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TAKING A BYTE OUT OF ENERGY COSTS SUGGESTION BY SUGGESTION

Power Bytes

Energy Program Update

Since the Power Byte Program started May 1st, 2009, John Scherer, Manager of Engineering reports we have received 30 suggestions from 11 different employees. In alphabetical order, the participants and ideas are as follows:

Wesley Coop, Engineer actually submitted six suggestions: (1) Shut the tube blower unit at the bottom of the stairs at Astro off at night and on weekends. (2) Put freezer door remote controls on pallet jacks that go in and out of the freezers a lot. (3) Turn off Engine Room ammonia booster cooling oil pumps when the units aren't running. (4) Put the Fourth Street basement freezer lights under control of motion sensors. (5) Make the Fourth Street West elevator light so it can be turned off. (6) Shut off coffee maker hot plates later in the day if they are not being used.

Jorge Escutia, Astro Sub Foreman sent John two sug-

gestions: (1) Put motion sensors on Astro freezer lights. (2) Put motion sensors in Astro restroom and change room.

Raphael Gonzalez, Fourth Street said we should keep the door to Fourth Street West office closed so the warm air is not mixed with the refrigerated dock. Or he suggested, just turn office heaters off.

Jennifer Kim, LA Qwik Serv Transportation Dispatcher suggested we add motion sensors on the lights in the upstairs women's rest rooms at Astro.

Frank Marquez, Fourth Street Foreman thought it might be a good idea to put a motion sensor on the lights in the Fourth Street West Dock inspection/storage room. He said the lights should be turned off when nobody is in the storage area.

Pedro Robledo, Engineering, came up with four good suggestions: (1) Lower room heat levels or turn off heaters during weekends in the warehouse offices. (2) He also

suggested using just one night light rather than three presently installed on the Fourth Street West dock. (3) Use motion sensors for the stairway lights at Fourth Street. (4) Reevaluate the type of light fixtures we presently use on docks and in hallways.

Tom Rodriguez, Fourth Street Superintendent thinks it would be a good idea to turn the Fourth Street office air conditioner thermostat to a higher temperature on the weekends and holidays.

Chris Samarin, Chief Engineer came up with the most suggestions, (1) Insulate the top of Fourth Street's West dock office. (2) Use motion detectors to control all lights on Fourth Street's elevator landings. (3) Fill in the 2" x 10" gap above Astro roll-up door that leads to the main access to the freezer. (4) Move more air through Fourth Street freezer F3 so F5 doesn't have to be kept so cold.

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LOS ANGELES
COLD STORAGE



Mission Statement: The employees of Los Angeles Cold Storage are committed to protect and preserve our customer's product and to enhance their efforts with on time, accurate product handling.

Power Byte suggestions are a hot topic at LA Cold

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(5) Chris also suggested running some of our lights off of batteries during the day and then recharge them at night when electricity costs less. (6) Use variable frequency drive controls to operate the main Engine Room condenser fans, units one and two. (7) Install a four foot lamp in place of the eight footer we now use in the stairway to B5 Engine Room and he says, use a motion sensor also. (8) And lastly, Chris suggested we install photoelectric sensors or the like at freezer doors so they automatically close after traffic moves through the doorway.

Al Trejo, Forklift Operator at Central thought we should turn off the lights in the Central Warehouse locker room and break room during nights and weekends.

Frosty Velez, Administrative Assistant, came up with four ideas in one week. (1) Fix the light above the tenant door at Astro which has been staying on during daylight. (2) Frosty also suggested we should turn all personal computers off at night and on weekends when possible. (3) Turn off copiers and printers at night and on weekends. (4) She noticed the light in the Main Office Supply Room

stays on all the time and suggested a motion detector in that area.

Nathan Virgen, Main Office, submitted two suggestions: (1) A motion sensor for the Main Office kitchen light. (2) And a suggestion we ask everyone to turn off their calculators before they leave for the day.

John Scherer told the Cool News that he and his staff are taking a hard look at every idea, big or small, and will soon (if not already) review his department's conclusions with each person who submitted a suggestion.

John stated he is real pleased with the participation from so many employees and said that each morning he looks forward to opening his mail and reading all the submissions. He said the participation from so many employees and from a variety of departments shows him how many fine people take pride in their work, where they work and how they can help. John said "It's downright gratifying and a pleasure to see. Please keep the ideas coming in!"

Meet the Girls!

LA Cold Housekeeping Staff

Picking up what you left behind!

