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When Winter is on the Way

▲ As Wisconsinites, we've all heard the jokes about surviving winter in Wisconsin (How do you know it's under 32 degrees in Wisconsin? People stop wearing shorts!) But preparing for the cold months of winter is especially important for kids.

Once again this year, the Team at Professional Plating responded to the call of The Salvation Army's "Coats for Kids" initiative. Professional Plating was proud to present John Kost of The Bread of Life Assistance Center-Salvation Army of Calumet County in Chilton (shown far left) with 61 new or gently used coats and snow pants to distribute to kids in our area.



Fall Pink Party

▲ The Team at Professional Plating looks forward to the annual "Wear Pink" day, which is done to show support for those dealing with cancer.



Instead of having our Team dig through closets and thrift stores to find their pink attire, the newly designed "Wear Pink" t-shirts were given to each Team Member. Of course some Team Members still added pink pants or other pink add-ons to complete their outfit!

On the same day in October that we were decked out in PINK, we also treated the Team to a fry out of brats, chicken breast and steak sandwiches, along with salads and icecream. (shown are Grill Masters Jessica Moskow, Powder Coat Manager and Bob Zipperer, Engineering and Quality Coordinator).



The day also included a bucket raffle. Due to the generosity of our Team we are proud to say that \$2,456 was raised. This money was ear-marked to be used for holiday shopping for local families. Read more about this later in this newsletter.

Healthy Lifestyle

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▲ Professional Plating knows that the success of our company is due to its Team Members and we work hard to do what we can to keep our Team healthy and safe. To that end, a new Wellness program was kicked off in November.



Professional Plating has partnered with Prevea Health to roll out the FitLyfe program, open to all of our Team Members. Brittany Ingledew and Vanessa Mommaerts from Prevea did the kick off presentation to our Team on November 5th to explain the platform and the points campaign.

The program runs the gamut of topics from nutrition to stress management, monthly on-site health coaching, and Lunch 'n Learn meetings that are intended to provide our Team with the tools they need to adopt or maintain a healthy lifestyle.

The new platform also builds on the use of fitness equipment already available to our Team and added the ability for our team to take daily weight and blood pressure checks.

It Costs Nothing to Give Much

▲ Seeing a Red Kettle or hearing a bell ring as you enter your local grocery or big box store during the holiday season is a pretty common occurrence.

Professional Plating wrapped up our 2020 holiday season commitments with having 30 of our Team Members fill 44 one-hour shifts of bell ringing at Tadych's Econo Foods here in Brillion! Those Team Members who so graciously volunteer their time for this worthy cause certainly have extra joy in their heart knowing they helped those less fortunate.

Whether they teamed up with coworkers (Ashley and Rikki from our Powder Coat department), preferred to go it alone (Melanie from our Zinc Rack 3 department), or had the family join in (Jill from our Specialty Products area with daughters Brynn and Kenzie), they all had a great time and are looking forward to volunteering again next year!



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Food Pantry Donation

▲ 2020 was a year like none other and presented plenty of challenges. Food banks across the country scrambled to keep up with demand amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Professional Plating annually does a collection of food items for the local St Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. Even though some members of our Team were also dealing with reduced work hours and struggling to make ends meet, the Team came through with donations to our food drive, contributing over 2,500 items!



Monetary donations of \$300 from Professional Plating and \$500 from owners Pat & Bob Endries were also presented to the food pantry representatives. Cash donations are used to purchase meat and other items needed by those they serve.

Rallying Around One of our Own

▲ It isn't always easy to accept help when you are going through a difficult situation, but that's what friends and family do for each other! A special Raffle/Bake Sale/Soup Sale day was organized for Wednesday, December 9th with proceeds going to help pay medical expenses for the daughter of one of our long-time Team Members who has been battling cancer.

Having a buffet of hot, homemade soup available on a cold winter's day is an easy sell for our hard working Team! In addition to the soup, Team Members also donated sweet treats for our bake sale. After filling their stomach's, tickets were sold for those looking to participate in the bucket raffle. Donated items included such things as holiday décor, gift cards to local restaurants and merchants, family board games, household tools and gadgets, and a lottery ticket tree.



After all the events concluded for the day, we were able to present a check to Jane Cleary and daughter Jessica, who also worked at Professional Plating a few year ago, for \$3,519!

Pictured are Jessica, who was able to visit with some of our Team during the event, and General Manager, Larry Dietz.

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Shopping Anyone?

▲ That tag line is sure to grab some attention!

A group of seven ladies from Professional Plating (the guys were welcome to sign up but didn't show an interest), armed with Christmas Wish Lists from several local families, went shopping on December 8th, with the money raised at our Fall Bucket fundraiser.



The purchases were all wrapped, tagged, and later delivered, one load to The Bread of Life Assistance Center-Salvation Army of Calumet County, with another load going to the Brillion Police Department, for their distribution to local families. We know that the recipients were thrilled with the gifts they received, and it warmed the hearts of our Professional Plating Team to know the joy of giving!



Holiday Bash

▲ The culmination of another successful year was celebrated with our PPI Family on December 15th. It becomes somewhat of a challenge to find new ways to "WOW" our Team when we have our celebrations, but we achieved a new level of "Awesome" this year!

Quite literally, our Team was greeted on the day of our holiday party with these "We don't do average, we do AWESOME" signs, lining the road to our front door! But the surprises didn't stop there! Although the Team knew that a holiday menu catered by our neighbors at Cobblestone Creek would greet them at break time, what they didn't know was that some special guests would be making an appearance!



We had been contacted by the Principal at Brillion High School to inquire as to whether anything could be arranged that would allow a group of band students to entertain us at some point before Christmas. With COVID restrictions in place, the kids were not able to host family and friends for their annual holiday pops concert and wanted someone to enjoy the fruits of their weeks of practicing. With that, the plan was put in place to have the students play holiday music during our holiday bash!



So the stage was set....food and holiday music...what else was missing from our Holiday Bash? Why Santa, of course!

Santa stopped in for a few hours to hand out an envelope containing \$125 in gift cards to each of our well-deserving Team Members!



We leave you with a few pictures of our indoor and outdoor holiday decorating...





