



# Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

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## Board of Directors

- Tim Heavrin, President
- Sharon Russelburg, VP
- Lois Kennedy, Treasurer
- Steve Canepari
- Renee McBryer
- Tim Meserve
- Patti Allen, Executive Director

## A Message from the President

As I look out my window while writing this letter, the sun is shining and the grass has begun to turn green. What a great time to be a citizen of Hancock County! This is the time of year we should think about all the good things that Spring is about to bring us.

Most of our businesses have felt the impact of the unusually cold winter we just experienced. For some it means very high utility bills, and for others it means a significant loss of business because people are not able to get out and spend.

I know that some of our larger industries suffered with transportation issues due to the severe weather. While others had more than normal difficulties receiving the raw materials needed to make their products.

Regardless of which category your business might fall into, we can all take comfort in knowing that Spring is here to offer us new opportunities to grow and expand our businesses. Your Chamber is committed to doing what

we can to help your business succeed and grow.

Be sure to check out this month's Spotlight Business: Precision Roll Grinders in Lewisport.

~ Yours in service, *Tim*



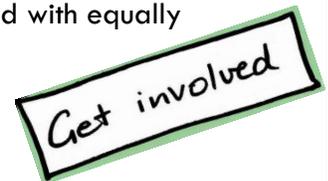
## April Breakfast Meeting

The monthly breakfast will be held **Tuesday, April 8, at 7:30AM** Central Time at **Kenergy Corporation, 315 Hawes Boulevard, Hawesville.**

## Chamber Seeking Board Nominations

Serving on the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is an exceptional and effective way to network with business professionals while helping your business and our community. Two of our Board members will be rotating off our Board this summer and these seats need to be filled with equally enthusiastic and effective Board members.

Nominees must be in good standing as Chamber members, having paid their dues and actively participated in Chamber activities or committees. All Board members are expected to support the Chamber's mission and goals by helping to recruit new members, supporting, and actively engaging in Chamber events. If you are interested in being considered for a Board seat, please send a letter of interest including a brief bio by May 1st to our Executive Director, Patti Allen, or one of the current Board Members.



## Spotlight Business



March's Spotlight is on **Precision Roll Grinders, Inc., (PRG)** located at 200 Industrial Park Road, Lewisport. The Lewisport PRG facility opened in June, 1998 and is one of four state-of-the-art facilities in the Precision Roll Grinders family. With its headquarters and facility in Allentown, Pennsylvania, PRG also operates facilities in Carrollton, Georgia and Texarkana, AR.

PRG was founded in the summer of 1970 by George Maniatty with the philosophy of using the very best equipment to ensure high quality and one-step service. Precision Roll Grinders services industrial roll users with the highest degree of workmanship, on-time delivery and personalized custom service. PRG has been the North American industry quality choice for world-class, high accuracy grinding of cylindrical rolls and shafts of virtually all weights, sizes and compositions for more than 40 years.

Precision's facilities are focused exclusively on re-grinding and repairing industrial rolls and their related components. They feature the very finest machining technology available anywhere in the world. Precision instituted and maintains an in-house training apprentice program to ensure that grinding operation technicians provide consistent quality while shipping ground rolls throughout the US, Canada, Mexico, South America, Asia & Europe.

The Lewisport facility was built to bolster service to the Midwest and provides full-service grinding and repair for all types of rolling machine components up to 200,000 pounds. The 26,000 square foot facility provides related services that include dynamic balanc-

ing and leak testing, polishing to surface finishes as fine as  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  micro inch Ra, tungsten carbide coating and complete roll rebuilding for suction rolls and all types of crown compensating rolls.



With Precision's capabilities, an 80-ton roll composed of metal, granite or rubber can be ground to tolerances as fine as 40 millionths of inch, which is 75 times finer than the width of the average human hair. "Floating" concrete foundations form the base for every grinder. Vibration isolators, independent grinder and plant foundations ensure each PRG grinder is positioned on its own vibration-absorbing foundation. Temperatures are carefully controlled at all times to eliminate roll contraction or expansion during the re-grinding process.

Precision Roll Grinders service industries such as producers of wind energy and the manufacturers of paper, aluminum, rigid and plastic film, textiles, metal, rubber, nonwovens, flooring, food processing, chocolate and ink.

Precision Roll Grinders also services rolling components such as calendar rolls, dryers, drums, shafts, rotors, reel spools, felt rolls as well as all cylindrical parts and can achieve shapes to tolerances of  $\pm$  20 millionth of an inch into straight cylinders, crowns, tapers and special profiles. Precision is also involved with related services such as mirror polishing, blast matting, chrome and brush plating, hot grinding as well as metal and ceramic spraying.

## 2014 Chamber Scholarships

During 2014, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce will offer three, \$500 scholarships to students who are affiliated with our Chamber members in good standing. Each Chamber member may nominate high school students who are a current employee, or the child of a current employee, of the Chamber member.

When the application period is open, Chamber members just need to notify their workforce that the scholarship forms are available. The applicant must then procure, complete, and return the scholarship form to the Chamber office for consideration.

Details will be issued soon, which will include the application timeframe and deadline for submission.

This is another way we are working to support and recognize our membership, as well as the hard working students of our community.

