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Safety Tip

General Excavation Safety Tips:

- Underground utilities must be located and marked.
- Trenches over 4 feet deep must have a safe exit such as a ramp or ladder within 25' of every worker.
- Trenches 5 feet or deeper will be inspected daily by Environmental Health & Safety.
- Excavated material and other objects must be kept at least 2 feet from a trench opening.
- No one works on the sides of sloped or benched excavations above other employees unless the lower worker is protected from falling material.
- Station a Top Person outside the trench to detect moving ground and warn workers to leave a trench.
- Any excavating under the base or footing of a foundation or wall requires a support system designed by a registered professional engineer.

Construction or renovation projects may require the placement of barricades, guardrails, or toeboards for employee protection. If barricades are left in place at night, adequate safety-flasher lighting is necessary.

If you have any questions, please ask Jim Schick or Brian Van in our safety department.

UMC Employee News

Nancy Brown has suffered some serious health problems and is currently not able to work. While she is recovering well, it may be some time before Nancy is able to work again. Nancy has been with UMC for 15+ years and we miss her! Please keep Nancy and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Get well soon Nancy!

Hurricane Katrina UMC Donations a huge success!

On Thursday, 10/20, Jerry Bush / UMCCF presented a check for **\$10,000.00** to **Major Bob Bearchell** and **Lee Stiles** from the **Salvation Army** to be used towards relief efforts for the survivors of Hurricane Katrina. The presentation took place in the UMC Fab shop with UMC employees gathered to celebrate the extremely successful drive to raise monies towards this important cause. A huge thanks to all of you who donated! Our thanks also goes out to **Linda Barnhart**, who pushed this drive to it's end result of meeting the goal we set and who also did a great job of organizing this function. Also a big thanks to Joe Trimm and his crew for shutting and letting us use the UMC Fab Shop!

Note from JB: I want to extend a big Thank You for all who contributed and all who participated today. We formed the UMC Charitable Foundation in an effort to fulfill our obligation as Corporate Citizens by giving back to our community and those in need, as well as to provide you an avenue to fulfill your giving goals. With the bustle of our everyday lives, personal and professional, it is easy look past the needs of our community and our fellow humans. Thanks again.

Raise the Flag!

Following the presentation of our check, we celebrated the raising of the flag on our new flagpole, located at the front of the corporate office. Our "UMC Veterans", **Rick Coulter** and **Pat Monahan** proudly raised our American flag to the accompaniment of **Major Bearchell** playing the military flag-raising song on the coronet. The UMC flag joined the American flag shortly afterwards. Both events were rounded out with UMC employees enjoying a variety of coffee drinks and Italian sodas from our own Mukilteo-based Espresso & Go Café espresso cart, compliments of UMC. **Linda Barnhart** was once again, the lead person to get our flag and flagpole in place and headed up the organization of this important step for UMC.

Please check out the link below for photos of the UMC check presentation and flag ceremony.

<http://pipeline.umci.com/gallery>

- When you get to gallery, click on the button on the left-hand side named "Hurricane Relief and Flag Raising" to open the album.
 - Click on the first photo to enlarge it. You can move through the album by clicking on the arrow on the right side of the page.
 - If you want to order prints on line, there is a drop down box where you can select the company you wish to use.
 - If you want to save, send or copy a photo, **right**—click on the photo and choose your option.
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Welcome to UMC!

John Williams started work for UMC on 10/17 as *Senior Project Manager*, reporting to Maria Boyer. John was President and CEO of 1st Mechanical (San Diego CA) from 1991 to 2000 and most recently worked for Lescure Corporation in Lafayette, California as Project Manager. Prior to this he was Vice President for Cambridge Mechanical (Fairfield, CA) and served as Project Manager for several different companies including American Mechanical Services (Walnut Creek, CA), Encompass/Air Systems (San Jose, CA), Pacific Rim Mechanical (San Diego, CA), and University Mechanical & Engineering Contractors (San Diego, CA) over the past twenty years. John, his fiancée Sandy, and 6-year old daughter Veronica, are currently looking for a home in the Mukilteo area. John likes fishing, camping, hiking, sports, teaching CCD at church, and is currently working on earning a Masters degree in Theology.

Please stop by his desk and give him a UMC welcome!

Project Spotlight

Dave Johanson gives us the following report on the **Nucor Steel Seattle, Inc - Continuous Caster Rebuild**

Nucor Steel is rebuilding its continuous caster, the piece of equipment that turns molten steel into solid square bars. These red-hot bars are eight inches on a side and emerge from the caster four abreast at walking speed. After cooling, they are processed on site into rebar and steel shapes such as angle iron. The scope of work being done by UMC truly demonstrates the value we provide to our customers as a full service, general mechanical contractor. There is new concrete, significant new structural support steel, removal of old equipment components and the installation of new ones, and extensive new piping. Fieldwork started in September and the project will complete in December at the conclusion of a two-week shutdown. **Ned Miller** and **Randall Gaylor** are preparing piping spool sheets for the fab shop where **Joe Trimm** and the shop crew are turning out their usual high quality fabrications. **Mike Yonich** is leading our concrete work, **Will Welsch** and **Tom Abbott** are heading up our steel and equipment work, and **Jack Willits** is overseeing piping. Others will be joining the team as the shutdown approaches. **Pat Damitio** is managing the overall team effort.

Thanks to all of you for your great work!

UMC Trick or Treating



Just a reminder - the **UMC Halloween trick or treat** event will be held on October 28th this year from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Big kids (us!) and little kids are welcome to come dressed up and raid the Halloween baskets that will be distributed throughout the office.

Quotable Leader

"Anything is possible. You can be told that you have a 90-percent chance or a 50-percent chance or a 1-percent chance, but you have to believe, and you have to fight."

-Lance Armstrong
