden Gerald Sims, Kevin Warner, Deb Sill, Northeast Alderman Brian McDonald, PM XXXVII Scott Kleppe, Mid-Atlantic Alderman Scott Kranstuber, Dan Rosinski, Sir George Lomax, Wally Armstrong, Chuck Lang, Eric Six. Not pictured: Keeper of the Treasure, Scott Vigil & Paul Sully

ALDERMAN & WARDEN POSITION CHANGES.....

The following Alderman & Warden Office position changes have been made:

- Mid-Atlantic Alderman, **Scott Kranstuber** replaces Russ Schrey (retired 2/4/22)
- Our First West District 6 Warden, **David Kerr** replaces Scott Kranstuber
- Rising Sunset District 1 Warden, **Patrick Jacobs** replaces Vincent O'Connor, now Far West Alderman
- Northeast Alderman **Brian McDonald** replaces Scott Vigil (now Keeper of the Treasure)
- Colonial District 7 Warden, **Joe Serrett** replaces Brian McDonald, who replaced Albert Apicella (relocated to District 4).

NEW SUPPLERS.....

Please join me in welcoming the following new Suppliers of the GILD:

- **Deborah Sill**, Director of Marketing and Communications with Mustang Sampling. Deborah has been with Mustang Sampling for almost 7 years. Prior to her current position, she was the Marketing Communications Manager for Elster Gas North America (American Meter, Perfection Corp., now Honeywell) for 5 years. She also served as the Senior Marketing & Public Relations Manager – Energy Market Exchange (EMEX), a Natural Gas Brokerage firm for 2 years.
- **Eric Schaumloffel**, Business Development Manager, YZ Aircom IIoT Solutions YZ Systems (Div. of Ingersoll Rand). “I joined YZ Systems Aircom team in January 2022. I have been working in the gas industry for 10+ years. I began my gas industry career in July, 2013 serving as the North American Business Development Manager for Consolidated Analytical Systems (CAS, Inc.). I have been an active participant in regional gas industry schools and conference, currently serving on AGA’s TMC and the AGMSC General Committee.”
- **David Wickersham**, Owner & CEO of Progressive Pipeline Management, LLC. “I have been working for the gas industry as a contractor for a total of 30 years. I started my career in 1983 after graduating from the US Merchant Academy working for National Response Corp. (NRC). We provided emergency response services to the oil & gas industry. In 1999 in partnership with National Grid (Keyspan at the time), I launched and managed Enviro Jet Technologies to handle PCB decontamination in natural gas pipelines in full compliance with the mega rule. This led me to launch PPM in 2002 providing the Starline cured-in-place-liner technology to predominantly natural gas distribution pipelines. We have liner in 1000’s of miles of gas pipeline in over 20 states. Our predominant service concentration is the mid-Atlantic and Northeast. We provide the full liner procurement and installation as the exclusive USA licensee of the Starline Technology.
- **Thomas Kerr**, VP Sales and Marketing of Kerr Engineered Sales Company recently reinstated his membership with the GILD. Thomas joined Kerr as a sales representative in 1994 after working in a public accounting firm and graduating from Penn State University. Since 1997, he has served as Vice President. Thomas is a member of the Society of Gas Operators and a committee member of the Appalachian Gas Measurement Short Course. He leads sales and marketing activities in the Northeast, and works closely with KERR principals to introduce new products and opportunities.

RECENTLY RETIRED

- **Bill Marshall**, Vice President Business Development Mears Group, Inc.
“To My Friends, This is a short note to let you know I will be retiring October 31 from Mears Pipeline Integrity-Really!! It is time for the next chapter so they say-fishing, hunting, skiing and spending time with grandkids and family. Mears has been a great place to work for the last 30 plus years with interesting and

exciting projects. It has been a Great Ride and I have had the opportunity to meet all of you. I will miss all my friends and our meetings at conferences and offices. The Corrosion and Integrity business is a great place to work. Best Wishes to all of you in your careers and if you have time for a round of golf, fishing, etc. in the summer please call me at home 231-529-6104 or cell 847-922-8497. We will continue to reside at 10441 Chickagami Trail, Brutus, MI 49716.”

- **Nick Meole** announced his retirement from Equipment Controls Company on December 31, 2023.
- **Dean Lightfoot** announced his retirement from Romet Limited on December 31, 2023.

HIGHER GILD.....

