

## July GM Executive Alumni Club Newsletter

It's hard to believe we are nearly halfway through summer...but still many chances to connect!

June 12



We were honored to have **Steve Kiefer, Chairman of The Kiefer Foundation** remind us to “keep our eyes on the road, as he shared the mission and accomplishments of the Foundation, which honors the legacy of Steve’s son Mitchel. Steve shared his journey of influencing awareness, policy, and technology to stop the use of mobile devices while driving. The Foundation has influenced distracted driving laws in 30 states. In Michigan, and for this year alone, this change is estimated to have saved nearly 20 lives, as measured by changes in in-vehicle phone usages through telemetry research. Steve reminded us that the Memorial Day to Labor Day period is known as the “100 deadliest days” for driving.

We can help his mission by committing to change our own behavior, using safe driving apps, and writing to lawmakers. Although the Foundation operates very frugally, donations are accepted to advance the mission.

Thank you, Steve and team for using your talents and lived experience to make such an impact in our community!

The presentation is posted on the [website](#).

Please visit [Home - The Kiefer Foundation \(mkiefer.org\)](http://mkiefer.org) for more information.



July 10



**Sandor Pizar, VP of GM Envolv** will share the story of this the customer-centered, one-stop shop for fleet customers, providing products, technologies, and services from parts to software. [Envolv](#) defines a new era for businesses at the intersection of mobility, energy, delivery, and insight, and gives fleet customers the breakthrough solutions they didn't know they needed through a relationship they can trust.



August 14



Road Trip!!! We will visit **Terry Connolly** at the just-opened [Pontiac Transportation Museum](#). We are excited to see how Terry's 35 year career in engineering – chassis, safety and beyond - translates into this wonderful addition to the Pontiac geographic and classic car communities. We will celebrate Dream Cruise Month with lunch and a tour. More to come...but if you've got a classic car, you may want to "get your motor running."



## Remembering Nick Reilly



We are all saddened to learn of the loss of Nick Reilly, at the age of 74, who was a legendary leader in our company. Across all of the online tributes, the overriding theme was around how he walked the talk of true leadership. Thank you Nick, and our condolences to your family. [Former GM Exec Nick Reilly Passes Away At 74 \(gmauthority.com\)](#)

## Member news

Since this is not an open-membership organization for all GM alumni, we do not use social media to communicate, so we are very excited that so many of our members volunteered to contact GM Executive Alumni to make sure they are aware of the monthly lunch. You are welcome to forward this note to any former Executive or Technical Director who would like to connect. Please contact Colleen Thompson ([colleent@bridgebuildingstrategies.com](mailto:colleent@bridgebuildingstrategies.com)) to engage potential members.

Membership and lunch costs are kept low, to encourage engagement and build community. In addition, if you take any photos at lunch that we may post on the website, or that we may feature in the newsletter, please forward those along!

If you have ideas for speakers you would like to see, please contact Margaret Brooks at [Margaret.g.brooks@gmail.com](mailto:Margaret.g.brooks@gmail.com)

Thanks for all you do to build the GM Executive Alumni Community.

Better together,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen Thompson".

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