

## Bill Stevens

RETIREES AS CHAIRMAN OF MOTION INDUSTRIES

After 37 years at Motion Industries, Chairman **Bill Stevens** announced his retirement.

“Bill was the CEO at Motion Industries for 18 years, and Motion has grown to become one of the leading industrial distribution companies in North America, largely attributable to his leadership,” said Tom Gallagher, chairman and CEO of Motion’s parent, Genuine Parts Company. “We wish him the very best in his retirement.”



Tim Breen, named president and chief operating officer in 2013, then president and chief executive officer in 2014, will succeed Stevens to lead the company. The two have worked closely together during the last few years to ensure a smooth transition.

“Tim brings significant experience and skills to lead Motion Industries,” Stevens said. “It will be exciting to see the future, as Tim and his management team continue the wonderful tradition of our company.”

Stevens began his career with Motion Industries in 1978 as director of human resources. After several promotions to various other roles, he was named president and COO before becoming president and CEO in 1997. With Stevens at the helm, Motion Industries’ sales grew from \$1.85 billion (1997) to \$4.8 billion in 2014.

A portion of this growth, in both sales and footprint, can be attributed to the 38 acquisitions completed during Stevens’ tenure as president and CEO. Growth in product offerings, program introductions and system advancements since 1997 has also contributed to Motion’s expansion under Stevens’ leadership.

Stevens received a number of personal awards, including 1997 and 2006 Genuine Parts Company Manager of the Year, and the 2014 Bearing Specialists Association (BSA) Lifetime Achievement Award. He has been a BSA member since 1989 and has served in many capacities. Stevens has also been an active member of the Power Transmission Distributors Association (PTDA) for many years, as well as serving on numerous boards of both for-profit and nonprofit organizations in the Birmingham area.

## CRP Industries

MARKS 60-YEAR MILESTONE

CRP Industries Inc., a company in the automotive parts and industrial products sectors, recently marked its 60th anniversary.

CRP was founded in 1954 as Conti Rubber Products, and was, in essence, Continental Tire’s initial outpost in the US. In 1977, CRP became the NAFTA market general agent for Continental AG’s ContiTech division, and as it broadened its supplier base, the company changed its name to CRP Industries Inc.

Today, CRP Industries has two divisions, CRP Automotive and CRP Industrial, and provides products from some of the most recognized brand names in the NAFTA market. CRP Automotive features ContiTech Automotive Belts, Rein Automotive Parts, Pentosin Technical Fluids, AJUSA Gaskets and Head Bolts. CRP Industrial provides, Reinflex High-Pressure Thermoplastic Hoses, TUDERTECHNICA Rigid Mandrel Hoses, and Perske High-Speed Motors.



Since its inception, CRP has demonstrated steady growth, expanding its operations from a small organization carrying approximately 200 products to a multi-faceted supplier handling well over 14,000 parts and systematically distributing them from four strategic locations in the NAFTA region. CRP now employs over 120 people and operates facilities in New Jersey, California, Canada, and Mexico.

“We have been very fortunate to have great customers, supplier partners, and employees over the years,” said Daniel Schildge, president of CRP. “We have shown a supporting vision that could evolve over time and a commitment to our core values of quality, service, and trust. It is these ideals and partnership opportunities that have allowed CRP to thrive for this long.”

# Bosch Rexroth

ACCEPTING REGISTRATION FOR HYDRAULICS TRAINING PROGRAM

Bosch Rexroth is now accepting registration for all courses in its training program designed for industrial hydraulics and mobile hydraulics systems engineers.



Training is available on-site for specific hydraulic installations, and customized training programs are available with test stands delivered to the participant's location. Scheduled courses are held at select Bosch Rexroth facilities in the U.S. and Canada, and online self-directed eLearning courses are also available.

Courses are held at Bosch Rexroth facilities in Bethlehem, PA, Houston, TX, and Greenville, SC, as well as at various locations in Canada.

# Minnesota Rubber and Plastics

POSITIONS FOR GROWTH

As part of a global corporate strategy to better position for continued growth, Minnesota Rubber and Plastics recently realigned several of its manufacturing operations.

Through a combination of facility upgrades, expansions and consolidations, Minnesota Rubber and Plastics has improved overall efficiencies across the manufacturing group. Recent actions include the expansion of manufacturing in Reynosa, Mexico and Mason City, IW, the relocation of processes from the Wattertown, SD and Irvine, CA facilities and the subsequent closing of those locations. In addition to more efficient operations, these expansions strengthen Minnesota Rubber and Plastics capabilities within its key customers industries of water, medical and pharma, power and transportation.

"These moves reflect the company's commitment to growth, and to better meet our customers' needs," said Lih Fang Chew, Minnesota Rubber and Plastics global vice president of marketing. "We expect to see the benefits of these actions throughout 2015 and beyond."



