

NCFA Distributor Social: May 5

On Thursday, May 5, the NCFA will host its 13th Annual Distributor Social! The largest networking event for our industry in the Cleveland and surrounding areas. The NCFA Distributor Social brings together top distributors and suppliers in the fastener industry for 3 hours of networking. There are no booths to drag in and set-up. You are not working behind a table all evening hoping a prospective customer or a current customer heads your way. You get to decide how little or how much you want to get out of the evening. Last year with Covid at our heels, we still had over 200 attendees. We are so thankful for the support the industry has given this event and realize this couldn't be possible without the support from our SUPPLIER SPONSORS. THANK YOU!

The sponsorship from the SUPPLIERS allows DISTRIBUTORS TO ATTEND FOR FREE! An added bonus this year, the Distributor Social falls on Cinco De Mayo. We are going to have a Fastener Fiesta with delicious food and drinks to celebrate.

Because of the uniqueness of the event and the multiple registration/sponsorship options, please pay close attention to the Registration Page Options and read the descriptions.

SUPPLIERS - Your sponsorship amount includes 5 attendees. Your registration is per sponsorship, NOT per attendee. If you wish to send more than 5 attendees, there is an option for that on the registration page. Don't forget to email your company logo to Lgraham@ncfaonline.com by May 1st to be included in the show materials.

DISTRIBUTORS - The first 5 distributors from your company get to attend for FREE, thanks to our supplier sponsors. If you wish to send more than 5 attendees, there is an additional option and cost on the registration page.

BAR SPONSORSHIP - These optional sponsorships are available to suppliers and distributors. There will be a limited number available. There is a designated spot on the registration form for this sponsorship. Bar sponsors will be included on bar signage and on drink tickets. Suppliers please note, this sponsorship is in addition to your supplier sponsorship. You must be registered as a supplier sponsor before you can register as a bar sponsor.

For those interested, we have some other events going on earlier in the day for our members and Distributor Social attendees. See below:

QUALITY BOLT & SCREW TOUR - Elgin is opening the doors at their Quality Bolt & Screw facility in Brecksville, OH. Quality Bolt is a manufacturer of custom engineered cold headed/cold formed bolts, pins, studs and specialty fasteners. Products range from 5/16" - 1 1/4" diameter up to 10" long. Tours begin at 10am.

DEVELOPING THE FASTENER QUALITY PROFESSIONAL WITHIN YOU presented by Carmen Vertullo with AIM Testing Laboratory - This one-hour presentation will help you understand the roles of those who conduct the critical fastener quality assurance processes and

encourage you to consider if that might be a role for you. It will be a lively give and take discussion on various topics such as:

- Exactly how does one become a Fastener Expert?
- What kinds of people make the best Fastener Quality Professionals?
- What skills are needed to excel as a Fastener Quality Professional?
- What are the various roles in the Fastener Quality Field?
- What are the best resources for the Quality Assurance Professional?
- What are the best Fastener Technical Resources?
- What is the role of your QMS in developing Quality Professionals?
- How do you handle most difficult fastener quality problems?
- What is the role of the Quality Assurance Manager?

Who Should Attend:

- If you are looking to develop Quality Assurance Professionals in your company
- If you are in a Quality Assurance position or think it might be a good fit

The IFI has donated the 11th Edition of IFI Book of Fastener Standards (a \$600 value) and The IFI Fastener Technology Handbook. Carmen will be giving these away to those with the best questions. Presentation begins at 4pm at the Doubletree (same venue as Distributor Social).

DISCOUNTED HOTEL ROOM RATE - The Distributor Social will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton in Independence, OH this year. This is a new venue for us. For those interested in booking a room with our discounted rate of \$109/night, please contact the hotel at 855-610-8733 and ask for the NCFA rate. This rate is available through April 23rd. There are a limited number of rooms available at this rate, so please make your reservations early.

Thank you for your continued support! We are looking forward to seeing you at the NCFA Distributor Social!

To register, visit www.ncfaonline.com.