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## Share Your Holiday 2009 is a huge success! By Deb Black

How many times have we heard how difficult things are for so many? The economy has floundered, people have witnessed their investment values drop, housing prices have fallen and more and more jobs are gone, forever. Hearing all of that gloom and doom would make anyone hold on tight to their purse strings.

But, contrary to all of that disparaging news, the people of FPM have once again showed how caring and giving they are. The 2009 "Share Your Holiday" response has been the greatest so far! We outdid previous years by several dollars. This year a grand total of \$2,140.00



John Sigler organizes toys that FPMers Donated.

was collected! As per your wishes, the donations were divided between the causes we had chosen. Several people asked that their entire donation be given

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## FPM Continues Tradition—Toy Drive for Local Children

By Cathy Kimball

Facilities Planning Management worked with the EIU Student Community



Service and Eastern chapter of Chi Sigma Iota to donate toys for needy children in the local area. As per past years, the collection box overflowed with toys. One person donated a full box of teddy bears (48). There were toys for kids both young and old, and plenty of wrapping papers and bows. No "Scrooges" here.

So, a big "Thank You" to all of the FPM employees who donated this year; you brought smiles to the faces of many children.

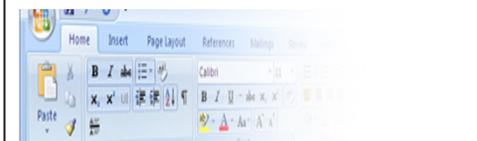
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# Farewell *Old* Friend

by John Sigler

That face with the large smile is leaving Eastern at the end of this month. Steve Percy has been a part of the Eastern Paint Shop for 27 years. When Steve arrived at Eastern, the paint shop was just a shell of what it is today. Twenty-seven years ago, the paint shop had



a single-digit number of employees. Today, they have 16 full-time painters and in the summer that number swells astronomically, according to Steve.

During Steve's tenure here he has seen the Eastern student population double in size and the square footage of campus increase significantly. He has witnessed the coming and going of several Physical Plant Directors and a handful of University Presidents, and he has watched Eastern build and Eastern burn.

Through it all, the one constant has been that great, big smile that Steve has. Steve's almost childlike good nature and humility has been a constant at Eastern for these many years. Although Steve will be replaced, just like all of us, his friendly nature and constant smile will be remembered for years to come.

We at the PlanIt want to wish Steve the very best and hope his retired years are filled with enjoyment.

## *Share Your Holiday 2009 is a huge success! Continued*

to one particular charity over the others, which was done, as they requested. Collecting these funds and distributing them are among my favorite Christmas activities. I wish that every one of you could see the looks of joy, which we receive from the various recipients. Chris Childress and I have been so blessed by some of the comments and thanks that we have received. We've been able to hear about how our donations have been used to purchase much-needed items for school children, as well as food and supplies for others.

I, for one, am so happy to work with so many caring and thoughtful people. And I truly hope that we are all able to continue in giving as we have been blessed.



## Benefits of working at Eastern

by Aaron B. Allison

Benefits of working at Eastern. Do you want Microsoft Office for free as long as you work at Eastern? You can. Go to <https://services.eiu.edu/downloads>, type in your username and password and download Microsoft Office. You can install it at home and use it as long as you work at Eastern.

Want a free antivirus? You can. Microsoft Security Essentials is a free antivirus provided by Microsoft. Go to [http://www.microsoft.com/Security\\_Essentials/](http://www.microsoft.com/Security_Essentials/) Click "Download Now" and install.

Want a great web browser that could prevent you from getting spyware and viruses? You Can. Go to <http://www.getfirefox.com/> and click Download Now.

Now you are running a free antivirus, Web Browser and free Office product.

## Upcoming Events

- Jan 11 Student are back in session
- Jan 29 Safety Feast
- Feb 02 Monthly Test Sirens
- Feb 14 Valentine's day

## Holidays Off

- Jan 18 Martin L. King Birthday
- Feb 12 Lincoln Birthday
- May 31 Memorial Day

For events check out:

<http://www.eiu.edu/calendar>

## *The construction continues in spite of the cold*

*by Ryan Siegel*

The construction continues in spite of the cold. The progress may be slow on outdoor projects, but indoor projects are forging ahead. Thirteen energy-efficient transformers have been installed and lighting and urinal retrofits are proceeding at a brisk pace. Work in the manholes for the chilled water loop is being completed as quickly as possible to finish the work needed outdoors.

The focus will turn to the buildings to get them completed before cooling is required this spring. It is amazing to think that we will need cooling when it is so frigid outside. At this time, however, no cooling is available on campus. The order in which cooling will be restored will be dictated by treatment ability for the pipe.



