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It was a Great Day!

 We were happy to see that so many of you were able to visit us at our Open House on May 16th. We had close to 600 guests who toured our facility to see our production lines in full operation, along with displays further explaining our process capabilities and some showcasing customer parts. Refreshments and an opportunity to win a door prize were available at the conclusion of the tour.

Additionally that day, we christened our new Team Member Lounge and Wellness Center. Key representatives from Keller Structures who were the general contractors for this project were on hand, along with several local officials and honored guests.



Pictured from left to right are Steve Klessig and Mark Nysted from Keller Structures; State Representative Ron Tusler; Professional Plating General Manager Larry Dietz; Owners of Professional Plating, Pat and Bob Endries; and a representative from State Senator Tammy Baldwin's office, Jennifer Garner.

We cannot say enough that it is because of our customers giving us the opportunity to serve them and always challenging us to be better, that has allowed us the success that we have had. We look forward to continuing to foster our business relationship with you!

Please contact us if you were unable to attend our Open House and would like to arrange for a tour.

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There's an App for That....

▲ Communication is vital in any healthy relationship and that holds true in the work place! We can feel pretty confident that an email will be read by someone working in an office setting; however, the challenge is how to reach Team Members working on the production floor who have little exposure to email. The solution we recently came to was to develop an app!



Professional Plating rolled out our app, ProConnect in May. All Team Members are able to download ProConnect from the App Store to their android and Apple phones.

The app is easy to use and allows two-way communication using company-wide or department specific streams. Team Members are also able to give a "shout out" to their fellow team members on the Applause stream. A Chat feature allows a more personal communication between Team Members and the management team.

George Bernard Shaw once said, "The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place." With our ProConnect app we have a bit more confidence that our messages are reaching our intended audience.

Preparing Youth for a Global Economy

▲ The City of Brillion has had a successful Junior Achievement program in place for going on 11 years! This success comes from the support of area businesses, coordination with local schools and teachers and the dedication of volunteers who share of their time and knowledge with grade school thru high school students.



Professional Plating is proud to have had two Team Members volunteer with Junior Achievement this past Spring.

Sara Bartel, Quality Assurance Coordinator taught "Our City" to a 3rd grade class at Brillion Elementary School.



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Kerry Behnke, Zinc Business Team Manager, taught 5th and 6th graders at Trinity Lutheran School about a Global Marketplace.

Both ladies have been Junior Achievement volunteers for several years.

A Dose of Wellness Inspiration



Spotlight on Sheila Free – Customer Service

As of February 2018, I have been at Professional Plating for 25 years. I began my career at PPI on the shop floor and within six months, I was helping in the Shipping office. As the company grew, I took on the role working full-time in Customer Service, and I have never looked back! What I enjoy about my job is working with all my great customers and the relationships I have developed.

When I am not at work, I love spending time with my four children and eight grandkids. I enjoy reading, camping, knitting, biking and hiking, and when I am not doing one of those activities, I am at our local gym doing classes such as spin, yoga, pound/drum, Zumba, and water aerobics.



I am proud to say I work for a company that not only has grown tremendously over the years but also financially supports numerous community events.

I have been running 5K's for several years and Professional Plating recently sponsored the Eagle's Wings 5K at which I participated. I placed 1st in my age group and my daughter and daughter-in-law placed 1st and 2nd in their age group. It was a fun race and the best part was doing it with members of my family.

What I am most proud of is doing my first Bellin 10K run at the age of 60. My goal when I retire is to continue a healthy life style by working out daily. I want to obtain a 6-pack (and not the liquid kind)!

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

"Cleaning the Gutters?"

▲ Professional Plating planned an annual bowling event for our Team for Saturday, May 19th. We experienced some exceptionally nice Spring weather that day, so attendance at the bowling event was smaller than usual. The thought is that some Team Members really did opt to do some outdoor work and literally "clean their gutters"!

This group however enjoyed several games of bowling at "Officials Den Bowl & Spirits" in Hilbert and odds are that there were a few gutter balls thrown (but we aren't calling out anyone in particular)! The high game series trophies went to Toni Post, Quality Analyst, and TJ Moehr, Zinc Sales Estimator/Planner.



Bowling is right up their alley!

ISO Recertification Audit

▲ Professional Plating played host to our ISO Auditor on June 19th – 21st. We are proud to report that we passed our first surveillance audit since being certified by our registrar, DQS Inc., in July 2017 to the new ISO 9001:2015 standard, with no non-conformances!



Our Team of course deserves the credit for their daily follow thru of the Work Instructions and procedures we have in place that have proven to provide repeatable and consistent quality. We also owe our thanks to you, our customers for continually challenging us to be at our best and holding us accountable to never settle for anything but being the best. Lastly, we want to acknowledge our Quality Coordinator, Sara Bartel for her dedication and leadership in overseeing that our quality assurance standards and procedures are met.

Give Blood...Give Life!

▲ Donating blood is the most precious gift that anyone can give to another person..the gift of life! As a donor, you will never know the lives that you have touched by donating, but know that you are making a difference! Although an estimated 38 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood at any given time, less than ten percent actually do!

Motivated by a Team Member whose Dad was receiving blood regularly in his fight with leukemia, we initiated a blood donor campaign during the months of April and May. The thought was to encourage to new donors and entice them with the opportunity to win a \$50 gift card.

Posting information about what to expect during the blood donation process, providing dates and locations of upcoming donation sites, posting signs and putting out reminders (and bowls of Life Savers), were done in an effort to consider visiting a blood donation site.

