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Training at AWISCO



Alyn Brutus: 11/16-11/18/10
Miller training for New Equipment Service Engineering

Joe K: 11/13/10 Cylinder Dock- Joe spent 3 hours working with Rich on the cylinder dock learning the different types of gases, cylinders and valves, where the tanks are filled and stored.

MACYS THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE-

The 84th Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade kicked off the holidays in NYC on November 25th. Every year Macy's exciting holiday tradition is seen by more than 3.5 million people who line the streets in NY and another 50 million people who tune into NBC to watch the giant balloons, one of a kind floats, marching bands and lots of celebrities. For those of you tuned in hopefully you saw Kaikai & Kiki! Felim and his wife Nancy were handlers of these balloon Characters. This was Felim's 10th year walking in the parade!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JON ERNST-
12/3/10

DORIAN OLIVARES-
12/5/10

ARON MICHINSKI-
12/14/10

RYAN GOOD-
12/22/10

DAN WERMELINGER-
12/23/10

CLIFF PATTERSON-
12/28/10

MARK GUALANDI-
12/28/10

ANNIVERSARIES

YSSEL CALIXTE-
12/13/99-11 YRS

ROGER DOON DOON -
12/5/07-3 YRS

STEVE KOTCHER-
12/28/07- 3 YEARS



Many of us are so busy in our daily routines that we rarely take the time to do something nice for someone else. When you volunteer, you give part of yourself, your time, energy, skills and feelings. You give to your family and friends, to your neighbors, to your community. Giving is one of the reasons why people volunteer. Their contributions to others and to their communities bring them feelings of self-fulfillment and the knowledge that they have made a difference.

Volunteering is also a way of saying thank you. It's a way of recognizing the countless others who, in big ways and small, have made life richer and better through donations of time and effort. If you're curious to learn more about volunteering, a good place to get started is VolunteerMatch. I asked all AWISCO employees to share with me any stories that they could about volunteering and here's what they said!

Dan Schirripa: For the past 12 years I have been teaching a Confirmation class at my parish, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. It is my way of serving God and sharing my faith with young people at the adolescent stage of their life with the hope of preparing them for what lies ahead.

Jerry Ott- October 12 of this year was my first time donating blood at West Babylon High School. I did it because it saves lives and my future mother in law made me!

Dana Read - I volunteer for the Hope for Hannah Rescue in Bartonsville, PA. The rescue's mission is: Hope, Help & Educate. **Hope**- Our Hope is to rescue and place dogs in loving forever homes. **Help**- To support the housing and medical care of all our foster dogs, to sponsor dogs in need of veterinary care, to help special groups like Seeing Eye Dogs and Therapy Dogs. **Educate**- We offer school and public programs to share information on rescues, puppy mills, the importance of neutering and current legislation.



The reason that I got involved is because I love dogs and I want to do my part to help any dog that is abused or neglected. The rescue is new so I am trying to get our name out there so if anyone is interested in adopting, fostering or volunteering they can go to the website: hopeforhannahrescue.org

This is Hannah, she is the inspiration behind the rescue. She is a three legged American Bulldog.

Rich Wolyniec- Since 1982, I have been donating blood but for the past few months I have begun donating platelets. It takes about 2 hours and each time before they can begin they must check my iron, blood pressure, and temperature. I realized there are so many people in the world that can benefit from me donating that I should definitely do my part.

Steve Kotcher-I live in a private community with 62 homes. We have a board of directors which manages all the financial functions and maintenance that has to be performed. I have been on the board for the past 15 years in various positions, including president and vice president. For the past 12 years I have been in charge of our water system which serves 45 homes. I insure that all the testing is performed on the water and that the equipment is maintained and functioning properly. I also have to interact with the state DEP and insure that our inspections are done and that we meet the state regulations. I typically spend eight to ten hours a month working on community related issues.

