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This Week: Hanwha Q-Cells USA

This week, we're taking a look at the exciting expansion of the Hanwha Qcells operation here in Whitfield County. Our speaker is Lisa Nash, the Head of Human Resources and Environmental Health and Safety at Hanwha Qcells USA, Inc. She's leading the \$560 million investment in Whitfield County that the company says is bringing 2,000 new jobs to the area. She is strong as a practitioner of talent management, organizational development, change management and workforce development.

Prior to joining Qcells, Lisa had an extensive career in manufacturing and aerospace in Georgia, Pennsylvania, Texas and North Carolina. Lisa is a graduate of Shorter University and resides in Rome, GA with husband Roger. When not working, Lisa enjoys traveling, reading a good book, golfing, and spending time with family.

Meeting Recap: Chronicling The Carpet Industry With CRI

Last week, we got a look at the past, present, and future of our community and the Carpet and Rug Institute's role in it. Our guest speaker, Russ DeLozier serves as the president of the Carpet and Rug Institute (CRI). Prior to joining the CRI, Russ helped establish the largest nationwide carpet recycling program at Shaw Industries. He is the past recipient of CARE's Carpet Recycler of the Year and a two-time recipient of The Carpet and Rug Institute's (CRI's) distinguished Joseph J. Smrekar Memorial Award that recognizes individuals who show exemplary service to the carpet manufacturing industry.



Russ set the tone for the program with one of his favorite quotes from Terry Pratchett: "It is important that we know where we come from, because if you do not know where you come from, then you don't know where you are, and if you don't know where you are, you don't know where you're going. And if you don't know where you're going, you're probably going wrong." Whitfield County is the only county named after George Whitefield, an 18th century evangelist. Russ admires Whitefield's significance and the impact he left on our community.

Diving into the history of the carpet and flooring industry, Russ shared a picture of the oldest known carpet rug, discovered in Russia and dating back to over 2,500 years. Throughout time, the flooring industry has progressed from dirt floors, to stone, to eventually embracing wood floors. The history of the Carpet and Rug Institute is much the same. Deriving from its roots as the Institute of Carpet Manufacturing (ICMA) in Washington DC. Over time, the CRI emerged and was headquartered in Dalton, Georgia, where they are still serving members today.

It was a fascinating time to learn the history of our county and of an industry that has played an important role in shaping our community into who we are today.

April 2nd Birthdays and Anniversaries

Member Birthdays	Birthday		
Arroqui, Sebastian A (SEBASTIAN)	4-Apr		
Partner Birthdays	Member Name	Birthday	
Hogshead, Carolyn	Hogshead, Frank M.	2-Apr	
Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years	
No member anniversaries this period.			
Wedding Anniversaries	Partner's Name	Anniversary	Years
Brunson, Kevin M.(KEVIN)	Cindy	8-Apr	24

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