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Providing Food & Shelter

▲ Professional Plating is always looking for new ways to help those in need. In January, we presented a check to the Manitowoc Warming Shelter serving the homeless. Sadly, this location cannot always accept everyone who needs shelter and at times has to turn people away however, many are served a hot meal a daily basis.



Jessica Moskow, Powder Coat Manager, visited the Warming Shelter to present a donation check to the Manitowoc Cooperative Ministry’s Pastor, Rev. Dr. Matthew Sauer. Jessica came away with mixed feelings. It was good to be able to help the shelter out financially on behalf of the PPI Team, to assist with their daily expenses and wish list items, but she was also conflicted with seeing first-hand the struggles that some people deal with on a daily basis.

Learning Skills that Last a Lifetime

▲ Many of you reading this newsletter may have been involved in Scouting when you were a kid and/or as an adult leader. Scouting helps our youth develop skills and habits that they will be able to build upon throughout their lives. Organizations like this were not seeing as much participation as in the past, and when COVID hit, which eliminated the ability to meet and do activities, many groups folded.



Brillion Scout Troop 004 had their initial charter in 1944 and still had pieces in place to do some “rebuilding”. Shane Stehula, the Troop’s Scout Master, who was himself a Scout when he was younger, has been a catalyst for revitalizing the Brillion Troop. His first task was to find funding for their re-charter. That is where Professional Plating was able to assist, covering the cost of the charter and the membership fees of the current troop members and adult leaders.

Stehula may be the Leader but admits he needs assistance with how to get the Troop headed in the right direction. Thankfully, he has found mentors in several other area Scout Troops and leans heavily on their guidance.

When you see these youngsters selling Christmas wreaths or collecting food for local food pantries or competing in their soap box derby contests, be sure to show them your support. The lessons they are learning now will help them to be great leaders in the future!

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2023 Milestone Anniversaries



The Professional Plating Team had an awesome opportunity on Thursday, February 22nd to recognize 18 Team Members who reached milestone anniversaries during 2023. The Service Anniversary Awards luncheon was held at Cobblestone Creek in Brillion. After the lunch, each recipient had their moment in the spotlight when their Manager recounted their history with the company and shared a few light-hearted comments. The recipients were also given a gift they had chosen which ranged from gift cards to jewelry and excursions.



5-year recipients were Frankie Cimarichello, Paul Dietrich, Maria Camacho-Lopez, Mike Rahmer, Ashley Downard, Andrew Kesler, Jacob Castro and Rosalba Lara Cuevas. Missing is Brandon Broehm

(Pictured on the right) 10-year recipients were Gabby Hartzheim and Mark Lundy. Missing are Chris Gilson and Wendy Kopecky



Cindy Bartels (below on the left) was our lone 15-year recipient and Sara Bartel (below on the right) was the only Team Member reaching the 20 year milestone.



Celebrating 25 years of service with Professional Plating are Angela Geiser and Kerry Behnke (pictured on the left)

...and holding the top spot last year at 40 years of dedicated service, is Gail Schuh (pictured on the right)



Congratulations to all of the 2023 Recipients!

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Random Acts of Kindness

▲ An act of kindness can go a long way with warming our souls. During one cold day in February, Team Members at Professional Plating were warming their souls and their bodies! Loaded Baked Potato, Chili, Clam Chowder and Chicken Dumpling soups were catered in for our Team to enjoy.



The theme for our "soup event" was centered around "Random Acts of Kindness" week. Using our internal ProConnect messaging system, Team Members were sent daily ideas for acts of kindness they might choose to do. Many of these ideas don't cost anything; they are simply ways to "be kind" in our daily interactions with our coworkers, family or people we encounter at the grocery store. The world would be a much happier place if we could all incorporate a few random acts of kindness to those around us!



With warm souls and bodies, our Team also engaged in some fierce competition as we held one of our much anticipated Bean Bag Tournaments!

26 2-person randomly picked teams competed for the coveted 1st Place trophy. Coming out on top this time around were Dan Dutton, Inspector on our Rack 4 Zinc line, and Jason Behnke, Zinc Barrel line Operator.

Hygiene Drive

▲ Professional Plating once again participated in the "Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive" that benefits the local Salvation Army and several food pantries.

