



## **2019 Holiday Message**

The festive time of year is here with Christmas just around the corner and New Years a little more than a month away. We can be thankful for many things throughout the year but one that comes to mind is the fellowship we have amongst our members. The monthly meetings allow us a chance to discuss industry problems, solutions, products, or provide connections to help us in our day to day work, but the personal connections we have mean so much more. Many times, we talk of our family, our holiday adventures, our medical issues or the crazy things we see or hear with the people sitting around us, as we gather before or after the meetings. These relationships are a common bond.

The TMTA functions we enjoyed this year were well received. The Golf Tournament was a success, thanks to Brenda Alderson for putting it all together and Basil Kelleher for helping out. The hole sponsors, gift sponsors and all those that golfed made it an enjoyable day, let's do it again. The Trade Show was well attended providing us with products and services from participants we all need to support. Thanks to Jon Bergsma and Karl Ritzmann for putting it together.

Your Board of Directors has attended functions this year such as Career Pathways, Your Future Your Choice and Build a Dream to promote our industry to parents, and students looking for direction. Our booth has them identify common components found on a car as well as some heavy truck parts to garner interest. We need to bring more positive attention to our industry to encourage youth to pursue a career as we did.

The executive has had another loss this year with Karl Ritzmann resigning after taking a position out of the area, we wish him well. In saying that, we do require more volunteers to sit on the executive, anyone that could spare another night per month please contact one of us.

In closing, for those that have suffered a loss in their family or someone close to them this year, we express our deepest sympathy for you and your family. This time of year can be especially difficult as we gather with friends and family for festivities without the ones we miss.

From your board of directors, may you enjoy this Holiday Season, reflect on the Year we have had, and plan for a prosperous 2020.

Sincerely

Glen Spencer

President