Meet Ana Santeliz and her daughter Joana Sandoval, our housekeeping team of go getters. Employees of our janitorial contractor, Twenty Four Seven Commercial Cleaning, this mother and daughter team work together like they've known each other forever! Ana has a twenty year old son named Juan Manuel and a six year old granddaughter from Joana named Leslie. Both girls live in downtown Los Angeles and make a quick commute to our office five days a week. Ana and Joana have lots of housekeeping experience cleaning residential buildings, restaurants, hotels and commercial buildings.

After a busy day at LA Cold, mother and daughter rush off to Evans Community Adult School where they are taking ESL classes and GED courses together.

What do they like about working with LA Cold, "All of our friends, they love us!" What don't they like, "Picking up the dirty socks in the locker rooms?"

Thank you Girls, we do love what you do!



Ana and Joana

Alex Vargas promoted to Sub Foreman @ 4th St.



On May 20, 2009, the same day Alex received his Ten Year Service pin, Larry Rauch announced the promotion of Alex to Sub Foreman at the Fourth Street Warehouse.

Alex is considered the LA Cold "Go To" man when reorganization of a freezer room is required. A consummate warehouse operator, Alex has a reputation of getting the job done.

Married for almost 21 years to Judith, they have three children, Manuel, Alexa and Nick who graduates from high school in a few days.

In his spare time, Alex helps his brother with a stage, audio and lighting business for the corporate and entertainment businesses here in Los Angeles.

Alex says he really likes the "hardworking crew" at 4th St. He told the Cool News he finds the challenges of 4th St. different than the average warehouse, because of the multiple stories, various sized rooms with different heights and dimensions. "I find myself frequently walking in freezers rooms and climbing stairwells just to analyze space."

MEDIC FIRST AID COURSES ARE PLANNED. SIGN UP NOW!

It's that time again! Time to sign up for Medic First Aid and CRP classes. Please call Frosty if you want to participate. Once certified in Medic First Aid you will automatically be enrolled as a member of the LACS Crisis Management Team and be expected to render aid to your coworkers by providing First Aid, CPR and to help with rescue responsibilities in a crisis, fire or earthquake.

Improvement Projects Continue at Los Angeles Cold

Multiple improvement projects at Los Angeles Cold Storage are now in progress as we work to remodel and expand services in our LA Repack Center and make improvements to our warehouse operations.

Demand remains high for our full service re-pack, re-label and packaging service and some of those services continue during the design and construction of the new repack center. John Scherer, Manager of Engineering recently submitted formal plans to L.A. County which, when approved, will allow us to return to full service packaging, metal detection, sorting and weighing projects.

If the phone calls are any indication, many Los Angeles Cold Storage customers will be very happy when the improvements are complete and we return to full service.

Other warehouse improvements include new dock seals and cushions for the Astro and Fourth St. Warehouses, repairs to dock plates and bumpers to protect the truck trailers and multiple painting and insulation projects, just to name a few.

Recent refrigeration projects include the installation of a state of the art measured flow lubrication system for our rotary vane ammonia compressors. We also installed a modern microprocessor based ammonia dehydrator that helps remove water from the refrigeration system and improves our efficiency.

A new air duct system has been installed on the roof of the 4th St. Warehouse which helps control temperature and humidity on the docks and landings.

When you consider that LA Cold has been in business for over one hundred and thirteen years, we are proud of our facilities and constantly strive to stay in the forefront of our industry.

The LA Cold Engineering Department and our Regulatory Affairs Supervisor, Charles Gunther work closely together to complete all the recommendations in a timely manner. Why do we go to all this trouble? Because LA Cold Cares about food safety.

Astro Warehouse has forklift accident

No one is hurt when driver leaves dock prematurely

By Sam Reyes, Transportation Manager

On March 19, 2009 a truck driver with a 53 foot trailer pulled away from the Astro dock before LA Cold employees finished loading his trailer with an order of frozen seafood. Luckily no one was injured in the incident and although the forklift did require extensive repairs, the truck and trailer were undamaged.

At approximately 9:44 A.M. a driver pulled his trailer from the dock even though there was one remaining pallet waiting to be loaded. As the checker was verifying the balance of his order, the driver, believing his load was complete, drove away leaving the forklift parked on the dock plate.



As the trailer pulled away, the dock plate dropped down, the forklift rolled off the dock and became precariously lodged between the trailer and the ground with the upright resting at a steep angle against the trailer bed.

Extensive recovery efforts were performed by Terry Miller, Chuck Gunther and Chris Samarin. All three individuals should be commended for completing the safe retrieval of the \$33,000 machine and \$4,000 battery during the hair raising recovery. The repairs have been completed, the machine safety checked and was returned to service within two weeks. Let's Be Safe, Be Smart and Stay Accident Free!



