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# PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



Fellow Cutting Tool Colleagues:

What a great time of year and how lucky we are to be in the Napa Valley in October. All is in perfect form with the weather, the wine and the World of Cutting Tools. Okay, maybe the latter is not perfect, but we can certainly have the intent to make it perfect while we are here at The Meritage Resort.

We have many assorted issues to discuss and we can only expect that the breakfast roundtable will be active with topics like “dealing with the strong dollar” and “what to do about China’s current slowdown.” Think about how it affects your business and we hope you all can share ideas as we address today’s business concerns.

WE READ THE POST-EVENT SURVEYS!!!! This meeting promises to deliver on what our membership feels is today’s hottest topic, not Donald Trump, but “3D Printing”. Make it a point to bring your questions and comments on this business strategy and how you think it may influence your business in manufacturing. In addition, with economic concerns on the top of everyone’s mind, Bill Strauss will deliver an update on our current status and the influences on our financial condition.

Last, but not least, make every effort to enjoy your networking opportunities. This will be our last domestic meeting for one year, so get those contacts together while you can. The next meeting will be our 2016 World Cutting Tool Conference in Hawaii, and while the location is “domestic,” we will have many international colleagues join us for what promises to be an incredible experience.

Since this will be my last meeting as your president, I wanted to say, “Thank you.” Thank you for the honor of serving as your lead these past two years (It seems like Dave was just lighting fireworks — that was two years ago?). My intent during this time was to help make USCTI a little better off than when we started. I hope you feel your Institute has accomplished that. We have a great supporting USCTI staff in Cleveland, THEY are the backbone that supports our group, please thank them!

May the wind always be at your back...

Yours in pinot grigio,  
Tom Haag

# PROGRAMS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S WELCOME



Hello everyone and welcome to Napa Valley. Once again, we have a little bit of everything wrapped up into a three-day meeting. We will start off on Saturday with some golf in the afternoon while our spouses enjoy some wine and food tasting. Our speakers will cover a broad array of relevant topics and we will have some presentations from a couple of our sponsors. As with any credible event taking place in Napa, we will have dinner at the Artesa Vineyards & Winery on Sunday evening. We'll wrap it up on Monday with golf or an optional boutique winery tour in the afternoon followed by a farewell reception in the Meritage Wine Cave.

Please stop by the sponsor tables during our breaks. Our speakers, receptions and dinners would not be at the level that we have come to expect without their continued support.

Finally, I have been asked by our legal counsel to inform all of you that the Programs Committee cannot take responsibility for any hangovers that may occur due to adult beverage consumption. Further, the Programs Committee members have been given a special price fixing exemption for all after-market ibuprofen sales at this event. Therefore, be forewarned that those prices will be set at obscenely high levels. Hopefully you planned accordingly!

Cheers!

Mike Stokey  
Programs Committee Chair



# 2015 FALL MEETING SCHEDULE

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## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	<b>Gold Sponsor Dinner</b> (By invitation)	1313 Main
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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	<b>Programs Committee Meeting</b>	Salon IX
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9:45 AM – 11:30 AM	<b>Board of Directors' Meeting</b>	Salon IX
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12:30 PM – 4:30 PM	<b>Saturday Golfing at Eagle Vines</b>	Eagle Vines
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*Join other golfers at Eagle Vines for a relaxing game. Lunch is NOT included.*

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	<b>Ladies' Event: The Science of Wine and Food Pairing:</b> Vineyard Terrace
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**Join other spouses as an expert reveals the secrets behind pairing wines with food.**  
*You will be given several varietals to taste as well as plenty of light fare to pair your selections.*

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	<b>Welcome Reception</b>	Vineyard Terrace
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*Join USCTI members for music, heavy hors d'oeuvres and networking.*

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2015

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	<b>Institute Breakfast</b> (Spouses welcome)	Salon Foyer
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8:30 AM – 9:45 AM	<b>Keynote Presentation: John O'Leary</b>	Salon B-J
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9:45 AM – 10:15 AM	<b>Coffee Break and Sponsor Tabletops</b>	Salon Foyer
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10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>Gold Sponsor Presentation: Haimer</b>	Salon B-J
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10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<b>Speaker: Bill Strauss</b>	Salon B-J
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6:00 PM – 10:00 PM	<b>Reception &amp; Dinner</b>	Artesa Vineyards & Winery
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*Cocktails and dinner at the beautiful Artesa Vineyards & Winery.  
Pick up will be at the Meritage entrance at 6:00 pm.*

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# MEETING SCHEDULE CONTINUED

