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Grede - St. Cloud Tour April 12th, 2022

The AFS Twin Cities Chapter travels to St. Cloud to tour Grede Foundry on **Tuesday, April 12th** beginning at **2:30 p.m.** Groups of 5-10 people will tour the foundry based on arrival time. When tours are completed, we will meet at House of Pizza in Sartell for a Social sponsored by Grede, Dinner Buffet, and a presentation by John Haas, Grede St. Cloud Plant Manager, "Grede Foundry Updates and the State of Business."

Tuesday April 12, 2022
\$35.00/person

Grede Foundry Tours

5200 Foundry Circle
St. Cloud MN 56303
2:30 pm Tours begin

House Of Pizza

1733 Pine Cone Rd S, Suite 200
Sartell, MN 56377
4:30 pm Social Hour [Sponsor- Grede Foundry]
5:30 pm Dinner Buffet
6:00 pm Speaker John Haas

About Grede St. Cloud

The Grede St Cloud Foundry was originally a steel foundry that opened in 1991 by M.E. International. Grede Foundries purchased the foundry in 1995 and transformed it into a Ductile iron foundry. The foundry has had three major expansions over the years (1996, 1998 and 2015). The foundry spans over 330,000 square feet in its main building.

The foundry operates both mold lines on a 24 hour per day basis. The plant melts about 700 tons of iron per day and ships nearly 350 tons daily. The highly automated facility is a Tier 1 supplier to GM's Heavy Duty pick-up trucks. The plant produces parts for the Ram, Ford's Super-duty, and other automakers. In addition to these parts, the foundry produces castings for heavy truck, construction, and agricultural customers.

The foundry employees over 350 employees. Grede-St Cloud was recently named as The William J. Grede Plant of the Year for 2021. Grede has 10 facilities operating in the US and employees over 2500 people.

Biographical Information - John Haas, Grede St. Cloud



John Haas returned to Grede as the Plant Manager of the Saint Cloud Foundry in November 2020. Prior to that, he spent over two years as the President of Cadillac Casting in Cadillac, Michigan and a year as the President of Dalton Corporation in Warsaw, Indiana.

John's expertise and extensive foundry knowledge is the product of his more than 45 years of working within the metal casting industry. He started in the field while in college. He obtained a BS in Metallurgical Engineering from the University of Cincinnati. He also received a Master of Business Administration degree from Xavier University. John steadily progressed through a number of positions and gained extensive experience during these growth opportunities. Over the course of his career, John has risen through the following positions at a variety of companies - Plant Metallurgist, Melt Superintendent, Quality Manager, Technical Director, Plant Manager, VP of Operations, Group VP, and President. He also spent four years as an internal consultant and management resource (both domestically and internationally) at a large steel producer.

At Grede, John has built up an exceptional team. John and this group of talented people transformed the Saint Cloud foundry into the premier foundry within the organization. The plant is a leader in safety, quality, productivity, and profitability metrics.

John is currently a member of the American Foundry Society Board of Directors.

Register online at www.afstwincities.org by noon on Monday, April 11th at 12:00 p.m.

The cost to register is \$35.00 per person for the tour and dinner (there is not a payment option to attend the tour only or the dinner only).

How to Support AFS Twin Cities

Be an active AFS member by registering and attending our monthly meetings. In addition, you may contribute monetarily to our chapter. Our sponsors and website/newsletter advertisers continue to be an important part of the chapter's ongoing operations. If possible, please support us, and continue to patronize member companies and thank them for supporting the American Foundry Society and the Twin Cities Chapter.

Serve on the AFS TC Board of Directors

“Have you said ‘yes’ yet?” There are openings for volunteers to serve on the AFS TC Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee for AFS Twin Cities Chapter is posting the 2022-2023 nominees to be voted upon at the annual business meeting on May 10th, 2022. In accordance with the AFS Twin Cities Chapter bylaws, “additional nominations may be made in writing in the form of a petition and signed by at least 15 members in good standing at any time 45 days prior to the annual business meeting.” If there are no additional nominees, the nominations will be duly elected by acclamation at the annual business meeting.

The following are the openings and the tentative slate of officers and directors for the election at the May 10th Business Meeting:

2022-2023 Executive Officers:

Chairman: Steve Coozennoy
 Vice Chair: Josh Jaycox
 Asst. Vice: Neil Kniseley
 Sec/Treas: **OPEN**
 Past Chair: Steve Burch

2023 Directors

Pat Badzinski
 Joe Kranz
 Clint Potter

2024 Directors

Don Scheele
 Brenda Puck
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2025 Directors

Taylor Miller
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*** Ideally, the chapter has 3 directors per term. If you are interested in serving the chapter as a director, please contact Steve Burch at Steve.Burch@grede.com.



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