



## Dear UMC Team,

Thank you to everyone that submitted idea's for the new name of UMC's monthly newsletter. It was a tough choice, but special thanks goes to Brett Endres and Gail Kinner for brainstorming together to come up with our new name...*U-Connections*. This new name hits the mark when it comes to the theme of our newsletter. It keeps "U" connected with the happenings within the company and gives all UMC employees the opportunity to share special events in their lives. We look forward to many years of bringing you monthly *U-Connections*, as we hope you look forward to reading it.

Your editors,  
Eeyore & Tigger



## Safety

Are you walking the walk? The following is an e-mail that was received earlier this month from Rene LaRocque, EHS Manager, Skanska USA praising one of our foreman's commitment to keeping everyone safe on the job site.

*"My superintendent felt that employees may be tired of listening to me talk about safety so he has started having the foreman for the different crafts present the safety topic of the week. On Monday of this week Todd Olson was the first of the foreman to present. I had prepared some additional information on the number of fatalities for the construction industry because April 25 is Washington's Worker Memorial at the Labor & Industries offices in Tumwater.*

*Todd gave a very heart-felt talk about a worker who's funeral he had attended last weekend who had died from lung cancer. He had worked in the trades all his life and Todd explained that in years past they were not as aware of the hazards in the workplace and how he has seen the*

*changes in safety and the safety attitude of his coworkers. He brought the passion to a weekly safety talk that I believe his coworkers and I got a lot out of. I had several other employees tell me that they thought Todd had done a very good job with the safety talk. We had not discussed what topic to come up with but it tied in very nicely with the subject that I had prepared as well.*

*I greatly enjoy working with coworkers that have a passion for everyone's safety on the project. I feel fortunate to be working with Todd."*

Rene LaRocque  
EHS Manager, Skanska USA Building Inc.



Likeness of the illusive  
Todd Olson  
(photo unavailable)

WE ALL NEED TO WALK THE WALK

## Project Spotlight: Harborview NJB

Harborview Medical Center's Ninth and Jefferson Building (NJB) project is well underway with construction activities in the parking garage moving along quickly. This high profile Design Build project with Wright Runstad & Company and Turner Construction consists of a new 14-story building with five-levels of underground parking, street-level retail space, three levels of laboratory space housing tenants such as UW Medicine and the King County medical examiner, and finally 10 levels of medical office space. The building covers the entire city block on the corner of Ninth and Jefferson in downtown Seattle and will mark the entrance for Harborview Medical

Center.

NJB also plays a critical role for the In-Patient Expansion Building (IEB) building across the street, which is currently under construction. The NJB houses a number of critical systems that support the IEB all of which must be operational by late 2007 for IEB to open for business. The NJB project itself is scheduled to be completed in late 2008.

The construction team lead by Dean Petterson, Mary Pakinas, and Audie Wallace are working diligently to get this exciting project started off on the right foot.



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## STAR Performer



This month's STAR performer has a lot in common with ALL of the other previous STAR performers here at UMC...**get it done.** If it needs

to get done...**it gets done.** You need a car, truck, tool, phone, piece, part, or gas...**it gets here.** You need someone to stick it out to get a task done (anywhere)...**He will be one of the first to raise his hand.** You need help with a project (Home or Work)...**He'll be there.** You need it detailed, tracked, purchased, monitored, or brought to a higher level of

accountability...**He's your guy.** You want someone to watch after your money like it is his own...**This guy will.**

As I said, these are common traits of ALL UMC Star Performers unfortunately we only get to recognize one each month. So this month please stop by and congratulate Shane Jacob for a job well done, his flexibility, willingness to do what ever it takes, and high level of integrity are true UMC values.

Please take a moment to congratulate Shane on his selection as this month's STAR performer.

Nominated by Maria Boyer  
Written by Brett Endres

*"Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work."*

*-Aristotle*

## Don't let kids have all the fun!



Remember how much fun it was to have recess and play games with all your good friends?

Well here's your chance to relive those awesome childhood days!

We want to know how many of you would be interested in joining a summer co-ed kickball team sponsored by UMC. League games will be played in Everett (Henry M. Jackson Park) and begin early August. Please contact either Linda Barnhart at lbarnhart@umci.com or Gail Kinner at gkinner@umci.com, and we'll add you to the team!

## Company News

### NEW EMPLOYEE

Please welcome back the following employee who recently rejoined UMC:



**Jon Ericson**  
Project Engineer

## UMCCF News

UMCCF is off to a great start in 2007. The Foundation has donated approximately \$20,000 already this year to very worth while charities that are not only matching the foundation's mission but also matching the vision of some of our UMC Employees.

Of course it's never too late to donate to UMCCF and remember we are a 501c (3) non-profit organization and your donations are tax deductible. Learn more about this on our web site at [www.umccf.org](http://www.umccf.org) or contact Jerry Bush, Doug Smith, or Linda Barnhart for more details.

## Digital Camera Tip

### Tip #6 - Taking Pictures in Bright Light

When setting up for a picture, always look for the direction of the light. Have the sun at an angle, or halfway between you and what you're taking a picture of. Especially if you have people in the picture, It allows them to open their eyes (and not squint) because the light isn't as harsh. If you have any questions about your digital camera, please contact Gail Kinner at [gkinner@umci.com](mailto:gkinner@umci.com).



### DATES TO REMEMBER

**May 24**  
Birthday Lunch  
**May 28**  
Memorial Day (UMC Office Closed)

**Interested in contributing to the U-Connections?** If you have a birth announcement, marriage, engagement, or a special personal achievement you'd like to share with UMC, please e-mail Gail Kinner, [gkinner@umci.com](mailto:gkinner@umci.com), and we'll include it in the next U-Connections.