

# THE Leavenworth CONNECTION



JULY 2012

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## Harvesters Food Drive

On Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, Hallmark kicked off it's annual company-wide food drive. This year Hallmark has pledged to raise over 500,000 meals in food and monetary donations across the company. To increase participation and opportunity we have adopted multiple strategies in Leavenworth and the company as a whole to give as much as possible. Along with the universal option on donating non-perishable items we have made pay-roll direct donations possible in the crown room, and even enlisted volunteer managers to take a pie in the face as part of the fundraising. The food & money donated will go to the Second Harvest food bank that distributes the resources to organizations throughout Leavenworth, Tonganoxie, and north-west Kansas. Anyone interested in learning more about Second Harvest can visit their website at [www.ourcommunityfoodbank.org](http://www.ourcommunityfoodbank.org). Here they list a number of their resources and strategies along with their goals for feeding the need. Let's do our part to help feed the need!

-Casey Lundberg

## Welcome!

### A few new faces in Leavenworth!



**Teri Morgan**, manufacturing quality manager I at Lawrence, is named production area manager at Leavenworth, reporting to Albert Green, value stream manager. In this role, Teri will be responsible for managing production activities as required to produce and ship products with quality, cost and service objectives in a short cycle manufacturing environment.

Reporting to Teri will be Ken Brown, Tory Gross, Dave Hummerick, Trish Johnson, David Mayer, Brian Sanders, Stan Schloer, and Meredith Thompson, section managers.

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## VIP GRANTS



*Pictured left to right: John Rittel, Richard Head, Sister Jane Mehrens, Liz Neal, Tammy Marsh, Lori Hanson, David Schmalstieg, Wendy Scheidt, Meredith Thompson.*

Eight non-profit organizations received VIP grants totaling \$5600.00 at a coffee held on June 21. Eight Hallmarkers volunteered over 1600 hours for the 2011 period.

**John Rittel**-MO Conservation Heritage Foundation, **Liz Neal**-Leavenworth County Humane Society-Representative Richard Head, **Tammy Marsh**-Alliance Against Family Violence – Representative Sister Jane Mehrens & Girl Scouts of NE Kansas & NW Missouri-Representative Lori Hanson, **David Schmalstieg**-Leavenworth County 4-H Livewires Club, **Meredith Thompson**-Leavenworth Main Street Program-Representative Wendy Scheidt, **Steve Lacey** & **Jim Murphy**-Leavenworth County Fire District #1, **Gail DeMaranville**-Zule-Alliance Against Family Violence.

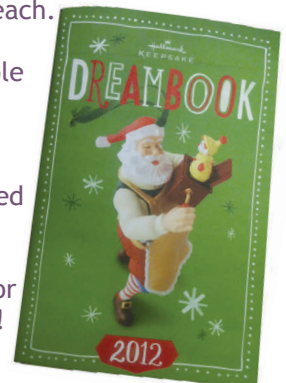
Thank you to all of our volunteers for their continued support!!

## CARD SHOP

-2012 Ornament Dreambook is now available for 50 cents each.

-Ornaments become available July 16 in the card shop.

-Stop by the Card Shop and help clean out the discounted merchandise to make room for the Christmas Merchandise. Last chance for discounted 2011 ornaments!



## Diversity & Inclusion GUEST SPEAKER

The Leavenworth Diversity and Inclusion Team presented the guest speaker Ron Guttierrez on Wednesday, June 20 at 3:30pm. Ron was born and bred in Topeka, Ron is a singer extraordinaire. Drawing on the influences of jazz, country, Christian, pop, R&B he began to hone a style of his own. At KU he performed in a vocal jazz ensemble and sang in Kansas City clubs as a soloist and back-up vocalist. He has performed along side such artists as Michael McDonald, Wynonna Judd, Rita Moreno, and B.B.King. He was a soloist with The National Symphony Orchestra, and performed on national television on such shows as "Showtime at The Apollo", and numerous live PBS concerts.



*Ron Guttierrez,  
June Diversity Presentation*

## RETIREMENTS

**Doug Garrett** - 33 years  
Asst. Press Operator, Gravure  
July 5, 2012

### JULY 31, 2012 RETIREMENTS

**Rafael (Ralph) Saucedo**-32 years,  
Section Manager III, Warehouse

**Patrick McGlinn**-37 years  
Value Stream Manager -Party

**Rita Swann**-16 years  
Section Manager IV-Quick Set

**Deborah Harlow**-24 years  
Occupational Health Nurse

**Michael McGraw**-27 years  
Section Manager IV-Party

**Michael Martinez**-31 years  
Systems & Control Systems Manager

**Nathan Garrett**-39 years  
Ink Operations Manager

**Daniel Schmidt**-41 years  
Engineer II

**Jerry Huffman**-47 years  
Section Manager III-Facilities

**Kevin Pickett**-34 years  
Production Area Manager

**Larry Wistuba**-40 years  
Section Manager III, Tissue

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### **Tricia Smith, Plant Nurse**

Tricia joined Hallmark in September 2011. Prior to Hallmark, she was employed by the Lawrence Memorial Hospital and worked in a family practice clinic with a focus on wellness. She is a registered

nurse and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Baker University. She is a big KU fan and has three daughters. Tricia will begin training at the Leavenworth plant on June 19 with Debora Harlow. She will begin her 2 days/week schedule on July 31.



### **Sarah Pavlu, Summer Intern**

Sarah Pavlu is a senior at Kansas State University studying industrial Engineering, and will be studying abroad in the Fall semester in the Czech Republic. She grew up in the area and is spending the summer with

her family in Overland Park, KS. During her internship she is helping the engineering team with their lean efforts in the plant, and she says she is really looking forward to learning about manufacturing at Hallmark!

## BIRTHDAYS

01	Sharon Tinder
02	Robin Dominick
03	Patrice Miller
03	Jim Munda
05	Bill Howard
05	Denny Rosine
06	Randy Carmack
08	Greg Boggs
09	Gail Kempter
10	Jason Brown
10	Trae Harper
10	Ralph Saucedo
10	Wade Visocsy
13	Dave Birkes
13	Benji Trammel
14	Tabatha Adams
14	Debbie Hesser
15	Lisa Allen
17	Debbie Thompson
18	Sharie Shockey
21	Carl Biastock
21	Michelle Schultz
22	Randy Highfill
22	Stephanie Kreutzer
24	Kevin Heintzelman
25	Alfred Gast
25	Danny Mauldin
25	Janice Patterson

## ANNIVERSARIES

**25<sup>th</sup>** **Kevin Starnes**  
July 20, Gravure

Remember!

You're entering a

**ZERO  
LANDFILL  
ZONE**