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Spotlight Event of the Month

We have a prestigious announcement to make regarding our fearless leader, Bruce Miller, the President of Denver Drywall Company. Before we get to our announcement, we would like to give you a little background.

Does everyone know what AWCI stands for? It is The Association of Wall and Ceiling Industries. This organization is made up of 15 local chapters across the country including one in Colorado. All 15 local chapters make up what is known as the International Chapter.



AWCI is highly regarded by members and industry as providing valuable technical and product information, education and training, industry contacts and fraternity essential to operating a successful business, and is the principal organization advocating the interests of contractors, suppliers and manufacturers in the wall and ceiling industries.

The mission of the Association of the Wall and Ceiling Industries, International is to provide services and undertake activities that enhance the members' ability to operate successful businesses. AWCI has more than 1,300 members, which are primarily wall and ceiling contractors, product suppliers or product manufacturers in all 50 states and many countries. The contractor portion of the membership accounts for nearly 40 percent of related construction volume in the United States.

Bruce Miller's long list of AWCI accomplishments and positions have recently included serving as Vice President of AWCI's International Board of Directors; Vice President of the Executive Committee, International; and President of the Foundation of Wall and Ceiling Industry, International. Bruce also has the distinct honor of being recognized back in June of 1999, for his lifetime achievements and was given the AWCI "Pinnacle Award". The Award is presented each year to the individual who most merits our industry's recognition, the individual who has given unselfishly of his or her time and energies to benefit AWCI and the industry. Not only are the nominees evaluated on their dedication to the industry, but also on their civic/community work and the excellence of their companies.



The 87th Annual AWCI International Convention and Trade Show was held in Las Vegas the week of April 12-17, 2004. At the convention, which was attended by companies from all over the world, Bruce Miller was elected as the **President of the AWCI-International**.

Congratulations to Bruce Miller for his long list of accomplishments and hard work and commitment to the drywall industry. We are behind you 100 percent.

We know that this accomplishment wouldn't have happened without the support of a strong first lady. Terrie Miller was given the title of First Lady of the AWCI International. We all say congratulations to a job well done and for many years of service and many more to come.



Monumental Time in History

Congratulations to Denver Drywall Company for celebrating our 59th Year in Service in the month of April.

This anniversary marks a major milestone in Denver Drywall history.

How many miles of drywall do you think Denver Drywall has covered over the 59-year span?
How many employees has this company employed?

If you think about it, 59 years in business is longer than most of us have been alive.

It is an honor to work for such a prestigious drywall company with two outstanding owners, Bruce and Terrie Miller.

A Chuckle for the Month



Congratulations to the following folks, who in the month of May have hit their respective anniversary with Denver Drywall Company!

Mark McLachlan	12 years
Leo Villares	7 years
Victor Rivera	4 years
Ricky Miller	4 years
Sean Dunwoody	1 year



Jeff Erfman	10 years
Marcos Estrada	5 years
Victor Sosa	4 years
Hector Martinez	2 years
Dan Schwab	1 year

May Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 9th Mother's Day
Monday, May 31st Memorial Day - Office Closed for Business ