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=== UMC NEWSBLAST ===

Ring the Bell!

UMC has been selected to design and build a new data center for a major Internet company. The 30,000 SF data center will be located in Wenatchee, WA.

The HVAC system will consist of 1600 tons of air-cooled chillers and chilled water air handlers. Redundant equipment will maximize "uptime". Due to changes in the State Energy Code, the system will use free outside air-cooling, paired with low-energy humidification. Installing all this gear in a light-commercial office building, though, will surely present some unique challenges. The client wants to be moved in and operating by mid-summer, so we'll be moving quickly through design into construction and commissioning.

Safety Tip

SAFETY TIPS FOR FORKLIFT DRIVERS

DO A DAILY SAFETY CHECK . . . A LIFE COULD DEPEND ON IT

Establish a simple routine and check the following items daily:

TYRES, MAST, SEATING, CONTROLS, WARNING DEVICES, HYDRAULIC FLUIDS, CAPACITY, BRAKES and STEERING

KNOW YOUR WORKPLACE

Your skill and safety as a forklift operator will be improved if you know the area in which you have to work. Before starting work in a new area, walk around and assess the workplace.

Check for and Decide How to Deal With These Dangers:

- *Powerlines - especially overhead power lines.*
- *Blind corners*
- *Pedestrian areas*
- *Low doorways*
- *Uneven floors*
- *Floor surface finishes*
- *Railway tracks*
- *Ramps*
- *Overhead pipes and fittings*
- *Other traffic*
- *Wet and dry areas*
- *Loading docks*
- *Noisy machines*
- *Confined spaces*
- *Lighting conditions*

If you think there are hazards needing attention, talk to your Foreman or Superintendent who will take the appropriate measures to make your workplace safe.

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

Toy Drive

The UMC Charitable Foundation is holding the annual toy drive for sick children at Children's Hospital. The need for toys this year is very high, with even a small donation, you can help bring some cheer to a child's life during this scary time.

UMC's contribution last year was tremendous, let's do it again. These children will spend Christmas in the hospital. Santa visits Children's hospital and distributes the gifts that WE provide.

Please place your donations in the bin in the lunchroom by the morning of December 9th. We will deliver the toys to Children's that afternoon. If you are interested in coming along to help deliver the gifts, check with your supervisor and let Linda B know.

A list of guidelines and gift ideas from Children's is available for your information.

UMC Core Values

UMC's "STAR Performance" Core Values (**S**afety, **T**eamwork, **A**ccountability, **R**espect, **P**erformance) truly reflect our culture and are instrumental in the achievement of our goals.

—▶ **This month's STAR Performer:** **Rick Coulter**

Congratulations Rick on all your accomplishments! More to come about Rick in our next edition of theNewsblast.

Welcome to UMC!

Bill Codick started working for UMC on 11/7 as a Safety Manager, reporting to Bryan Eppler in Reno. Before joining UMC, Bill worked for Lucas Films in San Francisco as Safety Manager. Prior to this he worked as Safety Administrator for Webcor Builders (CA) for three years. Bill has also run his own safety consulting business and has a strong OSHA background, having worked for Arizona's Department of Occupational Safety & Health for seven years.

Randy Bailey started working for UMC on 11/14 as a Project Engineer, reporting to Bryan Eppler in Reno. Randy came to UMC from LAI Consultants in Boise, Idaho, providing Construction Management consultation. Prior to this, Randy worked for RM Mechanical (Boise), Scott Company of California, and Record Steel and Construction (Boise). Randy has a BS Degree in Construction Management from Boise State University. Randy enjoys windsurfing, upland bird hunting and collecting WWII militaria.

Please send them an email to give them a UMC welcome!

Project Spotlight

David Malone gives us this update on **Block 40-Design**.

Design Development drawings were just completed for the Block 40 project located at the corner of Westlake Ave N and Thomas Street in South Lake Union. The high-end office shell and core design consists of two buildings, 40 East and 40 West, which are 4-stories and 6-stories respectively. Both buildings are LEED projects, and the design team headed by Callison Architecture is well on our way to achieving GOLD!

Quotable Leader

Everyone has his day and some days last longer than others

-Sir Winston Churchill
