

## Catharine Buckingham, former TNR CEO and founder, dies

On March 26, 2021, Catharine Buckingham, former president and CEO of TNR Industrial Doors, passed away. Buckingham became the founding president of TNR Industrial Doors in 2003, setting up shop in Barrie, Ontario, where the company remains today.

Her passion for Canadian manufacturing and building strong teams

helped TNR become the largest high-performance industrial door manufacturer in Canada. Buckingham led the TNR team through phenomenal growth and success for over 16 years. She managed many key initiatives, including

the acquisition of a competitor, the company's expansion into the U.S. and international markets, and the integration of TNR into the Hörmann group.

Behind her inspiring leadership, TNR was an active and contributing member to Barrie's business community. Buckingham assisted the business program at Georgian College, helped raise over five million dollars as Campaign Chair for the United Way Simcoe Muskoka (formerly United Way of Greater Simcoe County), and fostered community involvement and charitable giving as part of TNR's culture.

Buckingham is recognized for her compassion, generosity, and her innate ability to understand people. These characteristics made her a great leader, mentor, colleague, mother, grandmother, daughter, wife, sister, and friend to many. ■



Buckingham

## Clopay announces Steve Lynch's retirement and names successor

In April, Clopay Corporation announced that President Steve Lynch will retire on September 30, 2021. Victor "Vic" Weldon, current chief operating officer, will succeed Lynch. Clopay is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Griffon Corporation.

Lynch joined Clopay in 2001 and has served as president of the company since 2009. During his tenure, he navigated Clopay through the financial and housing crisis of 2009, consolidated and optimized manufacturing operations, reset the product portfolio, and invested in Clopay's facilities, equipment, products, technologies, people, and culture.

Most recently, Lynch led the acquisition and integration of CornellCookson, further expanding Clopay's product and customer portfolios in the commercial overhead sectional and rolling steel segment.

Weldon will be appointed president of Clopay on October 1, 2021. He has been with Clopay for 20 years and has held leadership roles in supply chain, logistics, sales, and operations. He has been serving as the chief operating officer of Clopay since 2019. ■



Lynch



Weldon

## TNR founding member, Jan Stinson, retires

On August 27, TNR founding member Jan Stinson will retire. Stinson has been a tremendous part of TNR since the beginning in 2003.

Stinson grew up in Britain. When she completed her Tool and Die apprenticeship, she was one of the few women accepted into an engineering program.

In 1975, she headed to Canada, where she began her career as a mechanical draughtsman.

Stinson then developed her career in purchasing and was able to broaden her knowledge of manufacturing processes.

She accepted a position to work at the TNR start-up even before there was a facility. Stinson initially placed orders from her kitchen table, and in June 2007, she joined the team full time as the supply chain manager.

Stinson plans to spend her retirement expanding her love for photography, hiking with her dog, and kayaking. She said, "Working with the TNR team has been a tremendous pleasure, and I will miss it more than I can say." ■



Stinson

## Nortek Control promotes Ryan Kosterow

In March, Nortek Control promoted Ryan Kosterow to business development manager for the Linear brand in the Western region. Kosterow joined the company as a Linear Pro Channel regional sales manager in 2018.

His demonstrated expertise of access control products and market trends enabled Kosterow to enrich relationships with dealers and distribution partners by helping them realize additional business opportunities and grow their businesses.

Prior to joining Nortek, Kosterow held a national sales account manager position at Accounting Principals and an international sales director position at Nexus 21 Concealment Systems. Kosterow holds a master's degree in business from Clark College. ■



Kosterow

## Inez VanMeter dies at 82

On May 7, 2021, Inez VanMeter passed away at the age of 82. VanMeter served this industry for decades in various roles. She was a 4H Advisor for the International Door Association (IDA) and served as a director on the boards of IDEA and DASMA.

VanMeter was born in Marion, Ohio, as the youngest of six children. She worked at Murphy Industries in its sales and marketing department for 25 years. She also drove the Ridgedale School bus for 20 years, and helped her husband, Harold, and son, Keith, run the VanMeter Print Shop for several years.

VanMeter was a strong and independent woman who believed in the value of hard work. She leaves behind five children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. ■



VanMeter

## Raynor appoints national accounts inside sales manager

In April, Raynor Garage Doors promoted Tina Mertes to national accounts inside sales manager. Mertes joined the Raynor team in 2006 and has gained extensive expertise with the company's national accounts.

In her new role, she will be responsible for the administration and fulfillment of national accounts, sales orders and programs, and overseeing additional national account sales processes. ■



Mertes

## Raynor hires new director of marketing

In October, Raynor Garage Doors welcomed Brittany Shannon as director of marketing. Shannon holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Information Technology Management from the University of Notre Dame and a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

Shannon previously worked as a customer and marketing manager at Deloitte Consulting, where she focused on digital sales transformation. Additional duties included defining digital strategy, mapping lead-to-cash business processes, and assisting with the implementation of software tools.

Shannon represents the fourth generation of her family to work at Raynor. ■



Shannon

## Raynor welcomes new architectural sales manager

In November, Raynor Garage Doors hired Zdenek Kalabza as their architectural sales manager. He will be responsible for overseeing architectural sales, supporting commercial dealers, and enhancing

national accounts.

Kalabza has over 17 years of industry experience. He has worked at Wayne Dalton, Overhead Door, and Genie, and has served in various roles, including installer,



Kalabza

corporate trainer, district sales manager, product manager, channel marketing manager, and most recently, a district sales manager for Overhead Door. ■