# COMMONGROUND

SEPTEMBER 2019

# **NEW PROJECTS**

North Star BlueScope and International Union of Operation Engineers



North Star BlueScope Steel, Delta Ohio – RLG is leading a major expansion project, referred to as "Project Aristotle," which will increase North Star's production capacity by 40 percent.

RLI is construction manager for the expansion project, and design/build contractor to build a new administrative building.

Work has started on the administrative building, a Varco-Pruden pre-engineered steel structure, with RLI and GEM self-performing all civil and specialty trades.

These projects were awarded to RLG based on our long-standing partnership with North Star BlueScope Steel and are a testament to the commitment of the RLI and GEM associates who have provided the customer with continuous down-day and maintenance support over the last 25 years.

Watch for project updates in upcoming issues of Common Ground.

#### International Union of Operation Engi-

**neers, Toledo** – RLI is general contractor for construction of a new 7,970-squarefoot union hall, demolition of the existing hall and sitework.

RLI is self-performing concrete, masonry and sitework utilities. Work starts in late September and wraps up in early May 2020.

Leading the team: Andrew Kramer, preconstruction services Annette Stuller, project manager

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# **RLG PEOPLE**

### A promotion

Joe Powell has been promoted to project manager in the Site Management Group.



#### New assignments



Travis Philo Preconstruction RLI Walbridge







**Wayne Barber** Account Manager GEM Energy HVAC Service Group Plymouth, Michigan

#### Welcome!

Mahmoud Zeitoun Project Engineer Mechanical Group GEM Walbridge





**Jeff Mack** Safety Specialist GEM Lima



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New retiree **Tammy Kaiser** with **John Marshall** 

L-R: new retiree **Pat** Butterfield with Dave Boyer

#### **NEW RETIREES** Tammy Kaiser and Pat Butterfield start the next chapter

Congratulations and thank you to two new GEM retirees: **Tammy Kaiser** and **Pat Butterfield.** 

Kaiser retired in August after 10 years in mechanical purchasing,

"I'll miss all the guys in the field and everybody here. This is just a wonderful company to work for," she says.

Now, her goal is to pursue a degree and a new career in the medical field.

Butterfield, account manager in RLG's northeast Ohio office, retired September 6, 18 years after joining GEM as a millwright journeyman.

In a letter to **Dave Boyer**, he wrote: "I want to just say thank you for all you and GEM have done for me and my family. I'll say it again: GEM is by far the best company I have ever worked for. They want every employee to succeed and go home safely and as a construction worker, you can't ask for anything more than that. They go above and beyond, and actually care about you as a person and that just puts them head over heels above every other company I have ever worked for.

"You've done a great job steering the Cleveland office from a small startup to a powerhouse, single-source construction company in northeast Ohio and you should be very proud of that. You give your superintendents/account managers every tool and support they need to succeed, and I can say, from a personal standpoint, that makes a huge difference in feeling like you're part of a team and that my expertise and experience are looked at by corporate as an asset.

"Thanks again for all your help, Dave, and again any help I can give in the future please don't hesitate to ask."

There are very few females working in construction, carpentry or other skilled trade work. I know it can be tough; however there is so much opportunity for women who are willing to work hard.

TAMMY EULER | SUPERINTENDENT, RUDOLPH LIBBE INC.



WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION



#### **NEW PROJECTS** Calvary Church and Ford-Monroe

> IUOE union hall, continued

Brad Wilson, superintendent

**Calvary Church, Maumee** - GEM Energy is replacing four packaged rooftop units with high-efficiency equipment. GEM will self-perform all work within the service and electrical groups. Work will be complete in mid-October.

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Leading the team: Mike Rokicki, estimator/project manager

Ford Raisin River Warehouse, Monroe -

GEM is replacing lighting in the warehouse and several outbuildings. GEM began working for the site in fall 2016 and this is GEM's third year performing lighting and repair projects. Work on this project will be completed in late fall 2019.

Leading the team:

Charlie Korotnayi, estimator/project manager Kevin Thomas and Aaron Mallett, foremen

# LOOKING FOR LEADS

Thanks for the leads: Craig Brochu Ron Kuzma Travis Philo

Every time you report a lead, your name is entered into a quarterly drawing for \$100 in RLI or GEM merchandise.

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