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## Biddle Wins Moen 2006 Supplier Scorecard Award



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The award is given to Moen suppliers that deliver excellent quality, on time delivery, along with competitive pricing.

Moen Incorporated has been a customer of Biddle Precision Components since 1991. Our sales representative, Mike

Kalnitzky had sold components to Moen for over a decade and recognized Moen's Posi-Temp pressure balancing valve assembly as something that Biddle could produce efficiently and meet Moen's expectations for cost, service and quality. Biddle produces over five million parts per year for Moen. Last year we were one of five Moen suppliers to receive the from Moen. The award is given to Moen suppliers that deliver excellent quality, on time delivery, along with competitive pricing. Moen is the #1 faucet Brand in North America. They also manufacture sinks, tubs, shower

valves and bath accessories at their manufacturing facilities located in Elyria, Ohio; New Bern and Sanford, North Carolina; Pine Grove, Pennsylvania and Shanghai and Guangzhou, China. The company is named after Al Moen, company founder and inventor of the single-handle faucet in 1937, after scalding his hands under a conventional two handle faucet. Today Moen is a subsidiary of Fortune Brands Inc., the consumer brands company that includes leading products brands such as: Titleist, Foot Joy, Master Lock, AristoKraft Cabinetry, Jim Beam and Makers Mark Bourbons and Geysers Peaks Wines.



## MILESTONES

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

13	Lockridge Nicole	18	Parkhurst Nick
4	Brown Marsha	22	Barnes Eddie
5	Doty Tim	22	Stubbs Sue
9	Snell Terry	23	Leonard Tom
13	Hiatt Rob	24	Myers Brian
15	Dunn Tony	25	Coy Jerry
18	Hiatt Jake	27	Lewis Kevin
21	Lawson Rick	28	Boes Robin
22	Dudek Bob	28	Milbee Dave
24	Hudson Glen	30	Catron Chris
26	Imel Richard		
27	Coffman Eugene		

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

7	Hastings Dane
9	Pearson Kent
10	Ridenour Bill

### NOVEMBER SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES 35 YEARS Stephen Hunt

### 10 Years Stephen Smyser

## Chinese School Administrator Visits Biddle

### Brian Myers, BPC President

On November 1st, Biddle had the honor of hosting Ms. Limin Zhang from Anshan City. The city is located in Northern China and has a population of 3.5 million. Ms. Zhang was here as part of a teacher exchange program sponsored by the State of Indiana. Five teachers participated in Indiana. In April of 2008, Sheridan Schools will be sending a teacher/administrator over to Anshan, China. Ms. Zhang is

the middle school Superintendent of a 4000 student school system, which is made up of 54 total schools. Their curriculum includes English and Chinese languages, PE, Chinese Culture, Environmental Protection, as well as the normal studies. Anshan has hosted many foreign delegations in their schools, including: Turkey, Europe, Singapore, Korea, and the US. We enjoyed having her at Biddle!



Brian Myers and Limin Zhang

## In Memoriam of Dorsal Walker - 1934-2007

Dorsal began his employment at Biddle Manufacturing Corp. in the old Ohio St. plant as a machine operator. From there he became a shift supervisor. He later transferred to the 10th Street plant as plant manager. When the different plants were brought together in the new building on Georgia St. Dorsal was manager of the automatic and lathe departments. He was instrumental in bringing CNC equipment into the work place. He was later promoted to Vice-president and General Manager of Biddle Manufacturing Corp.

Dorsal was a man who desired that the job would be done and expected you to have that desire also. He was good a listener even when you and he did not agree he was willing to hear you out. He would share advice and counsel if you so desired. He was there to assist if he could.

He was a man who cared deeply for his family and the relationship developed in the family as addition came through the years. He was proud of his children and grand children and their accomplishments.

Dorsal was one whose word meant something and he would follow through on it. He desired to accomplish things that some would say couldn't be done and would stay on task until it was. The Biddle companies profited by his leading and vision during those years he was with them. He will be remembered by many of us as he placed a mark in our lives here at the Biddle companies.



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### Biddle Precision Components & Fepco Tool & Supply: Commodity Management Partnership

Fred E. Parker III founded Fepco Tool & Supply in 1975 in Noblesville, IN. Fepco was primarily a machine tool representative focusing on the automotive and diesel engine market until 1993. At that time Mr. Parker decided to expand his company by adding a division to service the perishable tooling, gaging, fluid, and MRO needs of his growing customer base. Throughout the years Fepco has participated in several commodity management programs designed to meet the unique needs of each

customer involved, and each program is set up as a collaborative partnership with the customer.

Our partnership with Biddle began in the middle of 2004, with the management of both companies mapping the details and strategy of how the program would work. The actual launch of the program was in January of 2005 and continues today. The main focus of the program is for Fepco to purchase and consign the inventory needed to run the day today operations at the plant. Inventory is warehoused at our Noblesville location and delivered to Biddle to be stocked in the Auto-Crib vending machines, or the Biddle tool crib. Inventory levels are managed, monitored and regulated,

based on plant wide usage, by Fepco personnel. Tooling for new jobs, or product changes based on new technology or pricing advantages, are introduced into the system on a regular basis.

This Partnership between Biddle and Fepco has helped to reduce overall inventory costs and usage, obsolete inventory, and out of stock conditions at the plant. Both companies work together to introduce new tooling sources, and other products to meet today's manufacturing challenges. We look forward to continuing and enhancing our partnership with Biddle in the years to come.



## Seasons Greetings

*to all the Associates*

*and Their Families*



### HEALTHY LIVING

#### BREAKFAST BENEFITS

Think about how breakfast can benefit your health the next time you say, "I don't feel like eating Breakfast."

People who eat Breakfast are more likely to:

- Control their weight and binge-eat less often during the day.
- Have more strength and endurance, sharper concentration and better problem solving abilities.
- Consume more vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients.

- Eat less fat and cholesterol.
- Have a lower blood cholesterol, which can reduce the risk of heart disease.

It is not necessary to eat the minute you wake up. You can begin the day with a health snake such as a banana or apple. Then, pass on the mid-morning donuts and coffee and replace it with whole-wheat toast and peanut butter or a small bowl of high-fiber cereal with skim milk. If you don't prefer the traditional breakfast try leftover veggie pizza or a baked potato with low fat cheese.



### BPC GOES SMOKELESS

To further our wellness initiative, effective November 15, 2007 we will become a smoke (tobacco) free facility. No smoking will be permitted within the confines of the BPC walls. We have created smoking areas in the alleyway between Grinding and SaTurn and outside Automatics.

**CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS**

**In the next issue:**

*Recap of 2007, 2008 Outlook*

**November**

30 - Yuletide Celebration  
Dec. 22 Hilbert Circle

**December**

1-30 Conner Prairie  
Gingerbread Village  
  
2 Colts vs. Jaguars  
  
7-9 Conner Prairie  
14-16 Candlelight Tours  
  
9 Colts at Ravens  
  
16 Colts at Raiders  
  
23 Colts vs. Texans  
25 Christmas  
  
30 Colts vs. Titans



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