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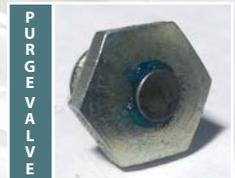
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# PTDA Foundation

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR 2015 WENDY B. MCDONALD AWARD

To honor the memory of **Wendy B. McDonald**, one of the power transmission/motion control industry's pioneers, the PTDA Foundation established the Wendy B. McDonald Award in 2014. The award acknowledges a woman who has established herself as a critical contributor to her company's success and has affected positive change within the power transmission/motion control industry.



As a female business owner, McDonald left many legacies through her long career in the industry. The inaugural recipient of the Wendy B. McDonald Award in 2014 was Pat Wheeler of Motion Industries (Canada).

When merited, the Wendy B. McDonald Award will be presented annually during the PTDA Industry Summit. Nominations are now being accepted through May 31, 2015, and will be judged by the following criteria:

Nominees must be female and employed by a PTDA member company within the calendar year for which the nomina-

tion is being made. There are no criteria with respect to title, position in company or years of experience.

Nominees must exemplify leadership and integrity in all business relationships.

Although all nominees are considered, those employed by Canadian companies or distributors receive extra consideration.

## Lenze Americas

NAMES ROBERT GRADISCHNIG DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

Lenze Americas recently announced the appointment of **Robert Gradischinig** to the position of director, technical services. As the newest member of the Lenze Americas business leadership team, Gradischinig is chiefly responsible for Lenze technical services and end-to-end support of mechanical and system engineering customers in North America.



"Robert's outstanding sales achievements, coupled with his engineering background, give him a unique perspective and approach to technical support through all phases of the machine building process," said Chuck Edwards, president,

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Lenze Americas. “His ability to rethink existing systems translates into the implementation of better solutions to balance efficiency and productivity—and deliver maximum benefit to OEM customers and plant operators.”

Gradischnig completed technical engineering studies at HTBLA Elektrotechnik and additional business economics studies at the University Mittweida, Germany. After joining the Lenze Austria team in 1993 as an application engineer, he earned a key account manager position there, before transferring in 2011 to a business development role driving marketing strategy and sales of electromechanical products at Lenze in the Americas.

## Timken

AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS VALUED AT \$540,000

The Timken Company recently awarded scholarships to 17 sons and daughters of Timken associates in 11 locations around the world. The Timken Company Charitable and Educational Fund, Inc. funds the scholarships, with a total value of up to \$540,000 over four years. The program has awarded more than \$21 million in scholarships since its founding in 1958.

Chairman John M. Timken, Jr. hosted a recognition event at World Headquarters in North Canton, OH involving students and their parents. Local scholarship finalists attended the event in person, while other finalists and their parents joined by a global webcast.

“As we continue our company’s long-standing tradition of promoting education and know-how for our associates and their families, it’s an honor to invest in such outstanding students and support them in pursuing their dreams,” Timken said. “The 2015 Timken Global Scholars join an elite group, and today we recognize our newest scholars for their impressive academic achievements, extracurricular activities and community commitment.”

The \$35,000 Henry Timken Scholar Award, which recognizes the top-ranked applicant, is renewable for up to three additional years for a total of \$140,000. This year’s Henry Timken Scholar was Bogdan Konnerth, the son of Octavian Konnerth, Timken service engineering manager based in Ploiesti, Romania. Bogdan, a graduating senior at Ion Luca Caragiale National College in Ploiesti, plans to study aerospace engineering at the University of Liverpool.

The \$25,000 Jack Timken Scholar Award was presented to Mianna Schut, the daughter of Jeffrey Schut, principal inventory planner at World Headquarters. This new award, recognizing the dedicated service of Ward J. Timken, who retired last year from The Timken Company’s Board of Directors, is renewable for up to three additional years for a total of \$100,000. After graduation from GlenOak High School in Canton, Ohio, Mianna plans to study nursing at Walsh University.

Five students received \$10,000 scholarships, renewable for up to three additional years for a total value of \$40,000 each.



## Aleks Roudnev

NAMED HYDRAULIC INSTITUTE’S 2014 ‘MEMBER OF THE YEAR’

The Hydraulic Institute (HI) recently named Aleks Roudnev, manager of research and design—applied hydraulics, at Weir Minerals North America as its 2014 “Member of the Year.” The award was conferred to Roudnev at the Hydraulic Institute’s 2015 annual meeting held recently in St. Petersburg, FL.

The HI Board of Directors selected Roudnev for his commitment to the Hydraulic Institute in both leading and actively participating in numerous HI committees in the advancement of the Institute’s technical work as well as in guiding young engineers within the Institute’s extensive technical organization. As an active member of HI since 1995, his recent contributions include serving as chair of the HI Standards Committee, the Slurry Pumps Committee, and he serves as vice chair of the HI General Guidelines Committee.

“As an active member of HI for nearly twenty years, Aleks has been actively involved in the different committees that support the future development of standards for the pump system industry as well as mentoring young engineers within the Institute,” said Robert Asdal, executive director, Hydraulic Institute, “His ongoing participation and leadership exemplifies the qualities that distinguish an HI Member of the Year.”

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