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PRESSing NEWS

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Spotlight of the Month: Connie Smith

Our Associate Spotlight of the Month this month shines on **Connie Smith** who has been with us since December of 2017. Connie works in our quality department as a quality auditor. She was born in Kentucky, but raised in West Virginia and Ohio. Her family moved to West Union in Adams County when her father took a job as an auto mechanic. She graduated from West Union High School in 1967. Her family moved to Springfield when her father took a job with Circle Cab as a fleet mechanic. If you remember Circle Cab it sure dates you and takes us back a number of years.

After high school graduation Connie worked some part time and temporary jobs. She then took a position with HO Canfield in London, Ohio as an injection molding machine operator where she worked for the next five years. She then changed employers and took a position with Encon who also was an injection molding company that molded a large number of parts for the auto industry. Encon was originally located on West County Line Road but moved to Dayton. After operating injection molding machines for a number of years she became a quality inspector. Connie had a successful 37 year career with Encon before they closed their doors, which then provided her the opportunity to become part of the Valco Team.

Connie has been married to David for 39 years and counting. David is a truck mechanic for Ernst Concrete Company in Dayton. Connie and David spend pretty much every weekend at their get away retreat in Jackson County which is in Southern Ohio. They are also animal lovers and share their home with three dogs and two cats. We are glad to have Connie as part of our Team and appreciate all she does to help insure that our parts/products maintain the high quality standards our customers expect and need from Valco.

We look forward to working with Connie in the months and years ahead. Hopefully with the ongoing continuous improvement initiatives we have made, Connie's job will become much easier.



Product of the Month

A recent project, that included many complex machined products, allowed Valco's machining department an opportunity to demonstrate it's CNC milling skills. This aluminum piece was machined from a solid bar in three operations. This part is called a sheave block and is used to house a pulley for a ladder assembly for a first responder vehicle. Valco is proud to be an important supplier for such a critical piece of life saving equipment.



BLUE PRINT READING Class!

We are very excited to have developed and started an in house blue print reading class. We will have a total of 16 hours of blue print instruction using current customer blue prints for everyone to better understand the prints we use on an everyday basis. We have classes twice a week for one hour each and have a total of 8 associates in the first class. The class is taught by Jason Chilman who currently is an instructor in the Manufacturing Engineering classes at Clark State as well as teaching machining at OIC every day. Jason, who started his teaching carrer as a shop teacher, was formerly with our local CTC and has many years of teaching experience at several different technical high schools. We are excited about being able to offer this learning opportunity to our associates as part of our on ongoing continuous improvement initiatives and programs.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dan Woodruff October 4th
Eric Roberts October 19th
Eddie Leventhal October 19th
Bryant Wells October 26th
Brennen Kumbusky October 30th

October looks to be a great birthday month for Valco Associates. We wish each of you a great day on your special day and an even better year. Here's hoping for a lot more birthday celebrations for each of you in the years ahead. Enjoy your special time of year.

Years of Service

Larry Huxley . . . Oct. 1 . . . 11 Years!!
Robert Shuman . . . Oct. 6 . . . 1 Year
Darren Perez . . . Oct. 22 . . . 6 Years
Adrian Woodson . . . Oct. 23 . . 1 Year
Joseph Antorietto . . Oct. 30 . . 1 Year

We thank each of you for all you have done and continue to do for Valco and for our many customers. We appreciate your many contributions and look forward to working with each of you in the coming months and years.



Kenny Trimble who started on September 6th as part of our first shift brake press department.

We are glad to have Kenny as part of our Team and we look forward to working with him in the months and years ahead. Good luck in your new position.

NOV 6

Tuesday, November 6, 2018 is election/voting day and it is a really important day and time for all of us to be heard and to express our opinions. There are a number of critical issues that will be decided by each of us as well as a number of offices who will be elected, including a new governor for the next four years. Voting in many ways is easier than ever and certainly there is no reason for each of us not to vote. The last day to register to vote is Tuesday October 9th. The board of elections will be open to 9:00 p.m. that day. Do not sit this one out.

Early voting starts on Wednesday October 10th at the Board of Elections which is located at 3130 East Main Street. Their phone number is 937-521-2120. For more information you can go to the Board of Elections web page at <https://clark.ohioboe.com/>



It is not too early to start thinking about Turkey Day 2018, especially if you are unlucky enough to be a turkey. This year we will be celebrating the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 22nd and getting a day off work with pay so we can overeat, watch some football and spend time with family and friends. There will be more work related information to follow as we get closer to the holiday.

If you really want to think far ahead and wish the rest of the year away you can keep in mind that Christmas Eve will be on Monday, December 24th and Christmas Day will be on Tuesday, the 25th. New Year's Eve is on Monday with New Year's Day being celebrated on Tuesday, January 1, 2019.



Great Quotes

"When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too." *Paulo Coelho, The Alchemist*

"If something is wrong, fix it now. But train yourself not to worry, worry fixes nothing." *Ernest Hemingway*

"I'm always doing things I can't do; that is how I get to do them." *Pablo Picasso*

"Every strike brings me closer to the next home run." *Babe Ruth*

"The positive thinker sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible." *Winston Churchill*



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