Winston Lee North joined the higher GILD July 3, 2022.

Winston was a long-time member of the GILD and spent his entire career in the Gas Industry. He retired many years ago from American Meter Company and continued to live in North GA. His obituary can be viewed here: https://www.appenmedia.com/obituaries/winston-lee-north/article_f3def48a-06d1-11ed-aceb-9395737b3865.html

GILD CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS UPDATES.....

- Greybeards replaced with Count & Countess
- Town Crier position has been removed from Article 5 Officers. The GILD Great Council has decided to do away with this position.
- Historian position has been added to Article 5 Officers.

GILD LOGO UPDATE.....

As the GILD continues to morph and respond to the current day needs of our wonderful industry, it continues to modernize its approach to presentation, value and development of BRAND. This BRANDING effort strives to combine the rich tradition we have cherished with a look and feel that attracts all natural gas professionals, new and seasoned. Whether they be a student graduating college, a new utility engineer with only a few years of experience, a senior manager that is interested in vendor alliances or a manufacturer or distributor that wants to be a revered member of the GILD, our look and feel must attract all these folks.

The decision was made that a new GILD logo be developed and that the BRAND start with this logo as a foundation point for all future outbound images, messaging, clothing and collateral. That work has been done and several logos were built and reviewed by the GILD officers, some former Mayors and some committee heads.

We are pleased to present the newly designed GILD logo, which has been approved by the GILD Great Council:



GILD LinkedIn PAGE.....

The Great Council has approved the creation of a GILD LinkedIn page. The GILD Marketing & Natural Gas Advocacy Committee plans to utilize the GILD LinkedIn page to:

- Promote the GILD
- Promote the GILD Website
- Provide Resource Materials
- Initiate Discussions
- Promote Natural Gas Advocacy/Awareness
- Potential for bigger audience to apply for the GILD Scholarship

We plan to post updates from Gatherings, Breakfasts, AGA/APGA Charity Donations, Scholarship Awards. We hope this will improve communication within the GILD as LinkedIn is a widely used professional social platform.

We plan to accomplish this by:

- Assigning admins for the site to post information with proper approval
- Schedule releases of information so that it is relevant and current

The GILD LinkedIn page can be found here: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/GILD-of-ancient-suppliers/>

GILD Signature Block.....

Be on the lookout for an email with a new GILD signature block all Suppliers will be encouraged to incorporate in their email signatures to promote Natural Gas as an energy choice. The signature block will include a link to Natural Gas Facts gathered by the GILD Natural Gas Advocacy Committee.



[Click Here for Modern Day Natural Gas Facts](#)

SAVE THE DATE.....

The GILD Officers will hold an All GILD member webinar on February 23, 2024 at 2pm EST. This “Virtual Sidebar” will cover the following:

- a. Updates on GILD website – NGA page, Forms, Past Events photos, etc.
- b. Natural Gas Advocacy & Marketing committee updates

Be on the lookout for an invitation to join this virtual meeting. Your attendance is highly encouraged.

GILD PROJECTS.....

GILD Scholarship

The 2023 GILD Scholarship recipient is Tyler Rittel attending **Ivy Tech Community College**.

Ivy Tech program coordinators shared: “Tyler Rittel started both the Electric Line Technical Certificate program, as well as the Natural Gas Technical Certificate program simultaneously in the fall of 2022. He enrolled in 10 credits this summer and passed with all A’s. He has 7 credits planned for the fall semester. In December, he will have completed both Technical Certificate programs in just a year and a half. Because of your organization’s (GILD) generosity, Tyler has already signed up for more classes in the fall so he can obtain his AAS degree by May of 2024. He only needs 14 more credits. Tyler has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout this busy year of completing 30 credits already and is a very successful student.”

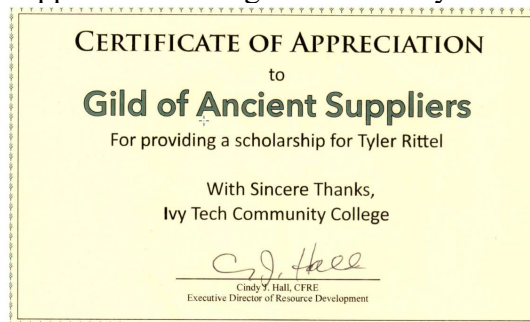


Above, Tyler Rittel is presented his BIG check on behalf of the GILD. Tyler’s grandfather still works for NIPSCO at 76 years young...(53 years with the company). He is finishing his associates degree in the spring and plans to continue at Valparaiso University after that while working in our industry.

