

Tipping Our Hats to the Manufacturers

It's generally acknowledged that Indiana and our country, for that matter, have experienced three major economic eras: agricultural age, Industrial Revolution and today's knowledge economy.

The tie binding them all is manufacturing. Building and making things, particularly in Indiana, is part of our past, present and future. And building upon our existing manufacturing strengths (as well as agriculture, distribution and logistics) is critical to successfully moving our state forward for generations to come.



While there are not enough pages in this publication or any other to fully dissect Indiana's manufacturing prowess, your *BizVoice*® team provides an excellent broad-based perspective. Beginning on Page 34, view features, profiles, statistics and more. We spotlight:

- Yesterday: Manufacturing in World War II, the automobile industry and several companies dating back to the mid-1800s
- Today: Unprecedented success in Elkhart County, a statistical snapshot and everything from hand-dipped candles to the latest medical technology
- Tomorrow: Industry insights on challenges and possibilities, and futuristic work taking place in aviation, composites and more

January, of course, means the start of a new General Assembly session. Indiana Chamber priorities, a snapshot of why our tech policies are so important and strong progress in Washington regulatory relief are included. Plus, we have a Q&A on Page 16 with the keynote speaker for our February 13 Legislative Dinner.

If a new year means legislative activity, it also stands for basketball season heating up. The first of a yearlong Road Trip Treasure Series takes you to three can't-miss hoops destinations in Henry County.

The Indiana Chamber kicked off its fiscal year by hosting more than 2,000 members and guests at our 28th Annual Awards Dinner in November. It was indeed a special evening. As the calendar turns, we look forward to a productive and successful 2018 – and wish the same for all.

Thank you, as always, for reading *BizVoice*®.

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