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Fond Farewells

We bid farewell to two of our long-time employees, **Dave Huber**, who retired this year, and **John Belceto**, who will be retiring this month. John Strand has known both of these top-notch plumbers for many years and shares his history of working with them:

“**Dave Huber** was brought on board via my recommendation as a plumber apprentice to Don Boro, who was then the Manager for Service over 30 years ago. Dave developed into one of the most valuable players on our team. For many years, Dave and I worked shoulder-to-shoulder on various, usually nasty projects, all over and under the greater Seattle area and abroad. After I moved into the office, I relied on Dave for more projects than I care to think about. I could always count on Dave to perform miracles on the most difficult projects with little or no good documents to work with. He and I re-piped a number of downtown office buildings together, including one most notable project, "The Smith Tower". I remember getting him started with a very sketchy drawing and a few days of walkthrough and then he just rolled up his sleeves and got it done. I never worried about anything when Dave was in charge as he took very good care of the project and UMC. With more than 25 years of experience, Dave was a very key plumber for UMC.”

“**John Belceto** is also a star performer. He is a very talented and energetic plumber with a wealth of experience and a great personality, making him a very popular team member. John used to work with me in the Special Projects Division before migrating into the larger Construction Project side. The last project I can remember having John on was Central Washington University Infrastructure Upgrades, in which I was truly blessed to have John Belceto, Dave Huber and Steve Ashworth working together. I had no worries. John and Dave are not the kind of personnel you want to say goodbye to.”

We wish them well and University Mechanical Contractors, Inc. is grateful for the time these two employees spent wearing the UMC colors. They will both be greatly missed on our project teams in the field.

Project Spotlight

Turbocore Installation at Eastside Software Developer Campus

The Service Group recently completed the first Turbocor compressor retrofit in Washington at Eastside Software Developer Campus Building# 8. Turbocor is a high efficiency, oil-free (magnetic bearings) 2-stage centrifugal refrigerant compressor (R-134a or R-22) intended for the retrofit market. The retrofit was performed on an existing Mammoth RTU, which experienced a compressor failure. This retrofit is expected to reduce compressor energy by approx. 35%. The Service Group will be one of only three companies certified to distribute & service this compressor in WA.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to **Leah Templeman**, who graduated from the University of Washington with her 4-year degree in Business Administration. She has been going to school while also working in Contract Administration for UMC. We are all very excited and proud of her achievement!

Also, congratulations go out to **Dean Petterson's** son, **Jason Petterson**, who graduated from Archbishop Murphy High School and will be attending Central Washington University and majoring in Construction Management and Business. Like father, like son!

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Congratulations to **Linda Pelletier's** daughter, **Amanda Pelletier**, who also graduated from Hazen High School and is pursuing a career in fashion and design.

Quotable Leader

The truth of the matter is that you always know the right thing to do. The hard part is doing it.

-Norman Schwarzkopf

Safety Tip

Accident Prevention - Smart Safety Rules

- Do it the way you have been trained – follow all specific safety rules
- Report all unsafe acts or unsafe conditions immediately
- Encourage others to work safely
- Check & use the correct Personal Protective Equipment for the specific hazard
- Ask for help when you need it
- Ask questions when you are not sure
- Report any injuries immediately
- Lock & Tag all equipment before adjusting or doing maintenance
- Inspect ladders before using
- Don't use chemicals unless you have been specifically trained on the hazards and protection steps
- Don't create trip hazards – keep your work area neat & clean

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