



NEWS & VIEWS

. . . . a quarterly update on what's happening at Wick

4th Quarter, 2000

Year in Review

What a year! We started by moving the company offices from our long-time home in Fremont to the new Lake City Way location. This was a challenging time for us all - imagine having to sort through, dispose, pack, and move 50 years worth of accumulated files and mementos. The dust was pretty thick sometimes, and there was no scarcity of statements like, "Wow, how old is this?" and "What is this?"

Our long time friends have found us now and the new offices are finally quiet after completion of a major building renovation. We look forward to moving into 2001 and advancing the strides made during this last year.

How Many Projects Completed?

Congratulations to the crews and staff that helped Wick Constructors successfully complete the following contracts during this past year:

For the Seattle School District -

- Latona Elementary School
(The John Stanford International School)



Superintendent: John Weller Project Manager: Shane Woytko
Project Engineers: Shaun Barry and Patty Paulsen

For the Seattle School District -

- Dunlap Elementary School



Superintendent: George Mason Sr. Project Mgr.: Steve Hansen
Proj. Engineer: Paul Kocharhook Project Manager: Dirk Kilgore

For the Kent School District -

- Millennium Elementary School (aka Kent Elem. #30)
Superintendent: Kevin McClay Project Manager: Terry Lavin
Project Engineer: Andy Martinsen
Admin. Assistants: Patty Paulsen and Loretta Wells

For the Enumclaw School District -

- Thunder Mountain Middle School
(aka Enumclaw Middle School)



Superintendent: Joe Ramos Sr. Project Mgr: Steve Hansen
Project Engineer: Dan Kirkland Admin. Assist.: Karen Moon

Completed Projects, continued

For the Corps of Engineers -

- Ft. Lawton Training Facility



Superintendent: Roy Brown Project Manager: Rocky Gerber
Admin. Assistant: Patty Paulsen

Qwest Contract

Wick has an ongoing contract with Qwest (formerly U.S. West Communications) to perform work in the State of Washington. This year, our team of Duane Baker (office), Dana True (at the main Bell Plaza Building), Joel Chriscaden, and Tony Call are involved in over 100 projects ranging in size from under \$10,000 to over \$1 million. These jobs involve exciting subjects like generators, and specialized rooms for communication uses, but they aren't very photogenic.

New Contracts

- *Hazen High School - Renton S.D.*
This \$10 million project for the Renton School District is being managed in the office by Terry Lavin and Gordon Lemberg, with assistance from Loretta Wells.
It includes construction of a new 700 seat, 2-story auditorium, as well as renovation of the swimming pool and all other building spaces.

- *Maplewood K-8 School - Edmonds S.D.*
This \$12 million, 76,000 SF facility includes new construction of a K-8 school & Special K-12 Education Center. The Wick team includes George Mason as superintendent & Patty Paulsen as project engineer at the site; with Shaun Barry as project engineer in the office, assisted by Judi Lefferson.

Office Staff Changes

We are fortunate to have added a number of highly qualified personnel to our office staff during the past year. In order of appearance, they are:

- Loretta Wells, Administrative Assistant
- Lori Moree, Accounts Payable
- Kathy Wilson, Acctg. Supervisor/Accts. Receivable
- Judi Lefferson, Administrative Assistant
- Nicole Smith, Receptionist/Office Assistant
- Miles Haupt, Sr. Project Manager

LaTasha Carter has moved from Payroll to Human Resources.

Linda Nelson has moved to a position in Payroll/Accounting.

Field Staff Changes

Congratulations to Patty Paulsen!

She completed a certificate program at the UW in Construction Management and, after helping to complete the punchlist phase of the Latona School job, is now a project engineer at the Maplewood School jobsite office.

Due to a high number of changes/RFIs on the Hazen project, we have added a second superintendent, Kevin McClay, to the on-site staff. Kevin is looking after the changed work and Roy Brown is looking after the original contract work. With this plan, we hope to maintain the efficiency and effectiveness of our labor. Kevin is still finishing up a few loose ends on the Kent Elementary School, but will now be focusing the majority of his time on Hazen.

Safety Issues

Although Steve Brennan, our Safety Director, is on a leave of absence until mid-December (touring Europe, Australia, etc.) all personnel are reminded that safety is always a priority - especially in this season of weather challenges when thoughts might also be distracted by the holidays.

Bidding Activities

We have been very close on our last couple of bids, and are starting to put some more projects on the agenda. Current upcoming bids are:

- 11/17 - Pierce Co. Env. Services Bldg.

Message from the President

As we approach the closeout of another year, some reflective thought about the changes the company is experiencing seem in order. Our Northwest construction economy remains strong, even though we face a normal slowdown in bid activity for public projects this time of year. Increased year end activity with Qwest projects has absorbed personnel resources as we wrap up some of our school construction activity.

We have many positive additions to our staff, especially with our accounting and project administrative teams, who continue to add to the company's depth and demonstrate strong professional commitment.

We began installing new accounting software and will run dual systems until the new software by Bidtek has proved itself with the user group. This will enhance information flow and report preparation as we move into the new year.

Prolog project management software has been implemented for the Maplewood School and, although we are experiencing some application difficulties, it provides us with a view into the future role of project management technology using website media.

As we take a deep breath and look back on the intensity of the projects we completed this year, I

want to both thank and congratulate our entire staff for their contributions and efforts in completing a very difficult work program. You are a great team of professionals!

Personal Notes

Paul Kocharhook was recently married. He and his wife, Tracy, honeymooned in Hawaii.

Dan Kirkland and his wife, Catherine, are expecting a child in February.

Dirk Kilgore and his wife, Kindra, are also expecting a child later next year.

Miscellaneous

All recipients of this newsletter are encouraged to offer comments, and criticism. Photos and information will always be appreciated, and we will try to incorporate as much of your input as possible. Since this is just the first edition, the time to speak up is now!



WICK'S NEW OFFICE!!

Word Corner

A pet project of your editor - hopefully of interest and help to some of you

Did you ever wonder about the difference between the following words?

"their" (implies belonging/possession)

"there" (implies location)

"they're" (a combination of "they" and "are")

Their materials are over there - on the pallet next to the trailer. They're taking inventory now.