Every year we are so impressed with the generosity of our Team and their willingness to always step up to help those in need. The volunteers who stop in to pick up our collected items also know they can count on the PPI Team to really come through!



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

Erin Keary
Sales Estimator Planner



▲ Hello! I have been with Professional Plating for 6-1/2 years. Before that time I had never worked in manufacturing and honestly never expected to. When I started, I worked half of my shift in our Sorting Department and the second half of my day I was inspecting on Zinc Rack Line 4. After a couple of years I was able to become the Line Lead. I made a goal for myself to work hard and continue learning and growing and within a year and a half I became the Operator of that line. During my time as the Operator my desire to continue learning different areas of the zinc department brought me to learning to be the backup for our Zinc Scheduler and also the backup for our Wastewater Operator. When the job for the Zinc Estimator and Planner came up I just knew that this was where all of my hard work and learning was leading me. I feel very lucky to be where I am today and I look forward to starting this new path with PPI and all of you.

About me....where to start....I am originally from Hilbert but now live in Brillion after marrying my wonderful husband Zeb just over two years ago. We are a blended family and have four beautiful children; the oldest being 16 and the youngest being nine. We also have a St Bernard named Moose who we rescued from a farm near Verona. Life is very busy with the kids activities (baseball, softball, football, track, plays and forensics) but I wouldn't have it any other way. A few things that I enjoy doing in my free time are hosting cookouts with friends and family, antiquing, and watching dirt track racing. I enjoy life even on the hard days and try to make the best of each day because life goes by so fast; we shouldn't waste it but instead make the most of it.

Decorating for Easter

▲ Professional Plating once again gave our Team the opportunity to have the children in their life do some Easter decorating for us! The wall outside of our Team Center was full of fun and color!



Random winners of an Easter-themed basket were Abby, age 5, daughter of Christina and Cory Fritsch; and Colton, age 8, son of Brandi Carter.

Here We Grow Again!

▲ Over the life of our business to meet customer expectations Professional Plating has consistently reinvested in our business to improve quality, to enhance safety and to promote efficiencies with capacity additions.

Our ongoing installation sees us completing a new Epoxy E Coat paint line to replace our current line, which is one of our oldest assets.

The project planning for this exciting new investment began in August of 2022 and culminated in our order being placed with TTX from Sturgeon Bay, WI in February of 2023.

Our timeline from the being has been spot on and we plan to be operational in June.

Along with replacing and updating our older assets with new state of the art controls and feature, we have also been able to design in gains that will allow us to make successful impacts in many areas. Such as:

- Environmentally by reducing water usage and reducing wastewater treatment needs
- Improving part rinsing
- Oil removal system on the cleaner stages
- Cleaner collection tanks to facilitate tank maintenance gains
- Increased square footage per rack
- A larger racking footprint able to run parts up to 8' long
- Ergonomic gains on the machine as well as automated rack transferring systems to aide rack transfers in a safe and efficient manner



Let us Meet More of your Zinc Barrel Needs

▲ With the recent installation of our new barrel plating line that went into full production on January 15th, and the upgraded renovation project of our 2009 barrel line completed in early April, the Professional Plating Team now has two zinc barrel lines.



We are excited about what this redundant capacity capability can do for you!

With both plating lines getting added features and upgrades to enhance efficiency and capacity, Professional Plating has the ability to offer all customers some great additions in quality, lead times and part flow.

We run all finishes every day of the week and we are confident that we can support your fastener and stamping needs with better lead times and increased capacity commitments.

Added features to enhance customer parts

- Adjustable barrel rotation throughout plating
- Programmable dryer rotation and speed
- State of the art hydraulic load and unload area to reduce the drop that occurs while loading and unloading the barrels.

If you need more and if you need it faster we look forward to having you come in and see the new line as well as the upgraded line, ask questions on any of our finishes, as well as see what we can do for you on capacity.

Check us out at www.proplating.com and click on Services/Coating & Plating/Barrel Zinc.

Save the Date!



We would like to invite you to plan to attend our 45th Anniversary Open House being planned for Wednesday, August 21st when you can have the opportunity to tour and see the latest growth on-going at PPI!

More details will follow!