December 2020

## To All of Our Customers, Suppliers, and Friends

With the holiday season upon us and 2020 quickly coming to a close, all of us at Valco Industries want to say **Thank You** for your valued and continuing support this year, a year like no other we have all experienced. We are honored you have chosen to partner with us and for us to be a part of your success. We look forward to continuing to work with you and Your Team in 2021.

As a meaningful and ongoing way to honor you, our customers, suppliers, friends, and partners, Valco has chosen to contribute in Your Name to The Second Harvest Food Bank. We know that this year, like no other, The Second Harvest Food Bank has touched the lives of thousands of our neighbors and fellow community members in their time of need. This year they have experienced a 91% increase in households served, 118% increase in meals served, and a 200% increase in expenses due to the huge increase of services provided. They have always been there when needed and we are proud to be a part of insuring that they are able to continue to do the good work they do when called upon. Unfortunately, the need for the food banks in our community continue to increase and the need seems to be greater and more urgent then ever due to the ongoing pandemic. We are pleased to be able to help them continue with the critical work they are doing.

We are also proud to have been financial supporters of the Springfield Arts Council, Springfield Symphony, Junior Achievement, United Way, Adopt-A-Family, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boy Scouts, Project Woman, Holiday in the City, Chamber of Commerce, Clark State, Springfield Rotary Club, Springfield Museum of Art, Community Improvement Corporation, Springfield Foundation, NTPRD/Fireworks, Springfield City Schools, and the Career Technical Center. Each of these local groups and organizations do great work and help to make Springfield a much better place in which to live, work, and play.

We finally want to wish you and all of yours a Joyous and Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy, Virus Free and Successful 2021.

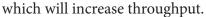




#### **Trumpf 3030 Fiber Laser**

Valco has taken delivery of a new Trumpf TruLaser 3030 Fiber. We expect the installation to be complete and to be cutting parts by the end of December.

The machine is similar to the Trumpf 3030 TruLaser we installed in 2019, yet the new machine has 8000W of cutting power, an increase of 33%! The machine also has new additional automation with an integrated PartMaster system. The PartMaster enables quick and ergonomic manual part sorting,





Both Trumpf 3030 TruLasers now sit in a reconditioned area of our facility, positioned as mirror images for more efficient material handling. Both machines are equipped with LiftMaster Compact loading/unloading systems which will be accessible from a central area.

These high powered, state of the art lasers will greatly enhance Valco's ability to deliver quality parts with reduced lead times to our customers. Bring on 2021!





# Happy Birthday

Jordan Shingler . . . . January 1st
Anna Wohler . . . . January 1st
Abe Breslin . . . . January 4th
Richard Ater . . . . January 8th
Denise Gordin . . . January 11th
Mike Hughes . . . January 14th
Dave Jenkins . . . . January 14th
Madeline Asper . . . January 25th
Adrian Woodson . . . . . . . . . . . . January 31st

Wow! What a birthday month for the Valco Team. Wishing each of you a great day on your special day and an even better year. Hoping your new year is virus free and a healthy one with lots of laughs and much success. Here is hoping you each have a lot more birthday celebrations in the years ahead. Enjoy your special time of year.

#### **Years of Service**

Matt Johnson . . . Jan. 10 . . . . 9 Years! Kuis Lopez Lopes . . Jan. 20 . . . 1 Year Abe Breslin . . . . Jan. 24 . . . . 8 Years! Joey Guinn . . . . Jan. 21 . . . . 9 Years!

We thank each of you for being part of the Valco Team and appreciate all you have done and continue to do to help Valco's success and growth over the years. We look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead.

### With Sympathy

We send our deepfelt sympathies to Dave Denney on the loss of his father, as well as, Tim Denney on the loss of his grandfather, who passed away on December 11th. Our thoughts are with both of them and their entire families during this difficult time in their lives.

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## Holiday Schedule

We will be closed on Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 24 for the Christmas Holiday. We will also be closed on Friday, January 1, 2021 in celebration of New Years and finally being able to turn the page on 2020.

On Thursday, December 31 we will be running production untill 11:00 am at which time we will be taking a year-end inventory. We will not be doing any shipping or receiving on Thursday due to our annual inventory.

We wish everyone a great, safe, and healthy holiday season and hope everyone remains careful and vigilant against COVID-19. Normal production hours and schedules will resume on Monday, January 4, 2021.

We can all agree that **2020** has been a difficult year with much suffering and loss, but there have been **bright spots**. Some which are listed below...

• We realized health care workers and essential workers are heroes.



• We learned that homeschooling is hard and finally recognized teachers for the heroes that they are.



- Americans rushed to adopt and foster more pets than ever before.
- Distilleries, both small and large, around the country used their resources to produce badly needed hand sanitizer.



• People around the country started sewing and made thousands of masks for people who needed them most.



- Americans rediscovered their love for old hobbies like baking and gardening.
- Puzzles and board games became cool again.

## Great Quotes

"Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose." *Lyndon B. Johnson* 

"Never confuse motion with action." Ernest Hemingway

"If you have a job without aggravation, you don't have a job."

\*\*Malcolm Forbes\*\*

"Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try."

Anonymous

"Make failure your teacher, not your undertaker." Zig Zigler