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HIS EXCELLENCY
THE MAYOR,
TUSHAR SHAH

AUGUST 2026

Greetings my fellow Suppliers!

Building Momentum. Strengthening GILD. Sustaining Our Future.

The energy, commitment, and spirit within GILD continue to grow. Through our officers, aldermen, wardens, chairs and committees, members are turning ideas into action while strengthening our organization and promoting the value of natural gas.

A stronger GILD starts with a more connected GILD.

Our four committees Membership Engagement, Natural Gas Advocacy, Marketing, and Education/Scholarship meet virtually throughout the year, supported by dedicated chairs and GILD officer liaisons. Along with our breakfasts and gatherings, these opportunities keep us connected, strengthen relationships, and create a stronger sense of fellowship. A conversation over GILD breakfast or GILD gathering can turn a fellow supplier into a trusted friend, while a virtual committee meeting keeps us connected when we cannot be together.

We are also giving back, this year, GILD has **doubled its charitable contributions** to AGA, APGA, and SOGO program charities and expanded our giving to AGMSC and WGMSC.

My sincere thanks to our officers, aldermen, wardens, committee chairs, and every member who contributes their time and energy—especially **Anne Blong** and those working behind the scenes to keep GILD moving forward.

The energy is real. The momentum is growing. The opportunity is ours.

Let's keep building, growing, serving, and supporting one another.

Together, we are building a stronger GILD with lasting future for our members and industry.

Thank you With a Humble and Respectful Left Hand,

Mayor Tushar Shah

PAST EVENTS.....



**Sensit Distributor Sales Meeting Informal GILD Gathering
Four Wind Hotel and Casino, New Buffalo, MI
March 11, 2026**



Those who attended the Sensit distributor sales meeting discovered there were 9 GILD members in attendance!
Matt Dvorak had the great idea of grabbing a pic.



**SGA Spring Gas Conf. & Expo GILD Gathering
Hickory Tavern Columbia, SC
March 24, 2026**



From left to right: Albert Apicella, Jim Hansen, Chad Millinor, Jeff Cox, Brett Jones, Mike Javon

AGA Operations Conference GILD Breakfast
JW Marriott Tampa, FL
April 29, 2026





Guest Speaker: AGA Managing Committee Chair, Cedric Flowers, VP Gas Operations at DTE Energy.





Mayor Shah presents a GILD tile to Guest Speaker, Cedric Flowers, in appreciation of his industry leadership.

The GILD made a \$1,000 donation to The Heat and Warmth Fund <https://thawfund.org/> in honor of this year's AGA Managing Committee Chair, Cedric Flowers, VP Gas Operations at DTE Energy.



*From left to right (Top row): Scott Kranstuber, Gerald Sims, Carolyn Heath-Haag, Dan Rosinski, Kimberly Denbow, Rich Stocker. Patrick Jacobs, Hayden Strickland, Nathan Sills
(Bottom row): Alderman Brett Jones, Keeper of the Treasure David Love, Mayor Tushar Shah. PM XXXIX Michelle Sims, PM XXXVIII Bill Murtaugh*



WGMSC GILD Gathering & Presentation of Charity Check
San Francisco, CA
May 4, 2026

District 1 Warden Sam Hegje hosted a GILD Breakfast in conjunction with the WGMSC in San Francisco at 3Sixty Bistro located inside the Hyatt Regency San Francisco in Burlingame, CA.





From left to right: Erwin Cayanan, Jim Green, Kris Kimmel, Howard Lyon, Milo Clark, Sam Hegje, Rick Mooney, Sir Claude Transue, Mayor Tushar Shah. Kneeled: Tom Lauzze, Murry Royce, Eric Schaumloffel

The GILD made a \$500 donation to FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) in honor of this year's WGMSC Managing Committee Chair, Matt Davidson, Manager, Gas Standards Engineering at PG&E (Pacific Gas & Electric Co). The FIRST organization is technically focused and cultivates our future engineers and leaders. There are several programs ran by FIRST. This specific program has provided opportunities and events benefiting numerous 9-12 High Schools within the PG&E service territory in Northern California. <https://www.firstinspires.org/>



NGA GILD Gathering Smithfield, RI June 2, 2026



Northeast Alderman Brian McDonald hosted a GILD Gathering in conjunction with the Northeast Gas Association Operations Conference in Smithfield, RI. This event took place in the parking lot at the Mulcare trailer an hour before the exhibits opened.

