

## January, 2021 Newsletter

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## Another Beautiful, Merry Christmas!

Thanks to our generous Associates during trying times



The Ohio Logistics tradition of Giving Back continued this Christmas season with our Associates from all Divisions contributing selflessly. Hundreds of handmade holiday cards were delivered to residents of local nursing homes, a generous assortment of toys were provided to less fortunate children, and donations were made to the local humane society. A unique gift was also presented to our CEO, Chuck Bills; Ohio Logistics' Marci Stahl explains....

This year for Chuck's Christmas present, our Associates, with overwhelming response, joined together to provide joy to children in the hospital. They collected coloring books, crayons, activity books, markers and pencils to give out at local children's hospitals. The Midwest Region sent their items to Children's Hospital in Columbus, OH. The Eastern Region sent their items to Arnot Ogden Medical Center in Elmira, NY and Guthrie Hospital in Corning NY.

Providing these items was very meaningful to our Associates as many had personal stories of the frightening time when their children were in the hospital. Chuck was moved by everyone's generosity. We can only imagine a little bit of joy on a child's face when they receive their own supplies during a terrifying time for them and their parents. That is the true meaning of Christmas.



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#### Interesting Ohio History

Ohio has the largest Amish population in the world with approximately 60,000. Offering the perfect mix of plentiful rural land, close proximity to town centers with basic necessities such as banks, hospitals, and markets, the Amish are proud to call Ohio their home. About 50% of the Amish population in Ohio have settled within Holmes County, the most densely populated Amish county in the country.

#### GYST November Winners:

BG, Bellevue, Columbus, Trenton, Ottawa, & NGL

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## Ohio Logistics' Olive Branch Division Success Yolanda Thompson and Kaliyah Griffin Lead the Way



The OB Team: Jimmy Lewis, Rita Williams, Yolanda Thompson, and Kaliyah Griffin

Ohio Logistics' Olive Branch Division in Olive Branch, MS has been in operation for over two years now. Working out of a 120,000 sq. ft. facility, we are fortunate to have a solid team in place led by Yolanda Thompson, Facility Manager, and Kaliyah Griffin, Floor Supervisor. The fastest growing city in the U.S. from 1990 to 2010, Olive Branch currently has a population of over 30,000 residents and is part of the Memphis, TN Metropolitan Statistical Area. Located 650 miles from Ohio Logistics' corporate office, the Olive Branch team has successfully managed a continuous flow of inbounds and outbounds while exhibiting continuous improvement every day.

We are excited to see what the future holds for the Olive Branch Team and enjoy the opportunity we have to work with Yolanda and Kaliyah. Read below to learn a little more about them.

OL: Tell us about you, your family?

Yolanda: I am strong in faith, positivity, always doing the right thing, and always giving my best in all that I do. I have two races and I have a blended family of six.

Kaliyah: I have three beautiful girls, two handsome boys, and one precious granddaughter.

OL: When visiting Olive Branch, which restaurant would you suggest?

Yolanda: My favorite restaurant is Stoney River, so I would want you to try it.

Kaliyah: We must visit J3 and try their seafood!

OL: The Olive Branch startup occurred in late 2018. What has changed the most from start-up to now?

Yolanda: The relationship with our customers continues to grow with positivity and trust.

Kaliyah: We are a smaller group now, but we have grown in strength, and I feel we have been meeting or exceeding our customers' expectations.

OL: What do you enjoy most about working for Olive Branch Logistics?

Yolanda: I enjoy working with such a small, yet great team. They feel like family to me.

Kaliyah: I love that we are a small but tight knit family.

OL: What is your biggest take-away from 2020?

Yolanda: Tomorrow is not promised; live everyday like it's your last.

Kaliyah: Pray, and build stronger relationships with friends and family because we never know what day will be our last.

OL: Any big plans going into 2021?

Yolanda: I hope to continue building on the strength of our team here in Olive Branch.

Kaliyah: I'd like to implement additional ways to continue improving on our customer satisfaction. After all, "Without them, there is no us!"

## Did You Know?

Originally known as "Cowpens" in the early 1840's, the name was changed to "Watson's Crossroads" in 1842, becoming "Olive Branch, MS" when a post office was established in 1846. With the exception of a few skirmishes, Olive Branch escaped much of the destruction and violence during the Civil War.



## Drivers of Q4 Ron Lawrence & Darrin Simon

Congratulations to our Drivers of Q4, Ron Lawrence and Darrin Simon!

Operations Manager, Ben Harris, says, "Both men have done an outstanding job for Ohio Logistics! They know what needs to be done, and they consistently perform in an efficient and safe manner, always providing our customers with the best of service."

Ohio Logistics thanks you for a job a well done! We couldn't do it without you!



Ron with Ben Harris. Darrin managed to sneak by without getting his picture. We'll get you next time, Darrin!

## Congratulations! Clean Truck Inspections Passed

Donny Brewer, Ray LaFleur, Steve Howard Ken Martin, and Randy Kelly.

There's nothing like a clean ride! Thanks for your efforts, men!



# Be Safe Out There Winter Driving Tips



Follow these driving tips to make sure you arrive safely...