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015**

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	<b>Roundtable and Breakfast</b> <i>An opportunity for attendees to discuss current trends, issues and solutions among their peers.</i>	Salon K
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	<b>Breakfast</b> (spouses and those not attending roundtable)	Salon Foyer
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	<b>Speaker: Mary Owens</b>	Salon B-J
9:30 AM – 9:45 AM	<b>Coffee Break and Sponsor Tabletops</b>	Salon Foyer
9:45 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>Speaker: Dave Burns</b>	Salon B-J
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	<b>USCTI Institute Meeting</b>	Salon B-J
12:30 PM – 4:30 PM	<b>Golfing at Eagle Vines</b> <i>Join golfers for a relaxing game at Eagle Vines. Lunch is included.</i>	Eagle Vines
12:30 PM – 4:45 PM	<b>Napa Valley Boutique Wine Tour</b> <i>Take a private tour of 3 of Napa's finest wineries, including lunch, tastings and private transport. SPACE IS LIMITED. Please meet in the lobby at 12:15 pm.</i>	Various
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	<b>Farewell Reception</b> <i>Join us in the Meritage wine cave to bid farewell to all your friends and colleagues. Light fare will be served.</i>	The Wine Cave

# SPEAKERS



## **Keynote: John O'Leary** **Rising Above**

In 1987, John O'Leary was a curious nine-year old boy. Playing with fire and gasoline, John created a massive explosion in his home and was burned on 98% of his body. He was given one percent chance to live. This epic story of survival was first showcased in his parents' book, *Overwhelming Odds*, in 2006. Originally printing 200 copies for friends and family, his parents have sold over 60,000 copies, mostly in back-of-the-room sales at John's speaking engagements. It was this book which invited John to embrace his miraculous recovery and share it with the world. John now shares his message with an average of 50,000 people at 120+ events each year to organizations in healthcare, sales, marketing, financial services, education, spirituality and safety.



## **William Strauss** **Economic Outlook for 2015 and 2016**

William A. Strauss is a Senior Economist and Economic Advisor in the Economic Research Department at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, which he joined in 1982. His chief responsibilities include analyzing the current performance of both the Midwest economy and the manufacturing sector for use in monetary policy. He produces the monthly Chicago Fed Midwest Manufacturing Index and organizes the Bank's Economic Outlook Symposium and Automotive Outlook Symposium.

We are in the seventh year of the economic expansion following the "Great Recession" of 2008 and 2009. During the economic downturn the economy experienced outsized losses in the housing, manufacturing and jobs. Yet, what would typically be a robust recovery has not occurred. Labor markets while significantly improved are still not at a normal level and wage growth remains low. Credit conditions continue to ease from what existed during the recession, but remain restrained for many borrowers and continues acting as a headwind to growth. The collapse in energy prices will boost growth in the US economy this year, however the surging value of the dollar will lower growth as we see net exports deteriorate. Inflation has been low and below the Federal Reserve's target for several years. Mr. Strauss will look at the performance of the overall macro economy with specific attention paid to key economic sectors and indicators for the U.S. economy over the next couple of years.

# SPEAKERS CONTINUED



**Mary Owens**

## **The International War over Dominance in Oil and Marketshare**

For decades OPEC has controlled global prices and supply. The cartel has survived by Saudi Arabia being willing to play the role of the slack producer. But this picture is rapidly changing as world wide oil production is growing, creating both opportunities and challenges ahead for US manufacturers.

Mary has more than 30 years of experience in the financial services industry. She currently is the principal in a US wealth management firm of Owens Estate and Wealth Strategies Group. Her clients include both institutional investors as well as individuals. She holds Bachelor of Science Degrees cum laude in Economics and Business Administration from St. Mary's College, Moraga, CA and a Master of Science Degree in Taxation from Golden Gate University, San Francisco, CA. Mary is a Certified Public Accountant. She also holds her California Community College lifetime teaching credential, which reflects her passion for client education.

Mary has started two companies which trade publicly today. She started an international special risk insurance company where she held the prestigious position as Chief Operations and Financial Officer. She was also instrumental in the formation and development of a software firm as its Chief Financial Officer.



**David Burns**

## **3D Printing – Snake Oil or Salvation**

David Burns is currently serving as an Advisor to AMT. From 2005-2014 David served as President and Chief Operating Officer of ExOne. Mr. Burns received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from St. John Fisher College and his M.B.A. from The Simon School at the University of Rochester. He serves as Trustee for the Rochester Institute of Technology, the Strong National Museum of Play, and the Executive Advisory Council for The Simon School. He is a former board member and chairman of The Association for Manufacturing Technology. Dave will discuss the current reality of 3D printing in industrial production in 2015 as well as forecast its possible future.



