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**## Article for AWS Detroit January Bulletin ##**

**Giving back an endowed scholarship**



Amos and Marilyn Winsand are giving back to the industry that has provided a good living for them, their five children, and 11 grandchildren over the last 50 years. They enthusiastically say, "We believe in education and are using the AWS Foundation as a vehicle to encourage and to invest in our youth to pursue careers in welding and/or manufacturing engineering." Amos is a long time supporter of scholarships and helped initiate the Detroit Section program 26 years ago. Today Detroit has one of the best programs in the nation. He is also involved in the AWS national scholarship program and is a Trustee on the National AWS Foundation Board. Amos and Marilyn have endowed a Detroit Section Named Scholarship that awards a qualified student \$2500 on a perpetual annual basis toward a four year welding and/or manufacturing degree in engineering. Some of the rewards

and joys the Winsands cherish is meeting some of the recipients, knowing their needs, and seeing their spirited responses to being selected.

Amos was born and raised on a dairy farm in west central WI and Marilyn came from Grand Rapids, MI. He served in the Marine Corps during World War II in the south Pacific and upon returning to civilian life he attended the University of Colorado on the G.I. Bill (his scholarship) earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. Marilyn was also at CU working on a Master's degree in Elementary Education. They met, fell in love, and were married after Amos graduated. His extensive career in the welding automation field began in Grand Rapids and after a nine year stint there they moved to the Detroit area where he continued his welding automation career until retirement.

*If you would like to invest in someone's future in welding and/or manufacturing engineering or would like more information about endowing a Scholarship please call Amos at 248-647-1546 or fax 248-647-4132 or call Bob Witherell, AWS Foundation Director of Development, in Miami, at 1-800- 443-9353 Ext. 293.*

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