

Women in the Fastener Industry Announces Joanne Goodman Sherman Scholarship Starting in 2019

“WIFI understood not all fastener women have the ability to travel to attend the Fastener Training Institute for our Ann Bisgyer Wolz Scholarship,” said Rosa E. Hearn, Chairman of WIFI. “We knew we needed to add more opportunities for the women in the industry to be able to receive a formal education in fasteners.”

Starting in 2019, WIFI is adding the Joanne Goodman Sherman Scholarship. The scholarship gives one lucky winner the ability to receive formal fastener education online and earn certificates. WIFI partnered with THORS eLearning Solutions, www.thors.com, to be able to offer a comprehensive eLearning experience. We know fastener women will be super excited for this new opportunity that WIFI is able to offer.

WIFI names their scholarships in honor of women who pioneered this industry, and when Taryn Goodman, niece and treasurer/board member of WIFI, mentioned the family had discussed and wanted to set up a scholarship in her honor, we were grateful they chose WIFI as their platform. What a great way to honor such an amazing woman. WIFI is grateful to the Goodman-Sherman family for partnering with WIFI to help the betterment of women in the industry.

About Joanne Goodman Sherman:

Joanne Goodman Sherman was the co-owner, secretary and treasurer for the Industrial Rivet & Fastener Company. Headquartered in Northvale, New Jersey, it is a family-held global company that has celebrated more than 105 years in business. Joanne was instrumental in growing the company and adding sales and account volume.

Ms. Sherman first started working for the company, which was founded by her great-grandfather in 1912, on a part-time basis while still in high school – joining operation full time in 1974. At the outset, she was responsible for bookkeeping, including accounts receivables and payables, and also worked with her father and brother in sales and managing client accounts.

In 1975, Ms. Sherman purchased the Elkay Orthopedic Supply Company, a specialized fastener business, where she served as president while also continuing her work in the family company. She sold the business in 1981 as Industrial Rivet began to expand its operations.

In the late 1980s, Ms. Sherman became co-owner of Industrial Rivet with her brother, Bill Goodman. Together, they grew the primarily domestic company into a global distributor, manufacturer and importer with 11 U.S. distribution centers, 10 international locations and more than 50 employees.

Ms. Sherman focused her time and expertise on the administrative and operational areas of the business, overseeing the accounting, human resources, marketing and customer service departments. In addition, Ms. Sherman was responsible for the company’s many brands and copyrights, working directly with patent lawyers to manage and protect Industrial Rivet’s proprietary products and services. This includes RivetKing®, the brand under which Industrial

Rivet sells its entire product line. She was instrumental in bringing Industrial Rivet online in the early days of the Internet – both to support and drive the Industrial Rivet and RivetKing brands and to streamline the customer experience.

Joanne Goodman Sherman was named 2010/2011 NAPW Professional Woman of the Year and passed on October 10, 2016, at the age of 61. She was a loving and dedicated mother of Steven and Lisa Sherman, Traci and Brendon Cohen; grandmother of Jenna, Alexa and Andrew; daughter of Allen and Edith Goodman; sister of William and Eva Goodman; aunt to Keith, Sara, Taryn, Jeff, Mark, Michael & Zoe.

ABOUT THORS:

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ABOUT WIFI:

Women in the Fastener (WIFI) Industry provides opportunities for women in the fastener industry at all levels of experience. We work together to unite, educate, mentor and encourage one another, for the express purpose of advancing women in the fastener industry.

Women in the Fastener Industry would like to encourage all the WIFI Sisters to apply for all available scholarships. This year, the Edith Cameron winner for 2019 Nicole Sedgwick was able to attend the fastener show. This is what she had to say about the event:

“I am Nikki Sedgwick; I work for Brighton Best internationals Cleveland team. I was able to attend the Vegas IFE show this year thanks to the Edith Cameron scholarship. I worked the WIFI booth at the show and had a lot of fun meeting/encouraging women to become a WIFI Sister. We also had many WIFI brothers purchase T-shirts to help support our group. The show is very fast-paced so you are on your feet all day, but it is totally worth it, and I would not hesitate to do it again. I was able to meet other distributors & more of my co-workers from Brighton Best/ Ironclad who came in from UK, Brazil, and Australia. I am proud to be part of an organization that strongly supports women; I encourage all women in the fastener Industry to take part in this amazing group.”

WIFI is also looking for board members for the 2019 term. If you would like to volunteer and be part of the sisterhood, please email Carrie at president@fastenerwomen.com.

2019 is going to be a golden year for WIFI. We will be celebrating our 10-year anniversary. Help us make “10 years” a memorable year and sponsor us for 2019. For information about sponsoring WIFI, please email chariwoman@fastenerwomen.com.



