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Hall of Fame



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R. Buschur



Doyle



Swiecicki



Walters

2024

Induction Ceremony

Welcome to Charlotte!

This is an exciting new venue for the *LP Gas* Hall of Fame induction dinner and ceremony, taking place on the eve of the National Propane Gas Association's Southeastern Convention & International Propane Expo.

While the location has changed, the significance of this special night has not. Since the Hall of Fame launched in 2012, the industry has come together to celebrate its legends and leaders of both the past and present day. This celebration has become a reunion for the entire industry, and we're honored to host it.

But tonight's program would not be possible without the support of our partners. Believe us when we say these companies make the Hall of Fame a reality for the industry. Thank you to our Platinum partners: Cetane Associates and Superior Plus Propane; and to our Gold partners: Anova, Bergquist Inc., Blossman Gas, EDP, Empire Gas, F.W. Webb, Tankfarm and Tarantin Industries.

This year, we're honoring five individuals, including the Hall of Fame's first couple, bringing the total number of inductees to 53. After nominations are submitted, Hall of Famers are chosen by a committee composed of propane industry members representing different segments of the industry. So, induction into the *LP Gas* Hall of Fame is truly a peer-honored achievement. Visit lpgashalloffame.com to learn more about this honor.

Now sit back, enjoy the dinner and the camaraderie, and let's toast to the Hall of Fame Class of 2024!



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Opening Remarks

Brian Kanaba, Publisher, *LP Gas*

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Steve Kaminski, President & CEO,
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Joe & Rosie Buschur, McMahan's Bottle Gas

Randy Doyle, MAPCO/Thermogas

Bruce Swiecicki, National Propane Gas Association

Mike Walters, Superior Energy Systems

Closing Remarks

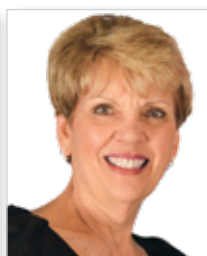
Brian Kanaba



Joe & Rosie Buschur

Life partners build family propane company while advocating for the industry at state, national levels

*J*oe & Rosie Buschur, owners of McMahan's Bottle Gas in Dayton, Ohio, married March 1, 1975. Working side by side, they built a propane business, now with two locations and 15 employees, serving residential and commercial customers throughout the greater Dayton area.



Joe seized a chance to take over business operations at McMahan's Bottle Gas in 1979. Six years later, he bought the company from owner Don McMahan.

In his first year of taking charge at McMahan's, Joe joined the Ohio Propane Gas Association. Eventually, Joe served as the Ohio association's president in 1998-99. Rosie, who had begun working in the business in the late 1980s, assisted Joe in his duties as president.

The Buschurs spoke frequently with state representatives to advocate for legislation that would help propane marketers like them. To bolster his knowledge as Ohio's president, Joe started attending the Midwest Propane Gas Convention board of directors meetings, then stayed involved after his presidency to help Ohio's association. He became vice chairman and then chairman, and Rosie assisted with such jobs as running the silent auction at their conventions. That experience led Joe to become Ohio's state director to the National Propane Gas Association (NPGA). He was selected – an unprecedented two times – as NPGA's State Director of the Year.

Joe and Rosie traveled together for 16 years to NPGA board meetings, where Rosie attended scholarship committee meetings, eventually serving as vice chair and then three times as chair of the scholarship committee. Rosie also saw an opportunity to better organize Ohio's representation at NPGA's Propane Days, so she took on the responsibility of setting up meetings with elected officials and their staff.

Today, two sons, Brian and Chris, have taken over day-to-day management of McMahan's Bottle Gas. The couple plans to retire later this year.

Randy Doyle

Propane industry leader raises the bar for retail operations, inspires new way of thinking

Randy Doyle, an accountant and 40-year veteran of the propane industry, began his career at Ashland Oil in Kentucky. After five years there, Doyle moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to join MAPCO/Thermogas as an internal audit manager.



During his time with MAPCO/Thermogas, Doyle was frustrated in his search for industry performance data. His observation to Doug Rinke, then president of Thermogas, about this absent resource led them to contact Dan Myers, then CEO of the National Propane Gas Association (NPGA). A January 1995 meeting in Chicago ended with Doyle offering to lead the formation of the NPGA Benchmarking Council, which allows propane marketers to share their experiences and lessons learned with one another as a way to better their operations. They recruited 18 marketers and held the first meeting in October 1996. Doyle facilitated a group within the council for 20 years.

After MAPCO/Thermogas was sold in 1998, Doyle spent the next five years using his petroleum background with Lithuania's state-owned oil company. When he returned to the U.S., he started writing columns for *LP Gas*, often about the industry's performance and growth prospects, which he continued for about 20 years.

In 2007, Doyle joined Blossman Gas in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, as CFO. Eight years later, he joined the Propane Education & Research Council, serving three of his six years as treasurer on the executive committee. After his 2018 retirement from Blossman Gas, Doyle joined Holtzman Propane in Virginia as a consultant.

