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## SEFA to Celebrate 50th Anniversary in 2025

Mark Your Calendars Now for the 2025 SEFA Spring Conference Celebrating 50 Years! April 29th - May 1st, 2025 at the Saddlebrook Resort in Tampa, FL.

Come enjoy the event at this great resort with opportunities for networking, informative sessions, entertainment, social events, 50th celebration and awards, golf & maybe even some pickleball. If you can help us locate SEFA past presidents no longer in the industry, please contact Nancy Rich [sefa@theseffa.com](mailto:sefa@theseffa.com). This will be a great event bringing the industry and SEFA members past and present together!



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*International Fasteners*

### President's Note

This year marks another great year for SEFA, and we look forward to a monumental year ahead. We are thrilled to be Celebrating our 50th Anniversary at Saddlebrook Resort in Tampa Florida from April 29th to May 1st. We look forward to coming together to celebrate our rich history and build upon this great foundation for many more years ahead.

This coming year we will be holding an election of board members for open seats that are available. For those interested in becoming more involved in our organization please reach out to us at [sefa@theseffa.com](mailto:sefa@theseffa.com)

The SEFA board would like to invite all members and those interested in joining SEFA to our holiday Social on Thursday December 12th at the Sail Pavilion in Downtown Tampa. We have a boat reserved for those who would like to cruise on the bay and enjoy views of Downtown Tampa, beverages, food, and some holiday cheer.

*-Tony & The SEFA Board*

## SEFA Holiday Social “Party on Pontoon”

Join us December 12th for the SEFA Holiday Social, sponsored by International Fasteners, in Tampa, Florida. We'll be meeting at 5:30pm at the Sail Pavillion (333 S. Fulton St.) before embarking on our Party Pontoon to enjoy time with our fastener friends to celebrate the Holidays. Food and beverages will be provided. Come dressed in your ugly holiday sweater for a chance to win a prize.

To place your reservations, email [sefa@thesefa.com](mailto:sefa@thesefa.com) with company name and individual names.



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## SEFA Summer Social

SEFA celebrated summer by inviting members and fastener friends to join them July 18th at Good Game in Atlanta, GA. Several fastener personnel attended enjoying drinks, appetizers, and their sport of choice. Some even were lucky enough to win gift cards to various establishments. It was a fun evening of networking and planning to meet again for the next social in December!



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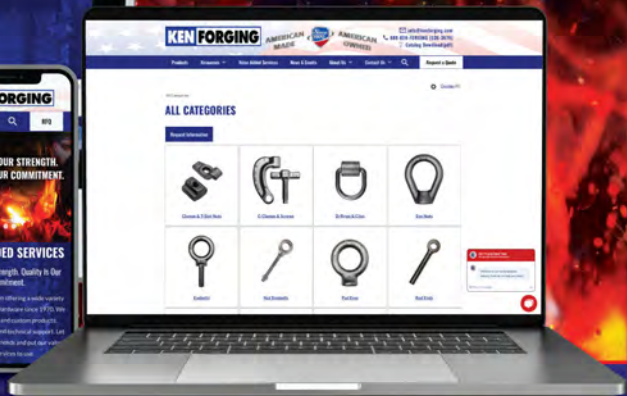
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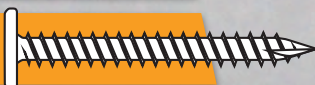
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### Gilchrist Foundation Awards Scholarships June 30, 2024

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They are as follows and their sponsoring companies;

**Alexis Phillips** - Eurolink Fastener Service  
**Victoria Weaver** - Ken Forging, Inc  
**Lindsey Weaver** - Ken Forging, Inc

Robbie and Gina Gilchrist established the Gilchrist Foundation Fastener Scholarship in 2000. Their goal was to return something to an industry that was very good and supportive to them. The Gilchrist Foundation invites any person wanting to further their education to apply for the scholarships. Applicants can be full time or part time students working in the industry or children of working fastener people. The Foundation has awarded 81 scholarships since its beginning!

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