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We Look Forward to Seeing You!

▲ On Wednesday, May 16th, Professional Plating will open our doors to our customers, vendors, local businesses partners and residents of Brillion and the surrounding community for an Open House.



Invitations were emailed on Friday, April 13th. If you have not yet replied, we would like to hear back from you! Please email to sue.cohen@proplating.com with whether or not you will attend and if so, if you plan to attend in the morning or afternoon. The Open House is scheduled from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., with tours running all day.

Please feel free to extend an invitation to anyone else in your organization who may be interested in visiting us.



Service Anniversary Awards



▲ Each January, Professional Plating recognizes Team Members who reached a milestone service anniversary during the previous calendar year. These Team Members have directly contributed to Professional Plating’s success, and their efforts are what have set the bar high with our customers.

Service Anniversary Award winners receive their choice of a life-style type gift with values appropriate to the number of years of service. Here are the 2017 recipients:

Pictured left to right (front row):

Corky VandeBurgt-5 years;
Muggs Roman-10 years;
Carrie Boettcher-20 years;
Chuck Burich-5 years;

(back row):

Andy Vandomelen-15 years;
Greg Lettau-20 years;
Aaron Barr-15 years;
Jordan Miller-10 years;
Bill Hildebrandt-5 years;
Josh Herrick-5 years



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Pro-Dura Clear
Rack Zinc
GM Approval
Volvo Approval



Pictured left to right:
Josh Behnke-5 years;
Tammy Cummings-15 years;
Karl Bastian-20 years;
Denise Tamm-10 years and
Dave Anhalt-25 years

Pictured left to right:
Kym Rosner-20 years;
Bob Zipperer-25 years;
Jessica Meunier-10 years.
Missing from the picture is Dylan
Wordell-5 years

Our Congratulations and Thanks to
all of our 2017 Service Anniversary
Award Recipients!



Brillion Employer Survey

▲ The City of Brillion, Professional Plating and other Brillion employers worked together through the Calumet County Economic Development Office earlier this year, to encourage anyone working in Brillion to complete an on-line survey. The data received from the survey is being used to identify and prioritize what efforts should be put forward in the community to further promote Brillion as a great place to live and work.



As is the case in many areas, local businesses are finding a shortage of qualified workers, so part of the reason for the survey was to find out why people who work in Brillion do not currently reside in Brillion, along with identifying what amenities and services are important to them and/or are currently lacking.

There were 566 people who completed the on-line survey, with 51 of them winning prizes, donated by Brillion employers. One lucky winner received an Ariens Sno-Throw with the others receiving Brillion Chamber Bucks.

Professional Plating respects the time and privacy of our customers. In no way is this update meant to be spam mail.

If you no longer wish to receive a quarterly update from Professional Plating, please click the following link.

To Opt Out

Supporting our Volunteer Fire Department

▲ The Brillion Volunteer Fire Department has a 51-year tradition of holding a mid-winter brat fry! The brats, burgers and potato salad mix well with local residents and members of the surrounding fire departments to create a “you don’t want to miss it” event!



In addition to good old-fashioned camaraderie and bringing the community together, the event is also the BFD’s largest fundraiser of the year. Professional Plating donated a Stihl chain saw to the line-up of raffle prizes that partnered well with donations of other businesses of a Stihl blower, Ariens Snow-Throw and an Ariens lawn mower. Proceeds from this event goes toward updating fire- fighting equipment.

Young Minds; STEM Principles; Innovative Ideas

▲ The “Automations” class at Brillion High School was recently asked to help Professional Plating develop a more efficient way to both clean and sort masking that is used primarily in the powder paint process. Teacher Jeff Liddicoat allowed his class consisting of eighteen students, to spend most of their semester learning, brain-storming and developing ideas for this project.



Several Professional Plating leaders were invited into the class to hear the ideas that their teams of students were coming up with, and were very impressed with concepts that had real potential. Putting their thoughts and ideas into working prototypes proved to be a bit more challenging given their limited class time, but Professional Plating walked away with some new ideas that will be utilized to make gains in how we move ahead with the initial problem.

Our Thanks to the students for their creative efforts!

For information about Professional Plating and general questions related to metal finishing, check the FAQ section of our website at:

Frequently Asked Questions

www.prolating.com

Team Member Spotlight



Sara Bartel, Quality Coordinator



My career at PPI began with me working during breaks from college, starting full time in December 2003 after earning my Bachelors' degrees from Ripon College in Anthropology and English, with a minor in Art History. I started in E-coat as a floater, moved up to Epoxy Inspector and Lead Person. I then transferred to Quality, starting as Quality Technician, moving to Quality Analyst and to my current role as Quality Coordinator in January 2013. Experience from the floor helps me understand our processes and explain them to both Team Members and customers.

