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INFORMAL INFORMER

By Donna DelGreggo, PDI Marketing Associate

Hi Everyone,

PDI is celebrating their 35th year in business this year! What better way to celebrate than to introduce you to some of the people who work here and/or the members of their families?

In upcoming issues I will do that... beginning with Angel, a creative & smart young lady whose mother Jackie is PDI's very hard working Sales Associate.

Enjoy!

Donna

PDI SPOTLIGHT



This issue's Spotlight is on Angeline Ucci, known as Angel to her friends and family. Angel is the daughter of Jackie Ucci (PDI Sales Associate) and she grew up in the Middletown area. When Angel was younger she sometimes came to work with her Mom during school vacations and holidays. To pass the time away she often helped out by doing some filing and other small tasks people in the office found for her to do.

Jackie often talked about how creative Angel is, so it was no surprise when she started attending the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts in 2004. During that time (2006) she attended the Wesleyan University Center for Creative Youth Precollege Program.

She graduated from the Academy in 2008, and is now attending the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York where she is a senior. She lives in Brooklyn and has been an intern at the Metropolitan Museum of Art for a little over a year. She has also been a Peer to Peer Counselor at Pratt since August 2009. This involves 'functioning as a liaison between the Career Services Office and the student body through outreach, events, workshops and maintaining an online presence.' (from Angel's LinkedIn profile.)

Angel was invited to go to Ghana, West Africa in January of this year on a 3-week work study with a group of 9 students from Hartford University (a couple of whom she has been friends with since middle/high school) and their Professor. To raise the funds needed for the trip, she created a webpage on Kickstarter and with the sponsorship of several people, including a few from PDI, she accomplished her goal.

They left for Africa on January 3rd and returned home on January 20th. While in Ghana, she had the opportunity to experience basket weaving, bead making and more, as well as visiting some of Ghana's local attractions such as the Dei Centre, Manhyia Palace and Kakum National Park. See some of the pictures on the left.

Angel's senior thesis will be based on her experiences in Africa. She will graduate from the Pratt Institute May 9th, 2012 with a BFA, Advertising/Art Direction and a minor in Art History. After graduation she wants to join the Peace Corps for 2 years or go on to Graduate School here in Connecticut.



Above: Basket weaving and bead making
Below left: Kakum National Park's Canopy Walk
Below right: cuddling a local puppy (it's so cute!)



PDI ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY

Dom – Controller – 10 yrs

MARCH

Jody – Business Unit Member, ME – 11 yrs

Jason – Business Unit Member, ME – 2 yrs

Andrew – Production Support, CT – 11 yrs

Roger – Business Unit Leader, ME – 3 yrs

APRIL

Jim – Facility Team Member – 11 yrs

Carlene – Shipping Team Member – 19 yrs

Rosalia – Business Unit Member, ME – 6 yrs

Rob – Technician, CT – 2 yrs

Richard – Business Unit Leader, CT – 5 yrs

Noah – Business Unit Member, ME – 10 yrs

Janna – Business Unit Member, CT – 7 yrs

“Frog Eye” Salad

1 cup sugar
3 egg yolks
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 cups pineapple juice
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 (16 oz.) package acini di pepe pasta
2 (20 oz.) cans pineapple chunks
2 (11 oz.) cans mandarin oranges, drained
3/4 cup maraschino cherries, chopped
1 (16 oz.) package miniature marshmallows
1 (12 oz.) container frozen whipped topping, thawed

In large saucepan over low heat, combine sugar, egg yolks, flour, pineapple juice and lemon juice. Stir and cook until thickened. Remove from heat. While sauce is cooking, bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente; drain and rinse with cold water.

In large bowl, combine cooked mixture with pasta and toss to coat thoroughly. Refrigerate 8 hours or overnight.

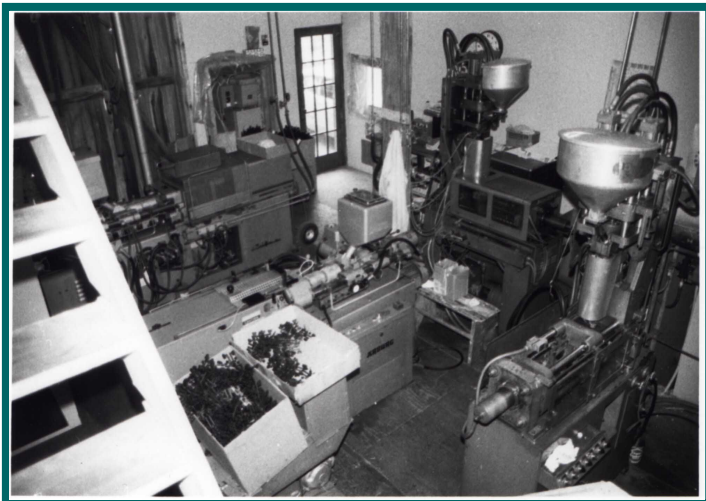
Toss pasta with pineapple, mandarin oranges, maraschino cherries, marshmallows and whipped topping. Refrigerate until serving.

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The Barn: Shop Floor circa 1978-79



Industrial Park Road: Shop Floor circa 2011

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