

# THE Leavenworth CONNECTION



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## New Tissue Line

In May of 2011 the appropriation for the purchase of our second tissue line was approved with the caveat that it would be placed in service in 2011 to take advantage of the available tax incentive. Global Procurement finished final negotiations with Moeller, Hugo Beck, and Rennco and they were contracted by Hallmark to provide a Moeller tissue folder, Hugo Beck retail packager, and a Rennco wholesale bagger. This is a very specialized production line that can produce 4"x10", 8"x10", and 8"x20" packages as well as dual, tri, and quad packs.



This project was a total team effort from the moment the appropriation was approved and three sub-teams were formed to tackle the various aspects of this project. A Production Transition team was formed at Corporate with members from packaging engineering, procurement, distribution, and SAP in order to prepare Hallmark, system and inventory wise, for the installation of a new press. In Leavenworth, a team was formed of managers, operators, maintenance technicians, and facilities personnel to finalize the layout, prepare the site, monitor the construction and shipments of the new equipment, and lead any other efforts through the completion of the project. In addition to the Production Transition team at Corporate, a team was formed in OTIS to construct the auto-packer that will work in sequence with the Moeller, Hugo Beck, and Rennco equipment. Without the collective efforts of all involved in this project, it never would have left the ground.

In November of 2011, a sub-team consisting of Michelle Spencer, Larry Wistuba, Jamie Wilbanks and John Moore traveled to Germany for the acceptance test of our new machine. The team spent 6 days in Germany for the test where Moeller demonstrated the capabilities of the press as well as performed some additional run tests during the time there. All in all, it was a very successful acceptance test and with our approval, the line was shipped from Germany to Leavenworth where it arrived at the beginning of December.

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## Blood Drive Results

The Blood Drive on January 6, 2012 had 21 participants with a collection of 19 units of blood. Thanks to all those that participated!!! You really do make a difference!



## Health Rewards Kick Off

The Health Rewards Kick-off in January resulted in 135 participants. We are all getting an early start to obtaining our \$250 Health Reward Points. Congratulations to Carol Felder, who won the \$25 Crown Room Gift Card.

Please bring any questions about the Hallmark Health Reward Program to Debra Harlow or any Wellness Ambassador you met at the kick-off.

The next events will be the annual Lab Fair in April 2012 and Health Fair in May of 2012. This fall, we will have a wellness speaker presentation.

Thank you all for your work in making our Leavenworth Wellness programs a SUCCESS!!!



*Pictured above: Wellness Ambassadors: Marvel Lytle, Debora Harlow and Pam Wranich,*



*Pictured at left: Wellness Ambassador Bob Van Schoelandt and others in line for the Health Rewards kick off.*

# VIP Grant Deadline

**FEBRUARY 28, 2012 for 2011 grants**

Questions? See Lisa Allen

## RETIREMENTS

**Jim Murphy—33 years**  
Material Movement Specialist  
February 1, 2012

## BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Joan Harding
- 01 Neil Stafford
- 04 Greg Jarman
- 05 Dawn Lacey
- 06 Jim Anderson
- 07 Rick Shaffer
- 10 Buddy Bohannon
- 11 Joe Collins
- 12 Brenda Brune
- 13 Carl Langley
- 14 Gil Forgey
- 14 Brandon Maxey
- 14 David Smotherman
- 16 Damian Haddock
- 18 Peggy Evrad
- 18 Vickie Warren
- 18 Linda Watkins
- 20 Betty Ellis
- 22 Terry Ready
- 24 James Humbard
- 24 Jeff Jaster
- 25 LoAnn Hattock
- 28 Jill Undercuffler

## ANNIVERSARIES

**35th** Perry Patton  
Feb. 7, Gravure

**40th** Michelle Spencer  
Feb. 21, LV Packaging

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*There is a lot of excitement around the investment of the second tissue line in Leavenworth. It adds more press capability and opportunity for other types of packaging.*

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Installation of the press began on December 8th and with the help of three Moeller technicians, was completed and placed in service prior to our December 23, 2011 target, thereby ensuring that Hallmark would receive the full tax benefit available. Moeller returned on January 9 to provide operator training which was completed on January 20. They have plans to return in a few months to continue with some of the more difficult formats that were not previously covered as well as refresh what was learned in the initial training sessions.

The new tissue line is now up and running production daily. In the coming weeks, the auto-packer will be placed in line and run tested. As soon as installation and debugging are complete, we can look forward to running the complete line as it was designed.

While there have been bumps in the road, the tissue team in Leavenworth has been steadfast in their progress and we all look forward to being a part of the new capabilities this line provides.

## THANK YOU'S

We would like to thank everyone for all the calls, prayers, cards and acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of our brother/brother-in-law, Terry Allen. It was greatly appreciated.

**-Lisa & Tom Allen**

I would like to thank everyone for the calls and cards I received while I was recovering from knee surgery.

**-John Martin**

—Thank you to everyone for the cards and prayers they shared after my surgery. They were much appreciated!

—Thank you to all of you who sent cards, plants, and prayers after my mother-in-law passed. Your condolences meant a great deal to me and my family.

**-Ken Brown**

We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, calls, cards and plants received after the loss of my Mother/Mother-in-Law. Your Kindness was greatly appreciated.

**-John & Judy Martin**

Diversity & Inclusion  
**GUEST SPEAKER**

Our first diversity speaker for 2012 was Judy Rix. She was previously the Art Director for Discovery Publications in Kansas City and majored in Business at the University of Utah. She and her husband of 42 years are parents of four children. Her presentation was called "Hey You! Lighten Up!"

**Judy told us how laughter is the best medicine to deal with some of life's obstacles.**



*Ralph Saucedo, diversity team member and Judy Rix, diversity speaker pose for a photo after her speech.*