SAFETY PAYS
BE SURE TO PLAY
YOUR BINGO
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The Rauch Report

Larry Rauch, President-LACS

I am consistently heartened by the longevity and dedication of our employees. When I proudly describe our employment experience to customers or business friends, they are always impressed with our results and truthfully, they should be. That longevity provides real benefits to our customers and the organization. First, it is a good indication that they represent a professional cold storage operation that uniquely comes with working together over many years. They not only understand the basics of shipping, receiving and storing of perishable food products, but they also understand proper food safety and ensure that it is an essential component of their daily work. Second, our employees understand customer's needs and try to anticipate problems so they never rise to that level. That is the worry free atmosphere that our customers have come to enjoy and expect.

Our employees come from many different backgrounds and inhabit all our departments. Tom Rodriguez is our longest tenured employee at 39 years with Frank Marquez, his second in command at 4th St., right behind at 37 years. Irene Saucedo, who has been at the mail desk for 36 years has sent millions of pieces of mail to thousands of customers over the years to keep them informed of their warehouse activity. Even though we have all our imaged documents available to our customers on line, some of them still want that hard copy for their records.

Mike Hamano and Deby Clemens will celebrate their 35th service anniversaries this year and they represent the kind of experience and dedication that has paid dividends for our customers with products shipped accurately and troubles averted.

Long tenure means more than just time spent at one company. It also represents practical knowledge and experience. Reggie Hernandez and Jaime Hinojosa, our foremen at the Astro and Central warehouses, both with over 30 years of service, follow in a long line of distinguished warehouse supervisors and know how to ensure the efficient movement of our customer's product. Ruben Gonzales, Al Trejo, David Weissenborn and Danny Hinojosa (who will celebrate his 25th anniversary later this month) are an inspiration to their coworkers. John Scherer oversees an Engineering Department whose days are filled with complex machinery and building maintenance with a task list that most people would find overwhelming. John's 30 plus years of experience is a valuable foundation for efficiently managing the engineering staff. Fortunately, John has Chris Samarin (23 years) as Chief Engineer directing the day to day engineering and maintenance work and Chris is thankful that Joe Morris (soon to retire after 22 years) is part of a very competent engineering team. In this environment, the engineering workload would be even more daunting without the significant assistance of Chuck Gunther (21 years) who spends his day dealing with regulatory affairs, an issue that requires more and more of our time and resources.

The newcomers (those with less than twenty years of service) and I are lucky to have this brain trust around. I know about the difficulty we face in our changing business and I know the challenges we face everyday. I know about our commitment to the industry and I know how much our customers expect and rely on us. All the employees of LACS understand their roles in our success and take that responsibility seriously. The response to the Power Bytes program described elsewhere in the newsletter is evidence of that commitment. This a good opportunity to recognize and thank all the employees, newcomers and old timers, for being part of our corporate family and for helping to ensure the customer satisfaction that is crucial to our success.

IT MANAGER ROSS WASTES NO TIME.

Serving the servers, inking the printers, monitoring the monitors and making sure the computer room stays cool during the hot summer months means IT boss has no time to cool her heels!

L.A. Cold IT Manager Renee Ross has not had much time to cool her heels since joining the company in March 2009. With a number of open projects on the board when she arrived, Renee has found herself running from floor to floor and office to office as she tackles all the different computer data projects.

Larry Rauch, President of Los Angeles Cold says the scope of the IT Manager's job impacts each area of our business. He noted that the IT duties would be far reaching and expand daily. Rauch said "Renee gladly took the challenge. She has proven to be a fast learner and performer." "Almost



Renee Ross

right away, Renee jumped in and began to learn our operations, the warehouse management system and accounting processes" Rauch stated. In addition "Renee volunteered to join the LACS Crisis Team and will help during a serious emergency or natural disaster. We need to be prepared and she gladly joined the team."

Renee has been working closely with Kris Sledbodnik, IT Supervisor and numerous important vendors as she updates our many servers, works on improving the EDI system, continually updates the E-Vista program and has taken over coordinating our website.

A graduate of IIT Tech, Renee joined L.A. Cold after working in the toy industry for ten years. She is the mother of two children, Jacqueline, two years and Olivia, five years old. A resident of Huntington Beach, she commutes the freeways while juggling her cell phone, taking calls from LACS computer users, IT vendors and the kids.

Welcome to L.A. Cold Renee, be sure to wear warm, comfortable shoes.