- Before beginning your trip, check the current road conditions and weather forecast. For statewide highway information 24 hours a day, check your state's Department of Transportation website.
- Keep your car's windows, mirrors and lights clear of snow and ice.
- Buckle up.
- Allow yourself plenty of time to make it to your destination.
- Be aware of sleet and freezing rain.
- Be aware of potentially icy areas.
- Brake early and slowly, and avoid slamming on the brakes.
- Keep a safe distance of at least five seconds behind other vehicles and trucks that are plowing the road.
- When driving on ice and snow, do not use cruise control and avoid abrupt steering maneuvers.
- When merging into traffic, take it slow Sudden movements can cause your vehicle to slide.
- Don't pass a snowplow or spreader unless it is absolutely necessary treat them as you would emergency response vehicles.
- Keep an emergency winter driving kit in your car.
- Maintain at least a half tank of gas during the winter season. This is good for emergency preparedness and it keeps the fuel line from freezing.
- Most importantly, drive smart!

#### Test Your Logistics IQ:

1) The rate of consumption of cash in a business. Used to determine cash requirements on an on-going basis. A burn rate of \$50,000 would mean the company spends \$50,000 a month above any incoming cash flow to sustain its business. Entrepreneurial companies will calculate their burn rate in order to understand how much time they have before they need to raise more money, or show a positive cash flow.



2) A bill of lading for air transport that serves as a receipt for the shipper, indicates that the carrier has accepted the goods listed, obligates the carrier to carry the consignment to the airport of destination according to specified conditions.



3) Same as Full Containerload, but in reference to motor carriage instead of containers.



### ${\it January \, Dates \, of \, Importance:}$

January 1 - New Year's Day January 6 - Epiphany January 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day January 19 - Popcorn Day January 20 - Inauguration Day

T. Burn Rate 2. Air Waybill (AWB) 3. Full Truckload (FTL)

### We are members of:

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### Meet Roman Risner

Roman is a five-year associate and Warehouse Lead at our Distribution Center in Columbus, OH. Roman was kind enough to quickly supply some answers to our questions so that we can learn more about him.



OL: Tell us about your family.

Roman: I have three amazing kids, Landon 16, Ashlyn 14 and Brielle 12, who keep me going every day.

OL: How do you like to spend your free time? Roman: I don't have a lot of free time, but when I do have some, I like to spend it watch-

ing the Buckeyes on Saturdays and the Browns on Sundays. I also coach Middle School Girls basketball at Heritage, and softball at Darby High School.

OL: If you had an extra \$50,000 to buy something fun, what would it be?

Roman: My son is getting ready to drive, so I would go out and buy myself a new car so I could give my old car to him.

OL: Which local hole-in-the-wall restaurant would you recommend to someone visiting from out of town?

Roman: I'm a big fan of a place called Starliner Diner. Anything on the breakfast menu

OL: What is your biggest goal in the next five years?

Roman: To graduate from College. I have been working on this for way too long. I have one year left to get my degree in Education.

OL: Tell us about your favorite destination within two hours of home.

Roman: Hocking Hills. It's a place where I can take my kids without all the distractions of everyday life. No phones, just the kids and I enjoying the outdoors.





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"History is not there for you to like or dislike... It is there for you to learn from."

- Lt. Col. Allen West -

#### **Happy Birthday To You!**

OL Ohio

Kevin Anderson 1/12 Anthony Barton 1/7 Justin Carter 1/18 Wayne Conley 1/11 Andrew Costley 1/3 Jason Daniels 1/23 Randy Dorman 1/20 Ashley Fritz 1/25 Grace Gregory 1/31 Charles Hackworth 1/25 Ben Harris 1/17 Michael Kupper 1/28 Tom Orwick 1/28 Kristin Price 1/8 Kyle Richardson 1/20 Roman Risner 1/8 Marci Stahl 1/29 Ward Stan 1/29 Karen Victory 1/17 Dennis Webb 1/5 Norm Wheeler 1/13 Jesse Zehender 1/7

**OL** Southern Tier Div. Frank Caparulo 1/6 Jason Ducot 1/14 Mahlon Hall 1/29 Ricky Hersh 1/12 Jermaine Holden 1/19 Eugene Keeney 1/4 Jim Noody 1/23 Shane VonRapacki 1/9 Robert Watkins 1/13 Charles Woodrow 1/8

**OL** Penn Centre Div. David Anderson 1/15 Todd Bennett 1/26 Tami Riglin 1/29

#### It's Your Anniversary!

OL Ohio

Dan Blanchard 10 Years Randy Buckmaster 14 Years Deb Dick 10 Years Ashley Fritz 3 Years Grace Gregory 1 Year Derek Guilliod 2 Years Norm Hinkle 13 Years Jolynn Long 15 Years Kenneth Martin 3 Years Jeff Montague 18 Years Pam Orwick 13 Years Kirby Richardson 1 Year Phil Roberts 7 Years Dakota Rose 1 Year Mik Schirtzinger 7 Years Eric Smith 3 Years Jerrod Steffensen 8 Years Liz Witt 5 Years Jason Young 17 Years

**OL** Southern Tier Div. Becky Burdick 1 Year Chad Burton 4 Years David Combs 2 Years Gary Hankinson 10 Years Dennis Johnson 14 Years Eugene Keeney 10 Years Mark Meinen 14 Years Bob Moon 14 Years Casey Neal 4 Years Kobi Wakeman 1 Year

**OL** Penn Centre Div. Rachel Irwin 1 Year

OL Olive Branch Div. Rita Williams 2 Years