

March 2019 Newsletter

March Section Meeting

Ron Nilson – Gournforce Worldwide - Chief Executive Officer/Chairman of the Board

Ron Nilson, Owner and CEO of Ground Force Worldwide (GFWW) and his wife of 47 years, Pamela Nilson have lived in Kootenai County for 18+ years. Ron and Pam are originally from the Seattle area and are blessed with (5) children and (14) grandchildren (all living in the Spokane area). Ron has over (48) years in the manufacturing industry, owning several companies over the years. GFWW builds mine support equipment for both open pit and underground mines and currently exports 70% of their products, employees 155 people in the USA and is the leading manufacturer in the industry. Currently, he has a factory in Post Falls and does contract manufacturing in England and Indonesia. Also has a business and office in Las Vegas, Nevada. Ron has spent over 40 years working directly with the CATERPILLAR® and their dealers worldwide and has built a reputation for quality and commitment to his customers. Ron serves on several boards across North Idaho including; Kootenai Technical Education Campus (**KTEC**), Boys and Girls Club of Kootenai County, North Idaho Manufacturing Consortium, and has served as President at PF Chamber and the Chamber BOD of Coeur d Alene. Ron was also elected to the NIC Board of Trustees and was appointed by Governor Otter to the PNWER (Pacific N.W. Economic Region) Board. In 2007, Ron was awarded "**Citizen of the Year**" and also United States Commerce – "**Export Achievement Award**"; 2008, Ron was awarded the **Inland Northwest Partners "Hall of Fame"** award; 2009, GFWW was awarded "**Company of the Year**" by the Chamber of Commerce and also received the Governors Choice Award – "**Lifetime Achievement Award**". In 2013, Ron was awarded the "**Idaho Businessman of the Year**" Award.



Date:

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Time: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Location:

Luigi's

245 W Main

RSVP: Kevin Picanco, ASCE-IE VP

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Please RSVP by March 12th, 2 PM.

Cost of lunch:

\$15.00 (please invite your non-member colleagues)

\$10.00 students

Reminders

ASCE-IE Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup

April 27

Contact: Jeanne Finger

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Bob Turner has been kind enough to get our ASCE logo set up with [Action Apparel](#). Now you can get clothing embroidered to sport our ASCE logo.

Two ways to pay by card:

 **PayPal** In advance or



Square at the door.

And cash/check at the door is still accepted!