We are excited to share that we had 17 Team Members who either donated or attempted to donate blood during the two months of our promotion, with several of them being 1st-timers! We plan to continue to encourage our Team to donate blood...and give the gift of life!



Kids Day

▲ One of the best memories of being a kid was spending a summer day, riding around town with friends and looking for adventure. Bike riding has become much more of a family and/or fitness activity, but a youngster learning how to ride a bike for the first time is still a much anticipated rite of passage!



A local business, Groskopp Chiropractic, has been organizing "Kids Day" for the past several years. Along with a day full of food, entertainment and other activities, the highlight of the event is giving away over 20 bikes and helmets to those in attendance.

Professional Plating has been a supporter of the Kids Day event and donated two bikes for the giveaway. The picture shows Professional Plating Office Manager Sue Cohen, presenting two bikes to Dr David Meyer, coordinator of the Kids Day event.

Top Shop Award

▲ The Professional Plating zinc production team makes it four years in a row as being selected as one of Product Finishing magazines "Top Shops"!

It is through teamwork and consistent following of procedures that we continue to be "Where Winners Finish"!



Shown are members of the barrel and rack zinc plating production lines, along with zinc support staff and leadership.

A change for E-coat Quote Requests

▲ To any customers who email Requests for Quotes or are looking for updates on pricing of parts for E-coating, please note that your previous contact, Carrie Zipperer has accepted another position within Professional Plating. Your new contact for E-coat RFQ's is Dedra Piepenburg. Dedra can be reached at dedra.piepenburg@proplating.com or by phone at 920-756-4507.

Tending to a Garden of Hope

▲ Over the past year, Professional Plating has partnered with the Salvation Army Bread of Life Center in Chilton, WI on various events. Our most recent project is involvement with their "Gardens of Hope". This is the first year that Chilton has done the gardens and they have done a great job building the plots and getting local companies and families to adopt the plots.

Professional Plating has adopted two plots and the Team has been responsible for the planting and upkeep of the gardens. We look forward to the harvest and donating 100% of the fresh vegetables (peppers, onions, cucumbers and zucchini) back to the Center and those in need.



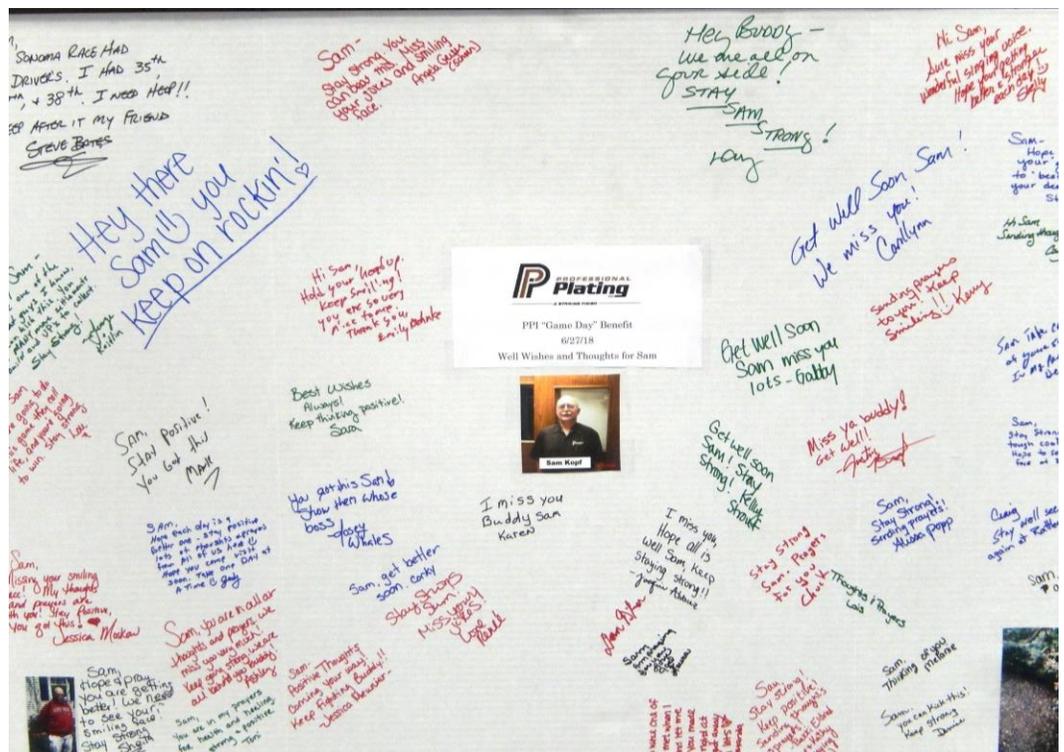
"Game Day" Benefit

▲ On June 27th, we called on our Team once again, to support a raffle with proceeds ear-marked to a long time Team Member, now retired, who was fighting cancer.

Fellow Team Member Sam Kopf, loved to play games of strategy, so we used that as a theme for items to be donated to the bucket raffle. However, based on the success of items donated to raffles we've done in the past, we had a wide variety of wonderful donations. Additionally, we asked Team Members to donate baked goods for a bake sale.

To make the day extra fun, we hosted a grill-out lunch for our Team, made all the more special since members of our leadership team were the chefs for the day!

Due to the fantastic generosity of the PPI Team, we were able to present Sam with \$3,500 from our event! This amount is a combination of what was collected thru the sale of tickets for the bucket raffle, the free-will offering for bake sale items, and a PPI company donation!



We are sad to report that our friend Sam lost his battle on July 6, 2018.

In Loving Memory