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APGA Annual Conference
Snowbird, UT
July 26, 2026



On behalf of the Gild of Ancient Suppliers, Jon Beam of Equipment Controls Co. presented JCE Co-op's Mike Casper with an award for his industry leadership as well as a donation in his name to the Neighbor to Neighbor Care program at the 2026 APGA Annual Conference. To learn more about the Neighbor to Neighbor Care program, visit <https://jcecoop.com/financial-assistance> // Photo: David Fox Photography and Digital Transfer Services



Senior Warden Jon Beam presents a GILD tile in appreciation of Mike Casper's industry leadership. The GILD donated a \$1,000 charity check to Mike's charity of choice, Jo-Carroll Co-Op Neighbor to Neighbor Care fund.

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AGMSC GILD Breakfast
Coraopolis, PA
August 5, 2026





Guest speaker, David Weeden, 2026 AGMSC Program Chair shares industry intel with the group. Warden Kerr presents David with a GILD tile in appreciation of his industry leadership.



Warden Kerr called for Alderman Brian McDonald to perform the induction of new Suppliers, Nick Stoia & Adam Clary.



From Left to Right: Dave Manfroni, Deb Sill, Alderman Dan Rozinski, Adam Clary, Rick Mooney, Brian McDonald, Tom Kerr, Mayor Tushar Shah, Warden David Kerr, Chad Millinor, Amanda Carte, Eric Schaumloffel, Scott Vigil, Kris Kimmel, Nick Stoia, and PM XXXIV Larry Brown.

The GILD presented a charity donation to David Weeden, AGMSC Program Chair's charity of choice, National MS Society \$500. Hanna Ott from the National MS Society was present to accept the check.

Per David: "For this year's school, I have chosen the National Multiple Sclerosis Society as the charity to receive a donation from the AGMSC. This charity is important to me as someone near and dear to me is afflicted with MS and has benefitted from the work of this and other MS charities.

From their web site, the MS Society states: *The National Multiple Sclerosis Society exists because there are people living with MS. Our vision is a world free of MS. Our mission is: We will cure MS while empowering people affected by MS to live their best lives.*"



MEA GILD Gathering
30Hop Restaurant & Bar - Coralville, IA
August 12, 2026



From left to right: Sam Griese, Jim Hansen, J Ramirez, Jim Perkins, Nic McKibbon, Clerk Scott Vigil, Joe Groebner

Seated: Ryan Meyer, Rich Stocker, Amanda Carte, Matt Dvorak, Frank Rampton, Steve D'Amato

District 5 Warden, Matt Dvorak, hosted a GILD Gathering in conjunction with the Midwest Energy Association (MEA) Operations Conference in Iowa City, IA.

NEW SUPPLERS.....

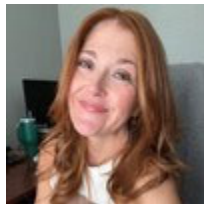
Please join me in welcoming the following new Suppliers of the GILD:



▪ **Kim Weaver**, Municipal Account Leader with Magnolia River Services since 2022. “I began my career in the gas industry working with the city of Rocky Mount, NC. I started in 1996 in energy education and public awareness. I moved into a position for marketing, communications and expanding the natural gas system by becoming involved with the local Home Builders Association and serving as a board member for six years. Following that position, I became the energy services manager. I managed the load management program, 24/7 dispatch operation and was the liaison for all large industrial customers. I served as chair of several committees and conferences for the American Public Gas Association and currently serve as a board member.”