Today, Doyle is semi-retired and active in the Virginia Propane Gas Association (VAPGA). In 2021, VAPGA honored him with its Safety and Training Award for creating a partnership with the Virginia Associated Builders and Contractors that enables plumbing and gas fitter students to learn propane. He also has led a hydronic heating project designed to protect the residential market from the proliferation of electric heat pumps.

Doyle lives with his wife, Denise, in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley.

Bruce Swiecicki

Association leader advances safety through codes and standards while driving positive change for propane

As vice president of regulatory and technical services at the National Propane Gas Association (NPGA), Bruce Swiecicki works to modernize and enhance industry codes and standards for the safe use of propane. It's been his focus since joining the association 30 years ago.

Known for his clear, concise writing and editing skills, Swiecicki has helped to develop much of the code text used in the propane industry today and enforced by government agencies across the United States.

He's led volunteer members of the NPGA Technology, Standards & Safety Committee, facilitating discussion on key issues and code amendments and additions.

But the Chicago native's work extends far beyond the walls of NPGA. In fact, he contributes to 11 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) committees, including NFPA 58 and NFPA 54. He's also active in the ANSI Z21/83 technical committee focused on the performance and installation of gas-burning appliances, the International Code Council and the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers. In all, Swiecicki oversees NPGA's work on more than 30 national and international codes and standard-setting bodies.

His role has evolved over the years to reflect the issues of today. He's a primary member of a new committee that addresses the safe use of propane in cannabis growing and processing facilities. He's also working to educate others about propane's environmentally safe properties, to keep it viable in today's electrification movement.

Swiecicki's honest efforts to advance safety have earned him the respect of propane industry members but also those outside the industry who hold varied interests. This has allowed him to drive consensus-based change for propane.

He resides in the Chicago area with his wife, Karen.



Mike Walters

Safety and training professional schooled in the fire service dedicated to educating industry employees

*M*ike Walters, vice president of safety and fleet at Superior Energy Systems, is one of the propane industry's most respected safety and training professionals and subject matter experts.

But he never intended to be in the propane industry.

Schooled at the New York State Academy of Fire Science and in the advanced life support paramedic program at Syracuse University, Walters seemed destined for a career in the fire service. All that changed when, having moved to California, he accepted a bobtail driving position with Pargas in the late 1970s.

He began to immerse himself in the propane industry, working as a driver, service technician and eventually moving into retail management with AmeriGas. His safety career began in 1993 when AmeriGas promoted him to Northeast region safety director, but he also became involved with safety from an industrywide perspective.

He's a charter member and past chair of the Propane Education & Research Council's (PERC) Safety and Training Advisory Committee (now the safety and technical training working group). He's been heavily involved with the industry's Certified Employee Training Program (CETP), working with PERC on creating, updating and transitioning that content into a modularized, function-based program. In fact, his contributions to CETP impact all propane industry employees who are educated through that training. Walters also has volunteered his time to numerous National Fire Protection Association and National Propane Gas Association (NPGA) committees and codes and standards groups, as well as state propane associations. He's currently secretary of the Ohio Propane Gas Association and will become its president in the next few years.

Walters, who resides in the Cleveland area, received the NPGA Safety Award in 2018.

"I have a simple motto," Walters says. "Learn something every day; accomplish something every day. Then you can go home."



Past Inductees



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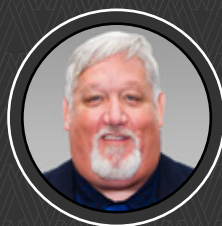


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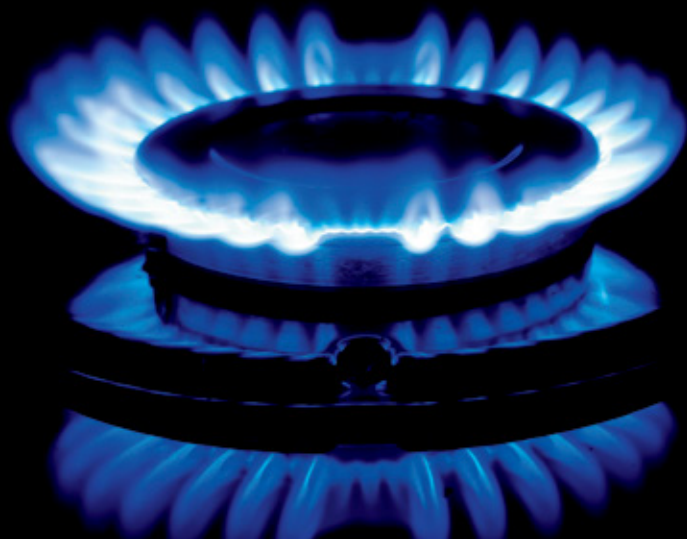




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Thank you for your contributions to this great industry.





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Sir Issac Newton

We as a propane industry are standing on the shoulders of this year's HOF inductees and all those that came before. Because of them, **we can see further and achieve more!**



Joe & Rosie Buschur
McMahan's Bottle Gas



Randy Doyle
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Bruce Swiecicki
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