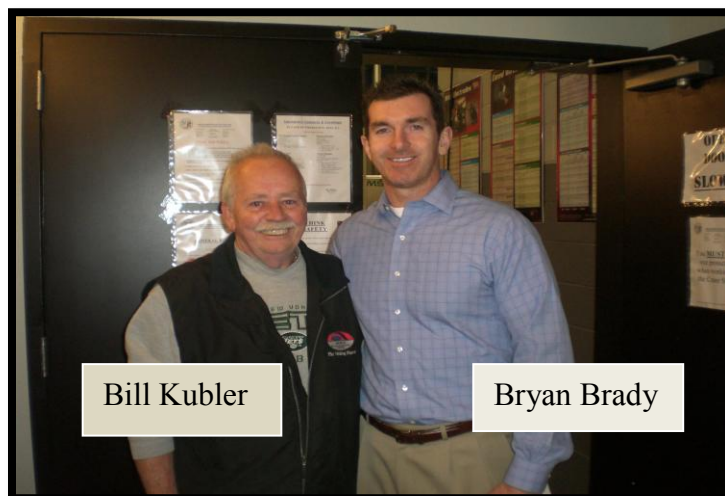
Customers in the News

This past month I had the great pleasure of visiting the 24,000 square foot training facility of one of our customers- the Ironworkers Locals 40 & 361 Joint Apprentice Committee, located in Astoria NY. I spent some time talking to Bryan Brady the Director, and he filled me in on how the school works, what the students get out of attending and what AWISCO's part is.

The Ironworkers have a 3 year apprenticeship program that teaches their students the skills they need to succeed in the steel erection industry. The students receive over 600 hours of classroom training in addition to the 4,000 to 6,000 hours of hands on training they receive in the field. The hands on hours for each student will vary depending on the jobs they work on. There are currently 240 apprentices that work throughout the 5 boroughs of NYC, Nassau and Suffolk Counties and Westchester. The students work full time during the day and come to school on weeknights and occasional Saturday's. At the school they are taught about all phases of Ironworking including but not limited to rigging, blueprint reading, crane assembly, scaffold safety, Foreman training, torch operations and fire guard, plasma cutting and welding. The last skills mentioned, torch operations, plasma cutting and welding, is where AWISCO plays

a major role in the development of future Ironworkers. To learn these skills, especially welding, takes significant practice and the best equipment. AWISCO is able to help Local 40 and 361 stay up to date on all the newest technology and equipment with the personalized service of Bill Kubler and Dennis Bichocci. The extensive knowledge and experience provided by Bill and Dennis not only helps the 240 apprentices at the Ironworker school but also the hundreds of Journeymen Ironworkers who attend the Ironworkers school to sharpen their skills. Every week more than 45 Journeymen Ironworkers attend the school to practice stick welding (SMAW), pipe welding, stainless steel welding or automatic welding (FCAW). The Ironworkers school is an approved AWS Welding Facility and there are 4 Ironworker CWI's on staff who can administer welding exams for any process that is needed on any job. Employers have called the school on less than 24 hours notice to have their welders tested for a particular process that was required on one of their jobsites. Knowing Bill or Dennis is always just a phone call away helps the Ironworkers meet these needs. It is not uncommon to have them personally deliver something of urgent need.

Special thanks to both Bryan Brady and Bill Kubler!
Here are some pictures I snapped during my visit.