In the photo is the Chancellor, Tyler, PM Scott Kleppe XXXVII. Next row on left is the program director and next to her is the utility educator and lastly is the director of philanthropy. Really appreciative group.

PM Scott Kleppe is coordinating with the Chancellor and a couple of local GILD members to participate in the college’s utility lab.

The GILD received a Certificate of Appreciation along with a thank you letter from Ivy Tech Foundation:





IVY TECH FOUNDATION
3100 IVY TECH DRIVE
VALPARAISO, IN 46383

PH: 219-476-4710
FX: 219-464-9751

IVYTECH.EDU/GIVING

October 27, 2023

Ms. Anne Blong
GILD of Ancient Suppliers
4555 S Berkeley Lake Rd
Norcross, GA 30071-1640

Dear Ms. Blong

Thank you for supporting Ivy Tech Community College!

We are so grateful for your \$2,500 donation which will be allocated to Tyler Rittel for financial support to achieve his Associate Degree.

We are very appreciative we have the generosity and commitment of community members like you enabling us to provide the educational opportunities for which Ivy Tech is known. Thank you for playing such an important role in the success of Ivy Tech and its students.

The future presents a wonderful opportunity as we continue to be the best we can be. We are truly providing *Higher Education at the Speed of Light*. Feel free to contact me at cjhall@ivytech.edu or 219-476-4710. Thank you once again.

Sincerely,

Cindy J. Hall, CFRE
Executive Director Resource Development

CC J. Scott Kleppe

Thanks so much!

Natural Gas Advocacy Committee

Committee Chair, Patricia Kittelberger

Committee Members: Dan Pajak, Matt Dvorak, Scott Henrich, Bill Murtaugh, Lloyd Pirtle, Tushar Shah, Jon Beam, Brian McDonald, Scott Vigil, Glen Heard, Joe Serrett, Chad Cuvo and Anne Blong. I want to welcome our new members Joe Serrett & Chad Cuvo to the committee!

I am thrilled to share that our dedicated group successfully wrapped up 2023 on a strong note. We are eagerly looking forward to the accomplishments that 2024 has in store for us, undeterred by the challenges in our industry. Our ongoing commitment involves amplifying our industry's voice through social platforms showcasing our new logo! Additionally, we are reviewing our website to ensure content is current, accurate and easily accessible while strengthening our relationships with other associations to set the stage for collaborations on future initiatives.

As we embark on this journey, we are reminded to strengthen our foundation and have begun the initial phases of developing a guidance document to support our initiatives and promote engagement. This strategic effort will not only fortify our groups mission but also set the stage for continued growth and success.

If you are interested in joining our group, please feel free to contact Patricia Kittelberger at patricia.kittelberger@teledyne.com.

A DAY IN GILD HISTORY.....

Taken from Milton W. Heath, Jr. PM XX GILD Chronicles 1986-1988:



5/88, Annual Meeting, Boca Raton

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

Please check the GILD Gas Industry Events Calendar on the GILD website, as the calendar will be updated with details on upcoming events. <http://supplersGILD.org/member-login/meetings/>. Upcoming GILD event invitations sent by email will include a link to register for each event online. Alderman and Wardens hosting each event are automatically notified of each attendee registration. There is also a link to add each event to your calendar to serve as a reminder.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR.....

A woman is fed up with her husband coming home late for dinner, so she writes a note that says, "I've had enough, and I've left you. Don't bother coming after me." and places it on the dresser. Then she hides under the bed to wait and see her husband's reaction. After a short while she hears him come in and go into the kitchen for a minute before he comes into the bedroom, where he finds the note and reads it. After reading the note the husband writes something on it and then makes a phone call. The wife hears him say, "She's finally gone. Yeah, I know, it's about time. I'm coming to see you, so put on that sexy lingerie I bought you. I love you too, can't wait to see you." The wife hears the man leave and after hearing the car drive away she climbs out from under the bed seething with rage as tears filled her eyes, she grabs the note to see what he wrote on it and it says "I can see your feet. We're out of bread. I'll be back in a few minutes."

Thank you With a Humble and Respectful Left Hand,

Mayor Michelle Trapp