

Cornell Interns, Summer Interns, Cornell Interns



Hi, I'm Andy, and I am excited about my internship at AWISCO this summer. At Cornell, I am working towards a dual degree in Economics and Psychology. I am interested in how people make decisions especially with their money. This is my first time ever being in NYC and it has been a great experience so far and I am grateful that my internship with Awisco has put me here. Shadowing the jobs at Awisco has been fun but hectic as there feels to be a LOT going on all at once sometimes. Over the summer, I hope to enjoy what NYC has to offer in great food and upon turning 21 enjoy some night life.

Hello, I'm Frank Geiger, one of the interns at AWISCO this summer. I am a rising junior at Cornell University in the Applied Economics and Management program with concentrations in accounting and marketing. I am originally from northern New Jersey. I am very excited to have an internship at AWISCO to explore the world of small businesses. I hope that my experiences at AWISCO will give me insight to various careers in the business world. I am also excited to learn about an industry that is completely new to me.



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Happy Birthday

ERNIE OLSEN-
 7/2/11

SUSAN NATALE-
 7/8/11

JOE KARNCHANABUT-
 7/12/11

YORKI MUNOZ-
 7/12/11

JAIRO MORERA-
 7/15/11

JEFF SCHUBERT-
 7/19/11

ALYN BRUTUS-
 7/20/11

BOBBY BUCKHEIT-
 7/29/11

ANNIVERSARIES

STIAFONE ALLEYNE-
7/2/09 2 YEARS

FRANKIE GUZMAN –
7/2/01 10 YEARS

ABEL MARIOT-
7/27/05 - 6 YEARS

YORKI MUNOZ-
7/7/08 3 YEARS

DORIAN OLIVARES-
7/2/97 14 YEARS

HECTOR HUAYAMAVE-
7/29/05 6 YEARS

DANTE SCHIRRIPA-
7/1/86 25 YEARS

AWISCO employees
enjoy a night out at
Citifield- June 21st 2011



Over the past several months Awisco has been working with the support of Kate Zidar (Newtown Creek Alliance) to submit a proposal to The Department of Environmental Protection for a Green Roof Grant. On June 6th 2011 we received word that AWISCO was 1 out of 15 other winners chosen to participate in The Green Infrastructure Grant Program! This will bring a lot of changes to AWISCO and the community. For those of you who do not know what a Green Roof is here is a breakdown – it is the roof of a building that is partially or completely covered with vegetation and a growing medium, planted over a waterproofing membrane. It may also include additional layers such as a root barrier and drainage and irrigation systems.

What does this mean for AWISCO? Well, some benefits of a green roof are to improve the energy efficiency and reduce heating and cooling costs as well as decreased amount of storm water run-off entering the sewer system. It will also be visible from the BQE, demonstrating to New Yorkers the potential for green practices in industrial areas.

AWISCO will have a busy year with the development of this green roof and we will keep you posted as changes occur.

We would like to say a special “Thank You” to Kate Zidar, Highview Creations, Jean Tanler and the Maspeth IBZ, and to the New York City Department of Environmental Protection for helping AWISCO with this project. We look forward to the upcoming months of hard work knowing we are going to have a wonderful outcome that will give AWISCO a chance to give back to the environment.





Training

Abel, Andy, Arnie, Adam,
Maco, Dani, Jon, Dennis, Mark,
Jeff, Bill, Steve, Joe & Jesse.

C S Unitec Training (June 16th)
Dennis, Bill, Mark, Joe, & Jon.

MSHA Training (June 27th)
Mark, Jeff, Steve, Tom, Jake,
Rob & Steve J.

CUSTOMER SPOTLIGHT

AWISCO congratulates United Structural Works of Congers, New York, on earning the prestigious Certified Fabricator designation from the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC). CEO Cormach Murrhly and his entire team take pride in this achievement that recognizes their hard work and commitment to excellence. To see some of their amazing projects, visit their website at www.usw-inc.com. AWISCO is proud to call USW our customer, partner and friend.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

This month's employee spotlight introduces one of the newest members to the AWISCO family: Rob DeMarco. Rob joined the West Milford team in April 2011 as a driver. Born in Annapolis Maryland, he and his family moved to Waldwick NJ, where he grew up. After high school and college he went to work at Aerotech Laboratories fabricating collapsible storage tanks. He began his trucking career with ADS Trucking of Rahway NJ delivering retail merchandise. When not at work Rob enjoys listening to short wave radio and DXing. DXing is the hobby of tuning in and identifying distant radio or television signals, or making two way radio contact with distant signals. He also enjoys camping and riding his motorcycle. Rob is a proud supporter of the ASPCA and also volunteers at a local animal shelter. He lives in Westtown, NY, with his girlfriend Rosheen and their 125lb. Akita, Clyde. Rob says, "I'm amazed at how much AWISCO has to offer our industry, and I'm glad to be a part of it."



