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**Winter 2026**

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## **SEFA Holiday Social - Great Holiday Fun!**

SEFA members convened at Social Latitude in Greenville, SC for an evening featuring beverages, appetizers, and axe throwing. Participants actively engaged in the axe throwing activity and enjoyed a positive experience throughout the event. The gathering attracted 30 attendees, who had opportunities to win prizes or receive gifts. The festive atmosphere was quite evident throughout the evening.

SEFA also used this opportunity to raise funds for a local organization-Meyer Center, a nonprofit specializing in early education and intensive therapy services to empower children with disabilities. SEFA was proud to donate almost \$2,000 and toys to Meyer Center.

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## **Scholarship Applications Due April 1st**

**SEFA offers scholarships to:**

- A child whose parent or guardian is employed by a SEFA member company (in good standing with dues), entering their freshman year of college or already enrolled in college or a vocational school.
- Employees of SEFA member companies, working at least twenty (20) hours per week and taking a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours per semester at an accredited college, university, or higher educational / vocational center.
- Spouse of an employee of a SEFA member company.

Scholarships applications are due April 1st. For further information visit:  
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## **Dues for 2026 Due February**

SEFA members don't forget to get your dues payment in. We've begun our 2026 Scholarship Program Fund and appreciate any donations included with dues payments.

SEFA is proud to continue awarding scholarships annually. Scholarship applications are due April 1st. For further information visit:  
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**Dana Strock**  
Nucor Fastener

## President's Note

### Looking Ahead: SEFA in 2026

As we wrap up 2025, I hope each of you can reflect on the wins and positivity from the past year. If you're like me, you're already thinking about what's next—and how we can make "next" even better. This mindset applies to our Southeastern Fastener Association.

The board is committed to growth while ensuring we deliver what our members truly want and need. We're working to align our events, programs, and resources with what members find most valuable. By benchmarking against other associations, we've identified opportunities for improvement—giving us clear goals for 2026!

### More Value for SEFA Members

In the coming months, we'll introduce new resources, programs, and opportunities designed to make SEFA membership even more impactful for your company. Our goal is to position SEFA as a valuable tool for onboarding, continued education, and professional growth. We invite you to join us on this journey as we expand and deliver greater value to you and your team. Be sure to stay engaged as your dues notice arrives—and keep connected with the Southeast!

### Save the Date: 2026 Spring Conference

Mark your calendars for April 28–30 at the Embassy Suites Greenville Golf Resort & Conference Center. Greenville is not only a hot spot in the Southeast—it's one of the most vibrant destinations in the country! If golf isn't your thing, this is the perfect conference to attend as we plan plenty of fun in this booming, charming city. We're putting together an outstanding program and will share more exciting details soon.

Thank you for your continued support—we couldn't do this without you. We look forward to seeing you in Greenville!

Thank you with sincere appreciation,

*Dana Strock*

## Upcoming Events

### 2026

April 28th-30th	Spring Conference <i>Embassy Suites by Hilton Greenville Golf Resort &amp; Conference Center</i>
July	SEFA Summer Social GA
December 3rd	SEFA Holiday Social <i>Birmingham, AL</i>

### 2027

Spring	SEFA/SFA Spring Conference <i>New Orleans, LA</i>
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## Note to SEFA

Thank you for awarding me the generous scholarship for this upcoming school year. I am grateful for your support, and I am looking forward to starting this new chapter.

Sincerely,

*Paige Benson*

## Save the Dates: April 28th - April 30th

This spring, the SEFA Spring Conference will take place in Greenville, SC. The Embassy Suites-Greenville, SC, Golf & Conference Resort offers an excellent setting, with meetings, social gatherings, and golf all located onsite. Situated next to the Preserve at Verdae golf course, the resort is just six miles from downtown Greenville and only 15 minutes from the airport via complimentary shuttle service, which can also be arranged within a five-mile area. Enjoy made-to-order breakfasts, evening receptions, indoor and outdoor pools, and a fitness center during your stay.

The conference program includes various informative sessions, opportunities to play golf, social events, and a special outing in downtown Greenville for non-golfers. Members and industry professionals are invited to participate, gain valuable business insights, connect socially, expand their network, and learn how others in the field adapt to our dynamic industry.

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More details on [www.thesefa.com](http://www.thesefa.com) coming soon!

## Gilchrist Foundation Announces 2025 Scholarship Awards

The Gilchrist Foundation has awarded three scholarships from the 2025 applicants. Congratulations to the recipients. We wish them well and are pleased to assist them with their education. They and their sponsoring companies are as follows:

**Riley McDaniel** - *Monroe WCL*

**Caroline Prodeohl** - *Valley Fastener Group*

**Brianna Brandt** - *LindFast Solutions Group*



Robbie and Gina Gilchrist established the Gilchrist Foundation 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 or part-time students working in the industry of children of fastener industry parents. The Foundation has awarded 84 scholarships since its' inception.

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## Member News

### Rosa E Hearn joins LSG

Rosa the Riveter joins LindFAST Solutions Group. Rosa is passionate about helping customers learn more about LindFast Solutions Group's products, services, and value. Her focus will be on creating clear, engaging resources that make it easier for you to connect with our solutions and succeed in your business.

**#RosatheRiveter**



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