

**Hobart Institute Names Two to Key Posts**



Janet Piechocki



Bob Fisher

Hobart Institute of Welding Technology, Troy, Ohio, has named **Janet Piechocki** admissions representative, and **Bob Fisher** campus security officer. Piechocki, a former student at the Institute, will present guided tours of the facilities and speak to students in Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, and Pennsylvania about careers in weld-

ing. Fisher was with Hobart Brothers Co. for 23 years in various positions before joining the Institute in 2002. Most recently he served as a staff instructor and admissions representative at the Institute.

**Kotecki Retires from Lincoln Electric**



Damian Kotecki

**Damian J. Kotecki** retired August 31 from The Lincoln Electric Co., Cleveland, Ohio. He served the company for 18 years, most recently as technical director for stainless and high-alloy product development. Dr. Kotecki, a past president of the American Welding Society, intends to remain active with AWS, IIW, ISO, and other volunteer organiza-

tions, and to continue writing his Stainless Q&A column for the *Welding Journal*. Currently, he is establishing his own business, Damian Kotecki Welding Consultants, Inc., [damiankotecki@msn.com](mailto:damiankotecki@msn.com); (440) 255-2065.

**Bax Retires from Cee Kay**

**Hil Bax** has retired after 47 years with Cee Kay Supply, Inc., St. Louis, Mo., a welding supplies and gases distributor. Bax served as AWS District 14 director 1998-2003, and served the St. Louis Section as chairman (1987-1989), vice chair, program chair, certification chair, and technical representative. During his career he held a variety of positions, including fill plant operator, truck driver, sales representative, director of contractor/technical sales, and most recently St. Louis sales manager. In his honor, the company has renamed its tech center the Hil Bax Tech Center.

**Thermadyne Appoints VP and Marketing Manager**



Terry Moody

Thermadyne Industries, Inc., St. Louis, Mo., has appointed **Terry A. Moody** executive vice president of global operations, and named **Tom Wermert** marketing manager for Americas Arc Welding. Previously, Moody served Videocon Industries as

COO and senior vice president for sales in Europe and the Americas. Wermert previously served the company in various positions, including global product manager for filler metals and director for international marketing.

**TurboTorch Names Marketing Manager**




Paul Mueller


TurboTorch, St. Louis, Mo., has named **Paul Mueller** marketing/product/sourcing manager. Most recently, Mueller was product manager for Star Manufacturing, a cooking equipment manufacturer.

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## Thermal Dynamics Fills Key Post

Thermal Dynamics, St. Louis, Mo., has hired **Kent Swart** as market manager, Americas — plasma. Previously, Swart worked 12 years for Diagraph, an ITW company, where he most recently served as product manager for automated labeling.

## President Named for New Welding Subsidiary

Air Industries Group, Inc., Bay Shore, N.Y., a holding company, has appointed **Gary Settoducato** president of its new Welding Metallurgy, Inc., subsidiary. Previously, Settoducato was senior executive of Air Industries Machining Corp., the company's primary operating subsidiary.

## Obituaries

### Joel J. Moreau



*Joel J. Moreau*

**Joel J. Moreau**, 65, a resident of Thibodaux, La., died Sept. 18. He was the president and CEO of Global X-Ray and Testing Corp., with corporate offices in Morgan City, La. He was an AWS member since 1978.

Mr. Moreau is survived by his wife, Sue, two sons, three daughters, one brother, and ten grandchildren.

### Robert B. Collins III



*Robert B. Collins III*

**Robert "Robbie" B. Collins III**, 56, of Mooresville, N.C., died April 27 in Statesville, N.C. For the last 22 years, he was president of Kincol Industries, Inc., Charlotte, N.C. He was an AWS member for 25 years, a member of the Gases and Welding Distributors Association (GAWDA), and served with the North Carolina National Guard.

Mr. Collins started his 40-year career in welding at age 16 working for building contractors of Piedmont Welding Supply.

His longtime love was midyear Corvettes. He attended many Corvette shows across the country and was a mem-

## Doris Ann Buss Moore



*Doris Ann Buss Moore*

**Doris Ann Buss Moore**, 45, died October 1 following a courageous bout with cancer. Born in Miami, Fla., she joined the American Welding Society staff in January 1981. During her 26-year career as an office manager and receptionist at the Society's headquarters in Miami, she served as an inspiration to everyone who knew her. Over the years her sunny voice and bright smile greeted thousands of callers and visitors to the Society.

Ms. Moore was nominated by her peers for the prestigious Michael A. Rowland Exemplary Employee of the Year Award. Then AWS President Damian J. Kotecki and AWS Executive Director Ray Shook presented the award to her with the citation, "Doris has the best attitude of any employee. She is always willing to lend a hand and never complains. She does her job with a positive professional attitude and works with great attention to detail. She makes people feel welcome and at ease and never brings a negative attitude to her job, and has been a true inspiration to us all. No one de-

serves this Award more than Doris Moore."

A passionate NASCAR fan and expert, Ms. Moore will be remembered by many South Florida radio listeners as the First Lady of NASCAR, "Dangerous Doris." She loved spending time with her daughter, family gatherings, going to church, dancing to country music, and playing UNO® with her coworkers at lunch time.

She is survived by her daughter, Tabetha Ann; fiancé, Tom Wienecke; mother, Gaye Goodall; sister, Gini Buss; brother, Eddie Goodall Jr.; and father, Doug Buss.

The family requests donations be made to the Tabetha Ann Moore Trust.

ber of the National Corvette Restorers Society, Southeast Chapter.

Mr. Collins is survived by his mother Sammie, brother Mickey, and niece and nephew Katie and Austin Collins.

### Richard McGuire



*Richard McGuire*

at 17. He was discharged in 1970 as a first class petty officer.

Inspired by his father's welding career, he attended California Polytechnic State University where he earned a degree cum laude in welding technology. He worked with the American Society for Nondestructive Testing before joining the NBBPVI in 1987 as manager of training. He is credited with coordinating and expanding the training curriculum at the

training center.

Mr. McGuire is survived by his wife, Pam, two children, and two grandsons.

### Walter Andrew Zurcher



*Walter A. Zurcher*

Oregon and Washington state area with Mayes Testing Engineers, Lynnwood, Wash.

Mr. Zurcher was born in Sacramento, Calif., and lived in Elk Grove, Calif. He worked in a variety of jobs in his youth, including working with a carnival. He was a journeyman carpenter before becoming a construction inspector, the trade that brought him and his family to the Portland, Ore., area in 1998.

Mr. Zurcher is survived by his wife, Ruth, a sister, and a brother.