Guest Column

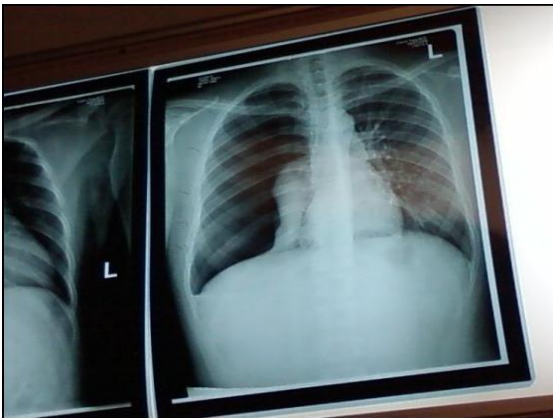
Andy Tran

"So what did you do for vacation?" This question always annoyed me because my family never really did much and preferred to stay at home and relax so my answer was "nothing". But after spring break of my senior year in high school, I had the best answer to that question that I could ever have without ever having to go very far. It was Friday night, I was preparing for my grandaunt's birthday dinner and I had just showered and after putting on my shirt, my chest started to hurt. I thought maybe I had come down with the sniffles and so ignored it, thinking it would go away tomorrow morning like it always does. I went to dinner but as the night wore on my chest began to hurt more and more.

Saturday morning. The pain did not go away. I did not have the sniffles. I went through my normal day activities until the pain hit a point at which I told my mother I think it's time to go to the doctor. She said to wait till Monday.

Sunday. I stayed in bed, it hurt to breathe.

Monday. Doctor's visit time, the final conclusion was that maybe I had broken a rib. That was not possible as nothing really hard had hit me there the last few days and I drink a ridiculous amount of milk everyday for the last 13 years. Regardless he suggested I should get x-rayed just in case. Beneath is one of the x-rays.



The x-ray technician had never seen something like it before. He asked the head doctor if it was cancer. Hearing that I wondered if it was even possible for me to have lung cancer, I had never smoked before but I suppose living in CA in relatively congested areas can do it for you. The doctor quickly through these notions out the window however as he knew exactly what the problem was. My right lung had completely collapsed and I needed to get into an ER immediately before my left one decided it too wanted to collapse.

At the ER, they hooked me up to a machine to read the oxygen level in my blood. My nurse told me my body was only getting about 70% of oxygen it is supposed to get and I pretty much had the lung efficiency of a pack a day smoker, pretty unfortunate for someone who hasn't had a single one. I lied in that bed for 2 hours until my readout was about 60% waiting for a specific doctor my mother had requested but apparently dropping below 60% meant I was going to suffocate, not a pleasant thought.

So off to surgery I went. And well, it was a live one so I got to watch. Skip this paragraph if you prefer not to hear the details but I will be brief. First they injected me with what I would later find out was indeed morphine. Next up was a scalpel into my chest to break the skin, followed by a pair of scissors digging in to cut away at my chest muscles. Finally a rod with a tube inside was rammed into my chest so that the doctor could pump the air that was trapped inside of my lung cavity out since it was crushing my lung.

This apparently was not enough as I was only at 70% and my lung was refusing to completely re-expand. Apparently the leak in my lung was still there and had not healed over so invasive surgery was now required to help the leak heal up. This time I was put to sleep so I don't really know what happened, all I know is when I woke up my throat was completely dry and had been dehydrated completely and my right side now bears 2 scars. Then I stayed in the hospital until Friday afternoon. In that time, I watched a lot of television shows that have become my favorite simply because of the experience they gave me some of which are Seinfeld, How I Met Your Mother, and Saturday Night Live. Also for anyone liking the show House M.D., Vicodin is nowhere near as amazing as he makes it seem, it takes a few hours for its effects to take place. I left on Friday with no Spring Break vacation days left to enjoy but at least I had quite a story to tell.

P.S. My lungs are now fully functional as far as I know as I do quite a lot of exercise to keep them in shape. Though adjusting to the smog of NYC for the first time was definitely a challenge at first.

KIDS CORNER

Megan Wolyniec wowed them at the Hilton in Melville Long Island on 6/8/11.

Sparks flew from her finger tips as she played "Itay Bitay Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini" on the piano.

Her encore to Blue Lagoon had all hearts racing in the crowd.

How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Practice, Practice and more Practice. Goooooooooooo Megan!!!!.

-From one proud father- Rich Wolyniec

Congratulations to Joe & Jessica Karnchanabut who celebrated Evangeline's Christening on 5/28/11.



My youngest daughter, Lauren Elizabeth Francone, age 11, graduated from the IGC (gifted program) at PS 229 and has been accepted into the honors program at I.S. 73 this fall. Lauren has worked very hard to maintain her "almost perfect" score for both the state ELA and Math tests as well as her high school reading level.

Lauren is a typical young girl who enjoys rollerblading and spending as much time with her friends as she can. She is the youngest of two, and when Lauren was a baby, her sister Kristen would read books to her everyday and Lauren was the perfect audience. She would sit there mesmerized by the pictures and watched her sister intently as she read aloud.

Lauren's curiosity and passion for reading grew. She would read anything she could get her hands on, magazines, books, cereal boxes, etc... Her imagination would run wild. Eventually, Lauren began to write stories of her own. She would create a story and illustrate the pictures to go with it. She has received certificates of achievement for her writing as well as the Principal Award for Excellence.

Recently, Lauren has taken on a new passion – FASHION....(as I said, typical girl). She enjoys creating her own designs for clothing, complete with shoes and accessories. Be on the lookout, and if she continues down this path with the same drive and determination, you may be wearing a "Lauren" original in the future.

Remember - Children are very creative and their ideas are limitless, always encourage and support your children with whatever they choose to do.

Written by: Lori Francone

AKA – "Mommy"