▪ **Jody Boyles**, Chief Sales & Marketing Officer with Sparus Holdings (holding company for Southern Cross and other entities). “I started in the gas industry with Southern Cross in 2010- coming to lead all sales efforts. Since then, we created the holding company- Sparus- and have acquired multiple other entities across the natural gas, electric, and water industries. Southern Cross - a Sparus company- remains our flagship service provider for the gas industry- proudly celebrating our 80th year in business in 2026”



▪ **Nikki Frost**, Executive Director, ANGA / Magnolia River since May 2006. “Magnolia River Services holds a contract with the Alabama Natural Gas Association to provide professional service. I serve as the Executive Director of ANGA. I began working with Magnolia River in May 2006. In December 2006, Magnolia River began providing professional services to the Alabama Natural Gas Association. I began assisting David Love to provide these services. Her served as the Executive Director from Dec 2006-June 2016. I June 2016, ANGA appointed me as the Executive Director, and I am currently serving in that position. I have spent almost 20 years involved with the gas industry.”



▪ **Nic McKibbin**, Regional Sales Manager with Sensit Technologies. Nic has been involved with the gas industry for 20 years, most recently for 2 ½ years at Sensit. Prior to his current role, he worked for Elster Perfection 2014 – 2024 and Elster American Meter 2006 – 2014, both companies now Honeywell.



▪ **Ryan Meyer**, Territory Manager – IA/NE with Groebner from 2015 to present. Prior to his current position, Ruan was in Sales/Marketing at USHL – Des Moines Buccaneers 2011 – 2015.



▪ **Mark Fiorita**, St. Enterprise Account Executive with Spatial Networks, Inc. since January 2026.



▪ **Anthony “Tony” Liberti**, Sales Manager – USA/Canada with Teledyne Gas and Flame Detection. Tony has served in his current role as direct employee for GMI (Gas Measurement Instruments) and Teledyne since 2018. Between 2009-2018 he represented GMI in the USA & Canada as Managing Partner for LVA Sales (Rep Agency). He began his career in the gas industry as Instrumentation Manager for Safety Distributor managing Gas Detection Gas utilities across the Northeast USA.

RECENTLY RETIRED

- **Steve D’Amato**, Vice President of Groebner & Associates, Inc. announced his retirement on July 31, 2026.
- **David Fish**, Senior Vice President of Welker announced his retirement July 17, 2026 after 48 years. “It has been a great 48 years in the industry and with many of those years with the GILD. I wish you all great continued success with the activities of the GILD for many years to come.”
- **Gary Ebnet**, former Sr. Territory Manager at Groebner announced his retirement December 1, 2025.

GILD COMMITTEES.....

Education & Scholarship Committee

- 2026 Annual GILD Scholarship applications have been received and will be reviewed for consideration
- Encourage all GILD members to like, share, and promote Linked In scholarship posts to their individual social media accounts

Marketing Committee

The Marketing Committee continues to support cross-committee initiatives and key outreach efforts that strengthen visibility, consistency, and engagement across the organization. Recent efforts include:

- Assisting the Scholarship Committee with promotional items and social outreach.
- Supporting the Advocacy Committee with an updated elevator pitch.
- Developing regional trade show kits that include:
 - Tablecloths and runners
 - Banner stands
 - About the GILD pamphlets:



Natural Gas Advocacy Committee

The GILD Natural Gas Advocacy Committee (NGAC) continues to make steady progress under the leadership of Chair Scott Henrich and co-chairs Matt Parrott and Stuart Saulters. Recent efforts have focused on updating and modernizing the committee's advocacy resources, including the development of a new 2026 natural gas advocacy presentation supported by updated industry data and research. The committee remains engaged in legislative and regulatory discussions impacting the natural gas industry, with Stuart Saulters providing updates on issues such as permitting reform, LIHEAP funding, and energy choice initiatives. Additional priorities include maintaining association liaison relationships, expanding outreach opportunities, and keeping GILD advocacy content current across presentations, the website, and other member resources.

Member Engagement Committee

- Increasing members
- Focus on past dues
- Gatherings at regional shows

A DAY IN GILD HISTORY.....



Mayor Joe said
something to create a
laugh, a smile . . even
a doubt.

Taken from PM III Joe A. Mulcare's GILD Chronicles

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://suppliersGILD.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.....

