



2016 GAWDA NW Regional Meeting
July 20th - 22nd, 2016
Coeur d'Alene Resort, Coeur d'Alene, ID

GAWDA Members,

Planning is nearly complete for the 2016 Northwest Regional Meeting on July 20th – 22nd at the Coeur d'Alene Resort in beautiful Coeur d'Alene, ID. We have some great networking activities planned, including an afternoon round of golf at the world renowned Coeur d'Alene Resort Golf Course, evening reception on the Lakeview Terrace, group dinner at the lakeside Hagadone Event Center, and a relaxing afternoon Cruise aboard the Mish-an-Nock on Coeur d'Alene Lake.

Our Speakers

We are excited about the group of speakers we have lined up to present to you this year. Each offers a different platform, all equally applicable to the meeting.

Tim Temby

In the spirit of Bill Visintainer's theme as acting GAWDA President "Disruptive Change – The Threats and The Opportunities" Tim Temby, ITW Welding Group President, will present on "Industry Insight, a look at Pervasive Trends that provide both threat and opportunity.

Cliff Frey

Cliff Frey has been a Certified Industrial Hygienist since 1997, and has been a practicing industrial hygiene with 3M for 17 years. As a Technical Service Specialist for the Personal Safety Division, Cliff has supported various product lines including welding safety, powered respirators and protective apparel. Cliff has delivered numerous lectures and webinars on respiratory protection and hearing conservation. He will present on the manganese hazards in welding. The presentation will include a summary of how manganese is used in metalworking, potential health effects, how to select an appropriate exposure limit and methods for managing exposure.

Registration

Included with this letter / email is your 2016 Northwest Regional Meeting Registration. If paying by check, please send your completed registration form and payment to:

GAWDA NW Regional Meeting
c/o A-L Compressed Gases
4230 E. Trent Ave.
Spokane, WA 99202

If paying by credit card, fax your completed registration form to **509-536-2980, attention Bree Sides**. In either case please make sure to include a valid email address. We will send you an email to confirm receipt of registration materials, as well as communicate the final agenda and schedule of events.

We need to have all registrations received no later than July 1st, though early registration is appreciated for planning purposes. Please register as soon as possible!

Room Reservations

Everyone has until **Tuesday, June 7th** to call and reserve accommodations at the Coeur d'Alene Resort. After June 7th they will no longer guarantee availability or the group rate we have established through the hotel. We have negotiated the group rates for July 20th, 21st and 22nd as follows:

Accommodations	Nightly Rate
Single or Double Occupancy in the Lake Tower	\$299.00
Single or Double Occupancy in the Park Tower	\$269.00
Single or Double Occupancy in the North Wing	\$199.00

* all rates are (+) applicable fees

For online reservations, please use the following link to book directly into the contracted room block:

<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=27203&Chain=10237&template=fGEGCD&shell=SumGEGCD&arrive=7/19/2016&depart=7/20/2016&adult=1&child=0&group=GAWDA16> .

You can also call the Coeur d'Alene Resort to make reservations at **800-688-5253**. Make sure you request the Gases and Welding Distributors Association (GAWDA) group rate. This will get you the group rate discount, as well as add you to our group master list.

Schedule

The schedule for the event will be very familiar to anyone who has attended the past few years: Registration / Check-In will be Wednesday July 20th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, with a "Welcome Reception" between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

The day will start early on Thursday July 21st with a 7:00 AM breakfast followed by an 8:00 AM business meeting and presentations by our featured speakers. We will wrap up the business meeting by 11:30. The water taxis will begin transporting golfers starting at noon. It is twenty minutes round trip, and there is a finite time frame for getting everyone transported. Your punctuality will be appreciated. A box lunch will be provided at the golf course. If you are bringing your own clubs, please leave them with the hotel bell desk the day before or the morning of. The resort will have them transported for you. If you will be needing rental clubs, please contact the golf course at 208-667-4653. Those registered for the afternoon cruise on the Mish-an-Nock will need to meet at 1:30 on the Boardwalk Marina Dock located on the east side of the Coeur d'Alene Resort. We will conclude the day with a catered group dinner at the Hagadone Event Center. We will be transported via the Mish-an-Nock, and boarding will begin at 6:00 on the Boardwalk Marina Dock.

A tentative Schedule of Events is included with this letter – Subject to change as we get closer to the event.



Schedule (continued)

On Friday July 22nd we will start with breakfast again before moving into our meeting to discuss any open topics, choose our 2019 meeting location, and finish up with golf awards and door prizes. It's our plan to have the meeting wrapped and everyone on their way by 11:00 AM.

Featured Events

We invite you to take in a round of golf at the world renowned Coeur d'Alene Golf Resort, the home of the floating green. Similar to years past, this will be a best ball scramble tournament with cash prizes going to the winning teams. Transportation via water taxi and lunch will be provided as well. Join us for a great afternoon of golf as you enjoy beautiful views of Lake Coeur d'Alene. This is an event you won't want to miss!



If golf isn't something you're interested in, and I know there are a few of you, you will have the opportunity to get out on the water, and see why Lake Coeur d'Alene is the areas number one destination for summer! We will board the Mish-an-Nock from the Boardwalk at the resort, and begin our private tour of Lake Coeur d'Alene. On board you'll be able to enjoy light appetizers, local beers and wine, and take in the scenery from either of the spacious decks.

Sponsorship

This valuable meeting would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors. For those interested in sponsorship, please use the same registration form (included). We're looking for vendors to help us with the welcome reception, various golf sponsorship opportunities (hole, range, and cart sponsors), and we'd also be interested in identifying a vendor or vendors willing to sponsor the beverage service on the boat cruise.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to put this GAWDA event together. We look forward to seeing everyone in Coeur d'Alene this summer!

Ken Wilson - 2016 Regional Chair

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