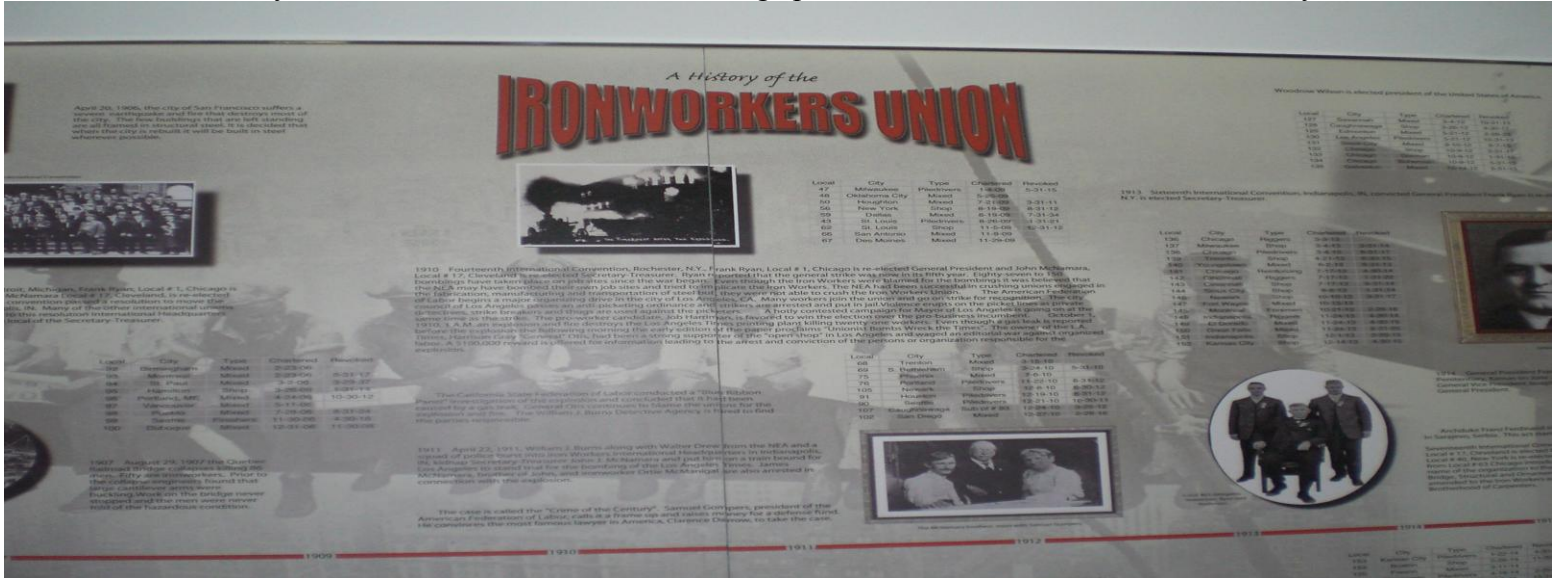


Bill Kubler

Bryan Brady

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As you first enter the school there is a huge poster of the IronWorkers Union History



Training Stations Throughout the Building



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Brendan volunteered to show me the proper way to climb a column, something that is part of the physical test for enrollment.

Bill Kubler is the salesman on the account and tries to get there one day during the week while school is in session to make sales to the students for their own personal needs.



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NYC Marathon

Yoriki has been running for 8 years but this was his first marathon. Yoriki's placement in the ING NYC Marathon on 11/7/10 was 10,591st place with a time of 3:49:49, his reason for participating "to get experience in long distance running."



"Congratulations to Jeff and Sibila Schubert on the birth of their new daughter, Brooke Mackenzie!"

She was born on 11/11 at 11:09 AM and Jeff's only regret is that he did not ask the doctor to wait until 11:11 AM!

At birth, Brooke Mackenzie was 18" long and weighed 5 lbs, 1 Oz. Big brother, Little Jeff (almost 4), welcomed his new sister.

Awisco's got something for all our customers!
"Welding, Safety & all your Hearing needs"



This is Paco, a regular at Branchville



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Do you have a welder in need of repair? How about a Hougen magnetic drill that needs some work? Maybe you just need a power hitter for your softball team. I am very pleased to introduce you to the solution to all (well at least most) of your problems, Repair Department Supervisor, Alyn Brutus. In 2005 Alyn joined the

AWISCO team as a warehouse employee. One year later Alyn was tapped by Felim to join the Repair Department. Alyn was the perfect fit for this transition due in large part to his hobby and passion which is restoring, repairing, and racing cars. During his time in the Repair and Rental Department, Alyn has found that the most rewarding part of his job is being able to help our customers "out of a jam". When a machine is down and our customer is losing thousands of dollars an hour, Alyn loves swooping in and saving the day. At the same time the most challenging part of his daily routine is simply finding enough time to repair all of the equipment brought in by our customers.

When not toiling away at AWISCO, Alyn enjoys spending his free time with his new baby daughter Alyna (wonder where they got her name from!!!). However the joys of fatherhood have not detracted from his love of the outdoors and sports. Alyn is an avid softball player who is involved in quite a few different leagues during the spring and summer months. Please extend your congratulations to Alyn for being part of the 2010 Cunningham Park Softball League Champions.

TOYS FOR TOTS™



This year AWISCO will be collecting toys to donate to children less fortunate. We ask that if you do decide to contribute a toy that it is:

1. Age range of **8-10 years old**
2. Toys must be **NEW** and **unwrapped**
3. Please drop off all toys in Maspeth no later than Dec 20th.

There is no price range- anything is appreciated!!!

Any questions please call Jen

