

## ENTER TO WIN!

*Now that we have a new monthly newsblast, it needs a name--something catchy and relevant to our mechanical world. E-mail your suggestions to Linda Barnhart, lbarnhart@umci.com, by March 30th and the winning selection will receive a Starbucks gift card.*

## The New and Improved Newsblast

UMC is very pleased to announce the new and improved monthly newsblast. The new monthly edition will take the place of the bi-monthly company newsblast and monthly Safety Zone newsletter. It will be e-mailed to all UMC employees each month.

Our new monthly newsblast has a new look, so it needs a new name – and that's where you come in. We know we have some very creative employees out there who may have the unique and fitting words to describe this wondrous mechanical world at UMC. We want to hear from you! Submit your newsblast name suggestions to Linda Barnhart, lbarnhart@umci.com, by March 30th and the winning selection will receive a Starbucks gift card.

## Safety

UMC would like to welcome Kirk Baisch to our safety team as Safety Director. Kirk's background in safety starts with a Bachelor's from Central Washington University and has worked for companies such as; MA Mortenson, Kiewit Construction and BMC Construction. Kirk will be working hand-in-hand with Jim Schick to help improve our safety ratings, keep everyone at UMC well trained in Safety, and above all SAFE! Welcome aboard Kirk. We also have a new

Safety Coordinator that will be starting in early April.

Last year our focus was to reduce incidents by half - it's unfortunate that we miss our goal. Nevertheless, through the process we learned a lot and have created some new policies to help insure the safety of all our employees.

The incentive program for last year ended in December and the safety department is

in the process of starting up a new program that will run on a quarterly basis. The new safety program will be more tailored to individual incentive and to jobsites as a whole.

We are always looking for input from you, so if you have any thoughts on how to keep yourself and your co-workers safe, please talk with Jim or Kirk about your ideas.

## Project Spotlight: Goat Hill Office Building



Goat Hill – New County Office Building is a 13-story plus underground parking high rise steel structure building which will house the new

King County Office. UMC was selected to provide HVAC and Plumbing design-build services for this fast track tenant improvement project including the build-out of all 13 floors. The T.I. project team includes Wright Runstad Company (owner's rep.) Turner Construction Company (General Contractor), ZGF Architects, and University Mechanical Contractors, Inc.

The mechanical systems consist of fan powered VAV terminal units with hot water reheat, condenser water hydronic systems, water source heat pumps, domestic cold / hot water, waste, and vent piping. These systems were designed in-house impressively over a period of only 4 weeks. UMC's sheet metal, piping, and plumbing crews are challenged to build-out 13 floors over the course of only 3 months to provide complete, operable, and quality mechanical systems.

Goat Hill is a LEED construction building targeting "Gold" certification. How does this affect the mechanical systems, you may ask? To mention a couple, above norm ventilation design considerations

are taken and special duct construction methods are applied to maximize indoor air quality. With Safety and Production in mind, our goal is to not only to provide a "Gold" certified mechanical system but also meeting the 05/31/07 turnover date within budget. As some of UMC's best field and engineering talent shine on this job, we are poised to provide King County a successful project.



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## STAR Performer



We want to recognize Don Swenson for his previous, current and ongoing great work! Don is a long-time UMC employee that really exemplifies the traits we find in effective leaders. Don Swenson is simply a great guy. His polite and even tone with everyone he works with contributes the most to his success. Our Customers enjoy working with him and his crews. They continually request to have Don back on the projects. Due to his popularity with clients, he always has multiple projects developing at the same time and keeps them all on track and on schedule.

Don has shined through many different types of work. He can easily move from large industrial projects to clean room work in hospitals. The knowledge and expertise he brings to each project makes him a top contender.

He's consciences of everyone's needs from owners, to GC's, to UMC employees. I feel very fortunate to call him a friend and fellow employee.

*Written by: Steve Otis & Kevin McLean*

## Company News

### NEW EMPLOYEES

Please welcome the following employees who recently joined UMC:



**Joel Perez**  
Project Manager



**Bill Bennecker**  
Engineer



**Karen Langeberg**  
Estimating



**Kirk Baisch**  
Safety Director



**Teng Vang**  
Detailing

## UMCCF News

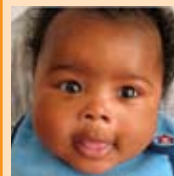
UMCCF finished off the year 2006 with a bang! We had over 35 donation requests granted to the tune of \$32, 396.00.

The Foundation is off to a running start for 2007. We have nine UMC employees that have elected to make contributions to UMCCF through payroll deduction and our hats go off to each of them. The Foundation is planning to hold a fund raiser this year at the annual golf tournament, news and details to follow. If you have any questions regarding the Foundation please visit our web site at [www.umccf.org](http://www.umccf.org) or see Linda Barnhart, Foundation Secretary for more information.

A special thanks goes out to the following employees for their contributions:

TJ Riordan, Jr.  
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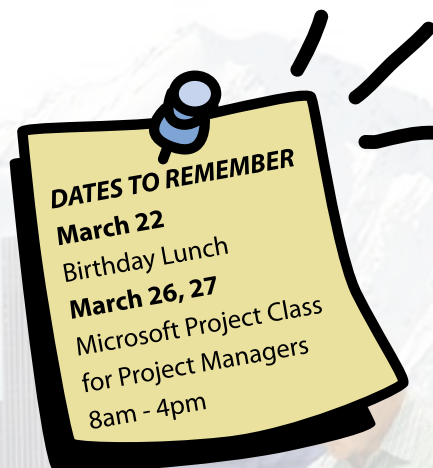
## Little Additions to the UMC Family



**Gail Kinner** and her husband David are proud to announce the adoption of their first child **David Christian**, born on December 1, 2006. Little David weighed 7 lbs. 14.8 oz and was 20.5" long.



**Curtis Watson** and his wife Erin joyfully welcomed the birth of their first child **Cayleigh Elizabeth**, born on February 12, 2007. She weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19" long.



**Interested in contributing to the Newsblast?** 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 Newsblast.