

Free Meetings!!!

The board approved for year 2012 all meetings will be free to all members that attend. In addition we have successfully moved our Dinner meetings to Brann's at US131 and Leonard St., in Grand Rapids. See meeting schedule below.

Theme for 2012 meetings "Die Design / Thermal"

2011 October in Lansing!

- Our goal is to have a political orientated meeting in October. Please stay tuned to emails for the official meeting notice.

Event Schedule for 2012, **Mark your calendars!**

- January 19th (Dinner Meeting)
 - Thermal Design and Simulation
- January NADCA Class
- February 16th (Dinner Meeting)
 - State of Industry Research
- March 15th (Dinner Meeting)
 - Thermal Imaging
- May NADCA Class
- August 17th Golf Outing
- Oct. 4th- 10th (Table Top, Columbus, Ohio)

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Brann's a Success!

After many years holding meetings at the Hilton, we looked for a new venue. Brann's was a perfect choice. The menu is open, food is great and the service responsive. We hope to see all of you there in 2012.

Scholarship Update



We had a great response to this year's campaign and we will be offering more scholarships in late 2011. Application is on line at www.diecasting.org/chapter/03/ deadline is November 10, 2011 or, contact Matt Brown.

2011 Meeting Recap You should have been there!

We held 3 Dinner meetings at Brann's in Grand Rapids and we are happy to report that these meetings were some of the best attended in the Chapters recent history. In addition to a great meal we had over 25 members present at each meeting. The theme for 2011 was "Productivity / Profitability via Technology", keeping with this theme the presentation were:

- **Spray Equipment Technology**, presented by; John Goode from Wollin USA, Dave Celek from Rimrock and Troy Turnbull from Industrial Innovations.
- **NADCA Corporate Update**, by Dan Meyer.
- **Industry Best Practices**, where our members had a chance to tell share their experiences, speakers were; Dean Hodges from Great Lakes, Matt Brown from Port City Group and Patrick Green from Cascade Die Casting Group.

Directory Update

The 2011 Chapter 3 Directories are published and distributed. If you didn't get a copy they are available at the Golf Outing this year.

Education Available



Reduced Tuition classes are continuing to be held, we had with a great response to our Problem Solving and SMED classes this year. Stay tuned to your emails or see Matt Brown for more information.