As Quality Coordinator, I oversee our Lab, which performs testing for the production lines and works to maintain the baths at optimum ranges. I also work with each department on opportunities for improvement, quality concerns, and maintaining our ISO 9001:2015 certification.

I have been married to my husband Greg for 13 years and have one daughter, Katie, who is 11. We enjoy taking trips to Disney World and are eagerly awaiting the completion of the new Star Wars Land at Hollywood Studios so we can experience it on our next trip. I enjoy reading, doing puzzles and spending time with my family.

Winter Warm Up



There are many wonderful things about Winter in Wisconsin. But by the time mid-February comes around, those things get harder to think fondly about! With that in mind, Professional Plating planned a Winter Warm-up event for Tuesday, February 13th to give our Team a distraction from the winter doldrums.

Team Members were asked to donate pots of hot soup or chili, along with baked goods. Bowls to sample the donated soups could be obtained by either a \$2 donation or by donating a personal hygiene item. Baked goods were sold on a free-will-offering basis.

Both the monetary donations and the collection of personal hygiene items were donated to the Salvation Army's "Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive".

Pictured on the right with the collected hygiene items, are Kerry Behnke, Zinc Business Team Manager presenting a \$750 check to Adrianna Hilbelink, Director of the Calumet County Salvation Army Bread of Life Assistance Center. Also pictured from Professional Plating are Carollynn Acker, HR Coordinator, Kelsey Burkhalter, Zinc Operations Assistant and Toni Post, Quality Analyst.



Larger Refrigerator Needed!

▲ The refrigerator has long been the place for children's artwork to be hung and admired by proud parents, grandparents, etc. When Professional Plating had 43 young artists submit Easter coloring pages, we knew we needed to find a bigger space to display these masterpieces!

Luckily for us, the wall near our main Team Member entrance was available and that is where the coloring pages that were submitted by children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and siblings of our Team, were on display.



Two young artists were randomly drawn to win an Easter-themed gift:



Naomi, 9-year old daughter of Jennifer Hoelzel who works in our Powder department

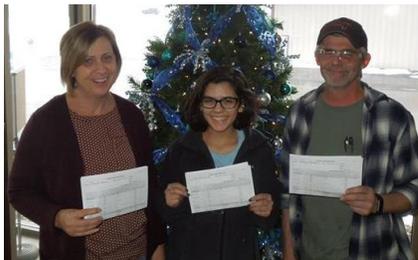


Raylan, 3-year old nephew of Zinc Operations Assistant, Kelsey Burkhalter

Attendance Awards

▲ A key factor in the success of any business is having a Team that shows up to work each day with the right attitude and dedication to perform to their best ability. After talking about it for a long time, Professional Plating moved ahead with a Attendance Reward Program at the end of 2017.

We are proud of the following Team Members who were eligible for an attendance award due to having no unexcused absences or tardy shift arrivals and were randomly chosen to be recognized for their efforts:



December 2017: Sheila Free, Jesse Becker, and Juan Penalzoa. These Team Members each received a \$50 gift card of their choice.



Quarter 4, 2017: Gail Schuh, Ashley Cleven and Toni Post. These quarterly winners received a 32" flat screen Samsung TV, surge protector and HDMI card.



January 2018: Josh Behnke, Kody Willman and Nick Rosner. These monthly winners received a \$50 gift card of their choice.



February 2018: We decided to change things up a bit and ALL 125 eligible Team Members received a \$10 Subway gift card.

March 2018: Jay VanAsten, Jessica Meunier and Greg Lettau, each received a \$50 gift card of their choice



Quarter 1, 2018: Nick Hoffman, Gabby Hartzheim and Alissa Popp were able to choose either a Limo Ride and Night Out for two; a Fitbit Versa Watch; a 32" Samsung LED Smart TV or a KitchenAid Food Processor with an Exact Slice and Dice System.

Exploring Metals

▲ Professional Plating was recently approached by New Holstein High School Tech Ed Instructor, Kyle Wagner to powder paint some chairs that the "Exploring Metals" class had built. The class of fifteen boys in grades 9-12, used skills they learned in the class to build Bomber Seats. The course has an emphasis in sheet metal, welding and machining.



Professional Plating was happy to add powder paint and e-coat to their finished products.

Musical Entertainment

▲ As a proud sponsor of the Endries Performing Arts Center, located at Brillion High School, we were again able to offer free tickets to Team Members of Professional Plating for some outstanding performances.

On Saturday, February 10th a Billy Joel and Elton John tribute band from Chicago drew an enthusiastic crowd that was singing along to all the familiar tunes.



On Friday, April 6th entertainment came from the UW-Stevens Point Jazz Band, and then from the UW-Madison "The Madhatters", which is a male a cappella group.

We look forward to upcoming shows that the Friends of the Endries Performing Arts Center have in store for this season.