Lighting Upgrades: Ford, McKinney, and Weller complete  
Urinal Upgrades: Taylor and Thomas complete

### Upcoming work:

Steam Plant: Finish grade beam, erect steel and pour floor slab  
69KV Switchyard: Begin site work at the end of March  
Pool Ventilation: Upgrade control programming and refurbish air handler  
Chilled Water Loop: Complete by April 1  
Lighting Upgrades: Complete Residence Hall work, complete south campus to Booth Library  
Urinal Upgrades: Complete by 1st week of February  
Building Envelope Sealing: Complete by end of April

I welcome Mandi Green as the new sustainability coordinator at Western Illinois University. The focus on the coming quarter for sustainability will be communicating with the students about our performance contract and our carbon reductions to date. At the completion of this project, the University will have cut its footprint by over 50 percent. We will also drop below the proposed Cap & Trade threshold with the commissioning of the new plant.

### Performance Contract Update:

Steam Plant: Footings poured, grade beam 50 percent complete  
Low Voltage transformer replacement: Complete  
Pool Ventilation: South glass wall replacement complete  
Chilled Water Loop: Union East and Physical Science complete

## *FPM Holiday Lunch*

*By Cathy Gray*

On Tuesday, December 8th, the annual FPM Holiday Lunch was held in Central Stores and everyone enjoyed delicious food and fellowship.

This tradition of having the holiday meal in the Central Receiving area started years ago. Before that, it was held in the Carpenter Shop and, for at least one year, it was held in the area that is now the Facilities Office when it was the former office supplies area.

A lot goes into the preparation of a meal for so many employees. Mike Carter, Steve Percy, Al Kistner, Bruce Sanders, Bill Burnside were on "turkey duty," they were in charge of deep-fat frying 12 turkeys and Elroy Bowlby took care of three hams. In addition, Central Stores employees set up and decorated the Receiving area.

Boyce Dillman gave a thoughtful and insightful blessing plus many helped organized all the delicious items as they were dropped off, and employees helped tear down tables and chairs afterward.

### 4 Easy ways to go green

Four Easy ways to go green without spending a fortune (estimated cost \$15):

- 1) Use CFLs in the top five lights used inside or outside your home (think of any on timers)
- 2) Look for air leaks in and around the house (use incense as a smoke source to find leaks easier) caulk or foam seal as needed
- 3) Replace bathroom faucet aerators with low flow (0.5 gpm) models
- 4) Start a recycling program at home for paper, cardboard, No. 1 plastic, and aluminum and bring the recycling to campus. See if you can reduce the need for trash service.

### New Hire & Retiree

#### Welcome new hires

Roof Shop Robert McKinney;  
8.31.09

BSW Jack Cordes – 11/11/09

BSW Steve Walker – 11/23/09

Garage - Matthew Newby

#### Good luck retirees:

Charles Plummer

Steve Percy

## A Well Loved Tradition – The R & A Deer Ball

By Deb Black



I don't think anyone involved, remembers exactly when the R&A Deer Ball began, but it has become a much-anticipated Christmas tradition!

The first few Renovations & Alterations Christmas celebrations were held in FPM South, within the R&A loading dock area. As our numbers increased, the gathering moved to various locations on campus. From a food service dining room to a ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, the festivities have traveled over the years to provide ample space for our guests.

As all of the participants know, the main courses are the wonderfully prepared barbecued venison (deer) meat balls and roasted turkey, which Ginny and Randy Rodebaugh prepare. Steve Shrake purchases the turkeys; Randy furnishes the deer; while other foremen and projector coordinators contribute funds towards supplying the drinks, cups, paper products, etc. Rounding out the menu are the various covered dishes and desserts that are carried in by the celebrants. Entertainment has also been offered, beginning the first time the luncheon was held in the Grand Ballroom. At that first "ballroom" year, as well as several of the following years, our own Marty Robinson treated us with his wonderful piano renditions of various Christmas tunes. For the past few years, a slide show production of R&A projects has been shown. These slides are accompanied by previously recorded Christmas music, keeping us all in the holiday mood. It's a special treat to watch "the year in review" slide by!



At previous celebrations, we have even been honored with surprise guests. Michael Doerr, an R&A supervisor from years past, as well as President Perry have both shared our Christmas. Just this year, a visitor from overseas appeared. No, it wasn't a wise man — it was Steve Shrake's daughter Lora, visiting from Dubai, along with her mother Ramona, joining in on the fun. Hopefully, we'll continue to be blessed with appearances by others, as the years march on. Just as other shops and departments, who have special Christmas dinners for their fellow employees, the R&A Deer Ball has become a cherished yearly event, which we hope continues for many years to come.



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