# 2015 FALL MEETING ATTENDEES

<b>Company</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Spouse/Guest</b>
<b>Allied Machine &amp; Engineering Corp.</b>	<b>Steve Stokey Mike Stokey</b>	<b>Gretchen Stokey Sue Stokey</b>
<b>Alvord-Polk Tool Co.</b>	<b>Steven Boyer Ronald Boyer</b>	<b>Trish Boyer</b>
<b>ARCH Global Precision</b>	<b>Eli Crotzer Jeff Cederstrom</b>	
<b>ATA Tools, Inc.</b>	<b>Edward Boggs</b>	
<b>BakerHostetler LLP (legal counsel)</b>	<b>Joe Boeckman</b>	<b>Jane Boeckman</b>
<b>Bloomfield Enterprises, Inc.</b>	<b>Gary Vanderpol</b>	<b>Susan Vanderpol</b>
<b>Cemecon, Inc.</b>	<b>Gary Lake</b>	<b>Martha Lake</b>
<b>Craig Tools, Inc.</b>	<b>Bill Cleveland Don Tripler</b>	<b>Karen Cleveland Yuni Tripler</b>
<b>Everede Tool Company</b>	<b>Bret Tayne</b>	<b>Roslyn Tayne</b>
<b>Fraisa, USA Inc.</b>	<b>Thomas Naegelin Mathieu Tapp</b>	
<b>Greenfield Industries, Inc.</b>	<b>Jeff Major Ty Taylor</b>	<b>Beth Major Fern Taylor</b>
<b>Hardcoating Technologies Ltd.</b>	<b>James Haag</b>	<b>Debbie Haag</b>
<b>Melin Tool Company</b>	<b>Michael Wochna</b>	
<b>North American Tool Corp.</b>	<b>Bernie Bowersock Curt Lansbery Phil Samuels</b>	<b>Jody Bowersock Barb Lansbery Barbara Samuels</b>
<b>OSG USA, Inc.</b>	<b>Michael Grantham Jeff Tennant David Kwon*</b>	<b>Alicia Tennant</b>
<b>Promax Tools</b>	<b>Nancy Owens Nick Wendt*</b>	<b>Jim Owens Beth Wendt*</b>
<b>SGS Tool Company</b>	<b>Thomas Haag</b>	
<b>Specialty Tools Inc.</b>	<b>Jerald Plummer Tammy Punzel</b>	<b>Cindy Plummer John Punzel</b>
<b>Star Cutter Company</b>	<b>Aaron Remsing Chris Schulte</b>	<b>Jessica Schell Marilyn Schulte</b>
<b>Superion, Inc.</b>	<b>Al Choiniere</b>	<b>Annette Choiniere</b>
<b>Swiss-Tek Coatings, Inc.</b>	<b>Peter Bartos</b>	
<b>Tool Alliance</b>	<b>David Povich</b>	
<b>U.S. Tool Group, Inc.</b>	<b>Bruce Williams</b>	<b>Bonnie Williams</b>
<b>Vargus USA</b>	<b>Scott Golden Van Simpson Michael Trimble</b>	<b>Mary Ellison Patricia Simpson Kathy Trimble</b>

\*first-time attendees

# 2015 FALL MEETING ATTENDEES CONTINUED

Company	Representative	Spouse/Guest
Voisard Tool Company	Doug Voisard	Tess Voisard
West Ohio Tool	Scott Ries	Rhonda Ries
Wetmore Tool & Engineering Co.	Phil Kurtz	Robin Kurtz
Whitney Tool Company Inc.	Bob O'Callaghan Scott Baker	

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## Speakers

Keynote	John O'Leary	
Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago	Bill Strauss	Roseann Turow
Owens Estate and Wealth Strategies Group	Mary Owens Kim Bacon, Assistant to Mary Owens	
ExOne	David Burns	

## NOTES

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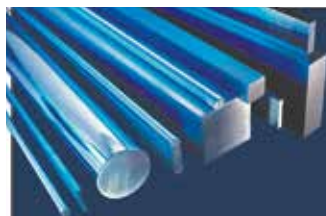


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# THINGS TO DO

We hope you enjoy your visit to Napa Valley! While you're here, may we suggest the following activities:

1. Pick up a map of the Napa Valley Region from the resort to start exploring the wineries in the region.
2. Visit the Hess Collection where you can not only sample wines, but also see one of the most interesting art galleries in the region.
3. Contact "Balloons Above the Valley" or "Napa Valley Balloons, Inc" to schedule a hot air balloon ride over the vineyards of Napa.
4. Visit the Oxbow Public Market, a bevy of interesting places to eat under one roof in downtown Napa.
5. Take a break from the wineries and hit the trails at Skyline Wilderness Park or Westwood Hills Park, only ten minutes away from the Meritage!
6. Drive to Yountville, approximately 15-20 minutes from the Meritage, to explore the quaint downtown, and perhaps get a glimpse of the infamous Thomas Keller whose flagship restaurant French Laundry is located in the center of town.
7. Visit one of Napa Valley's many famous spas near Calistoga for a mineral or mud bath.
8. Wine not your thing? Visit the Napa Valley Distillery to taste small batch brandy, gin and vodka.
9. No need to go far for some nighttime fun...visit the Crush Ultra Lounge at the Meritage which has a full-service bowling alley right at your fingertips!
10. The Meritage also features a shuttle bus that runs to downtown Napa where you can explore, eat and sample wines. Ask the concierge for times and details.



# UPCOMING MEETINGS

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## **2016 World Cutting Tool Conference**

April 9-12, 2016

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