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In Memory of Robert Shuman

This month's Associate of the Month article is dedicated to Robert Shuman, who unexpectedly passed away on Friday, March 8. Rob was a vital member of the Valco Team for almost 5 years and was a good friend to many of us at Valco.

Rob was a key member of our brake press department, as well as, part of our management leadership training program. He also had been doing a great deal of quoting for new projects and sales opportunities while also working towards a degree in Clark State's Manufacturing Engineering Technology Program.

Rob was born and raised in Springfield, attended and graduated in 1989 from both North High School and the Career Technology Center where he graduated from CTC's carpentry program. Rob accepted his first job with Collier Roofing doing roofing and siding installation. After six years with Collier's, Rob decided to go into the roofing business on his own and started Imperial Roofing where he spent the next five years. After five years, Rob decided that operating his own business might not be for him after all. He sold his roofing business and took a job with Carmichael Machine where he learned to operate several different machining centers and lathes, etc. After several years with Carmichael, he was able to get a job with the State of Ohio Water Department and was placed at the London Prison facility, luckily not as a resident. After three years with the Water Department, Rob and a friend started rehabbing houses and then accepted a job with Mitchell Painting who had a major painting contract with Wittenberg University at the time. Luckily for us Rob on a recommendation by a good friend of his, Micah Hanks our second shift group leader and laser operator, finally made his long winding road to Valco.

Rob is survived by his two sons, Bradley and Tyler, his mother Sherry, his five grandchildren and his fiancé, Kristin Trapp. He was a die-hard Steelers fan and greatly enjoyed family activities, cookouts, camping, and boating.

All of us at Valco are deeply saddened by Rob's sudden passing but are very glad we got to know and work with him, and we will very much miss him. We are forever grateful for his many contributions he made while he was with us.



On March 18, 2022 we proudly celebrated our first-year anniversary of being an Employee-Stock Ownership Company (ESOP) with a celebration event at Mother Stewart's Brewery in downtown Springfield. It truly was a celebration for all our new owners, as well as, a celebration and thank you for all that we have accomplished by working together as a team with a new mission during the past year.

Everyone received a one-year anniversary t-shirt with a special designed logo, enjoyed a Mexican food buffet lunch, and a slice of pie representing everyone now owning a piece of their company pie. We had numerous raffles, a guess the number of bolts/screws, and ESOP bingo using words relating to being an ESOP rather than numbers. We want to thank our many vendors who provided many gift cards and other assorted gift items people received throughout the event. We very much appreciate their support.



A huge thank you goes to our planning committee for their ideas, suggestions, support, setting everything up the day of the event and encouraging their fellow owners to attend. Our committee members were Tim Denney, Cody Evans, Adam Leventhal, Rahn Poole, and Megan Watson. It truly was a team effort.



Some of the comments we received says it all:

"Great job you all! I think it was a success and a good time. With lots of good food, drink, people and gifts! Enjoyed working with all of you!"

"I hope we all get to do this again next year. I feel it was a great way to come together as a team and definitely helps with moral and allows everyone to celebrate what we have all accomplished in the past year as an esop."

We are already looking forward to next year's second anniversary celebration!





Happy Birthday

Frankie Knight April 2
 Mike Bell April 4
 Jordan Shingler April 19
 Darren Perez April 23
 Jett Vanculin April 26

We hope you each have a great day on your special day and an even better year. Here's hoping your new year is a healthy virus free one, with lots of laughs and much continued success. We wish all of you many more birthday celebrations in the years ahead. Enjoy your special time of year!

Years of Service

Dave Denney . . April 25 . . 16 Years!!
 Elijah Muhammad . April 26 . 1 Year
 Mike Hughes . . April 30 . . 15 Years!!

We thank each of you for being part of the Valco Team. We appreciate all you have done throughout the years and continue to do for Valco and our many customers. We look forward to working with you in the weeks and months ahead. Let's Keep on Keeping on in 2022!



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Product of the Month

Pictured is one of many parts Valco supplies to the first responders and emergency vehicles industry. While its end use isn't that impressive, the production of the part is. This part was machined from a solid 3" X 5" aluminum block on our Haas VF6 20 HP Vertical Machining Center. Jett Vanculin did an excellent job writing and implementing the program. We are proud to be able to partner with companies who support our first responders.



LOCAL FESTIVALS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THIS SUMMER!



Spring and summer must not be too far away because the dates of two mainstay festivals have been announced!

The Springfield Arts Council Summer Arts Festival will be returning this summer to Veterans Park! This year it will go on for 7 weeks starting on June 9 and ending July 23. There are several new and exciting acts this year. For more information and updates on the Arts Festival, go online to www.springfieldartscouncil.org.



The annual Springfield Rotary Club Food Truck event will be returning on Saturday, August 20, 2022 in Veterans Park. We will have more details as we get closer to the event date.

Hopefully, summer 2022 will bring us much closer to a return to a more normal way of life.

Great Quotes

"Determine that the thing can and shall be done, and then we shall find the way." Abraham Lincoln

"The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do." Walter Bagehot

"There are 3 C's in life: Choice, Chance, Change. You must make the choice, to take the chance, if you want anything in life to change." Unknown

"Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere." Albert Einstein

"We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them." Albert Einstein