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**BEATING OUR BEST . . .** During the current economic downturn, customers are taking a closer look — wanting to be sure they're getting the best for their dollar. To insure that they are, Manufacturing's **Jerry Margraf** and **Merrill Kittleson** are meeting with shop personnel to discuss the quality problems we are encountering in the field. Through discussion and the use of visual aids, our work force is now better aware and will be more able to help continue producing a top-quality product. These meetings also provide an opportunity for our people to express their concerns about business and to exchange their thoughts and ideas.



Second shift Steel Fab crew with U.L. Skipper, Merrill, and Jerry.

**TALKING ABOUT "BEST" . . .** Recently an employee from Dowley Drop Forge, Butler, In., traveled to Mishawaka to pick up repair parts for its Wheelabrator. Why is this newsworthy and called to the editor's attention? The fact is that the machine is a forty-one-year-old 27 x 36 Tumblast still in operation (Dowley is its third owner). That we were able to provide customer service by supplying the necessary parts which, by the way, were in stock, is not amazing nor unusual! Our Repair Parts crew tell me that there are many vintage Wheelabratoms in operation and still needing our supplies. It pays to be best! (For the history buffs: Forty-one years ago we were the American Foundry Equipment Company.)

**JUNE SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES FOR:** **Elva Ratliff**, Automatic Screw Machine Operator-Machine Shop (20 years, June 8); **James Decker**, Senior Foreman-Shipping & Stores (15 years, June 1); **Jesse Turnage**, Milling Machine-Machine Shop (15 years, June 6); **Ladd Kovach**, Furnace Mason-Plant 2 (15 years, June 13); **Richard Hans**, NC Machining Center II (15 years, June 13); **Robert Curran**, Arc Welder A-Steel Fab (15 years, June 13); **James Young**, Millwright, Maintenance-Plant 1 (15 years, June 24); **Robert Smith**, Furnace Operator-Plant 2 (15 years, June 27); **Eugene Baughman**, Verson Brake Operator-Steel Fab (15 years, June 27).

**NEW ASSIGNMENTS . . .** Congratulations to the following men assuming new responsibilities effective immediately:

**Jules Kneitel** has been appointed to the new position of Operations Manager-Abrasives and Components Division. Jules is responsible for the operations of our foundry and our two abrasive manufacturing facilities — Plant 2 and Bedford. Jules joined Wheelabrator five years ago from General Electric where he was responsible for materials management.

Succeeding Jules as Materials Manager is **Larry Wilcox**. Larry most recently has served as our Manager of Production and Inventory Control. Prior to joining Wheelabrator four years ago, he worked for Rockwell International where he had extensive experience in the materials field, including positions in Production Planning, Material Handling, Traffic, Purchasing, and Materials Control.



Jules Kneitel



Larry Wilcox

**RED CROSS HONORS WFI'S OWN . . .** During the recent centennial celebrated by the American Red Cross at South Bend's Century Center, three Wheelabrator employees — **Jim Brown**, **Jim Smith**, and **Jim Vollmann** — received the highest and most distinguished commendation awarded by the organization. The three Jims were cited for administering their CPR skills to Foreman **Walt Ostrowski**. Our three foundry men were instrumental in keeping him alive until he reached the hospital. The skills these men exhibited were the direct result of their CPR training. (*Editor's note:* Unfortunately the photos taken during the ceremony were under exposed and would not reproduce. Our apologies to Jim, Jim, and Jim.)

## RECOGNITION FOR WFI AUTHORS

Congratulations to the newest recipients of Wheelabrator's Author's Award — **Glen Greta** and **Bob Riordan**. Glen, Sand Reclamation Product Manager, was recognized for his presentation on — would you believe — Sand Reclamation at a Cast Metals Institute of the American Foundrymen's Society in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.



**Bob Riordan** (center) accepts his Author's Award from Marketing Manager **Brown Sanders** (l). Co-author **Leliaert** (r) welcomes Bob to the Author's Circle.

Bob, General Manager-Precision Finishing Division, co-authored with Technical Manager **Ray Leliaert** the paper — "High Frequency-High Energy System for Casting Core Removal" — presented at the AFS Casting Congress held in Cincinnati late in April. Ray, one of the first recipients of the award, received another "notch" in his speaker's belt, so to speak! and was the presenter of the paper.



**Glen Greta** (l) receives congratulations and a big smile from **Tom Mott**, General Manager-Equipment Product Sales.

## SHE'S A WINNER . . .

Congratulations to **Bly Lipowski**, author of the winning essay in the contest sponsored by the local chapter of Professional Secretaries International (pSI). Bly is secretary to the Assistant to the Marketing Manager, Abrasives and Components Division.



**Bly Lipowski**

**Denny Johnson**



**IN FROM THE FIELD . . .** Congratulations to **Denny Johnson**, twice recognized as "Salesman of the Year," who has been appointed Manager, Steel Industry Products. Denny's office currently sports a small billboard which states, "Yes, I really did want to come here!" Denny: For the record — we're glad you did!



**Richard Walter**

## NEW FACES . . .

Welcome to: **Duke Brioli**, part-time Guard and **Richard Walter**, Account Sales Engineer-Western Region.



**Duke Brioli**

## Service Anniversaries . . .



**George Gay**  
Production Electrician-Assembly  
30 Years (June 2)



**Johanna Wiendels**  
Secretary-P.F.D.  
30 Years (June 8)



**Florence Duncan**  
Finance & Benefits Administrator  
30 Years (June 11)



**Herman Miller**  
Assembler AA-Assembly  
30 Years (June 13)



**Dick Bidlack**  
Production Control Specialist  
30 Years (June 25)