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THE ACTION CHALLENGE

Over the last few months Midwest Woodwork & Veneering, Inc. proposed challenges to all AWI Chicago Chapter Members: Double Down Your Dues Challenge; and the Split Challenge. We are entering Phase #3: The Action Challenge.

AWI Chicago and MWV would like to extend our gratitude to the 30% of our Supplier or Manufacturing members that have met or exceeded the earlier challenges. By doubling our dues to the local chapter, AWI Chicago can continue to supply and improve high level of service and training we have become accustomed to as members. The Split challenge generated larger membership just by asking one simple question: Can this client, contractor, supplier or other business help the Chicago Chapter, by becoming an AWI member?

This brings us to our next challenge: The Action Challenge is ***Just get involved!***

We make our living in a very competitive industry and all face our individual issues, whether as owner or employee. Our industry pushes us to find better and more efficient means of production. By getting more involved in AWI, we give our companies and employees the best networking resource available in Chicago. We all can learn from each other as the AWI Chicago Chapter grows. You can be the owner, estimator, sales, PM, drafting or production team member. Getting involved and sharing what we have learned will help us all create a more profitable 2004.

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The best way to get involved is to attend the chapter meetings. If you are a member regularly attending, ask yourself this question: Do I know everyone in this room? If not, let's network. When Midwest Woodwork & Veneering (MWV) started in business, Marshall "Mike" Joyce, Bob Morency & Dave Mengler (who were all very involved with AWI) guided our organization. MWV quickly joined AWI National, then the Chicago Chapter. This action created my greatest source of networking that is still active to this day. The partnership created with vendors or other manufactures, not to mention the friendships made over the years is truly invaluable. The benefits of membership far exceed the time *invested*. My staff and I at MWV, hope that we are contributing to your company's success and profitability.

The Chicago AWI Chapter has gone through many positive changes over the last few years. Our chapter needs volunteers and your help to fill the vacancies created as our Committees and Board members end their terms. Look around your organization; find the person that best represents your company. Appoint that person to voice your concerns with our AWI Chapter. **Consider becoming a Board Member or a committee volunteer. *Let's get involved!*** Please contact Ken Kamien, our incoming President, or myself to volunteer for a position on our new board or on a committee. Let's all share new information and skills we will learn in the years to come.

Once again, we can have the AWI National recognize and hear your Chicago Chapter.

Thank you,
Randy Smith
Past President

CC. The old man in the chicken coop.

Show Volunteers Needed

AWI National has made a request that our chapter help in staffing their booth at this year's CSI and AIA conventions. The CSI Exposition & Convention will be April 21-23 and AIA Exposition & Convention follows on June 10-12. Both events are being held at McCormick Place. Members interested in participating in these events, please contact Debby Heidler or Kimberly Kennedy at AWI National.

Machinery For Sale

Stefani Monomatic Edge Bander @\$2,000
220 volt 3 phase high frequency motor

A&A 12ft Horizontal Panel Saw @\$5,000
220 volt 3 phase 5HP saw motor

Newton B100 Doweling Machine @\$650
220 volt 3 phase 1HP motor

Tannewitz Type U Table Saw @\$2,000
Serial No. 13238

6' Cabinet Maker Benches @\$450

If interested, call Tony at R. Maderite
Phone 773-235-1515 or Fax 773-235-6859

AWIchicago.org Update

AWI Chicago.org is now our official website domain and is online. We are under construction but have created a Chapter Calendar of events as our starting point. Our Webmaster is in the development stages of the website.

We are still looking for Chapter help to create the final look and content to meet the Chapter's needs. We are open to all ideas to best serve the needs of our members. Through the Website we will bring back the Chapter Buyers Guide for our suppliers to have an online source for the products they sell. This feature of the website will have a nominal fee in order for the information to be input from a template format. In this information we will provide you with a link to your company website. This will also be available to our Manufacturing members with the new online Guide to Chicago Woodworkers.

Please call Ed Schavitz of Midwest Woodwork & Veneering, at 847-516-5737, to provide input or to volunteer your help in creating this exciting new marketing and communication tool. This site will be used not only by our own members, but will be introduced and promoted to our local architectural designers and specifiers.

Safety Tip #2

Hazards of Wood Dust

There are many occupational hazards associated with wood dust. It can cause eye or skin irritation and dermatitis. However, it is most often discussed as a respiratory hazard (which would include hypersensitivity, asthma, suberosis, granulomatous pneumonitis, or acute airway obstruction). The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has established a permissible exposure limit (PEL) of 15 milligrams per cubic meter (mg/m³) of air for the total dust and 5 mg/m³ for the respirable fraction of wood dust, all soft and hardwoods, except western red cedar (as a nuisance dust). Employee air quality exposure monitoring should be conducted in all woodworking shops to determine if wood dust is a legitimate respiratory concern. Employers should take special note of employees' complaints of shortness of breath and whether employees have been missing work because of dust exposure. If the ambient concentration of wood dust exceeds permissible exposure limits, a comprehensive respiratory protection program is necessary. OSHA is currently developing requirements for medical surveillance of wood dust.

Wood dust is also extremely combustible. Good housekeeping and appropriate dust collection of wood dust around working machinery is extremely important for employee exposure and fire hazard control.

Please provide input to U.S. Compliance on areas of concern at your facility, or questions you have on Safety and Environmental issues. All questions and inquiries can be directed to Ken Kreiser at kkreiser@uscompliance.com or 952.252.3000 ext. 108. These questions will then be addressed in the following issues of The Detailer

The following member firms have submitted their yearly dues. **Thank you** for your promptness!!

Double Down Payment
Midwest Woodwork & Veneering
Owl Hardwood Lumber

Dues Plus Payment
Bull Sharpening
Gleason Woodwork, Inc.
Inter Ocean Cabinet Co.
Pierce Laminated Products
Sandpaper Inc. of Illinois

Normal Dues Payment

Bernhard Woodwork
Highland Park Millwork
Imperial Woodworking
Parenti and Raffaelli LTD
Pepper Millwork
R. Maderite, Inc.
TH Snyder Company
Aetna Plywood
All Tile, Inc.
Blum Inc.
Contract Builders Hardware
Custom Crafted Door
Danzer Specialty Veneer
E. Kinast Distributors, Inc.
Hafele America
Heidler Hardwood Lumber
Hesse Coating
Horn Lumber
Ideal Architectural Doors
Insurance Correlators
J. C. Licht
Jaeckle Wholesale
Midwest Saw
Murphy Marble
Northstar Surfaces
Parkwood – Chicago

Paxton – The Wood Source
R.S. Bacon Veneer
Raynor and Rinn - Scott
Rugby IPD Corp.
Sierra Forest Products
Star Moulding & Trim
Stiles Machinery
U.S. Compliance Corp.
Walmark Corp.
Wilsonart
Woodmac Industries

Advertisement Space For Sale

We are now selling company advertisement space for publication in future issues of *The Detailer*. Prices are being set at \$25.00 for a business card size, \$50.00 for ¼ page, \$100.00 for ½ page, and \$200.00 for a full page. Classified advertisements (i.e. want ads, machinery ads, etc) will remain free of charge and will be printed, providing space is available.

NEXT DETAILER

Deadline for the next Detailer is March 12, 2004.

Want Ads, machinery ads, member news, & miscellaneous information requested.

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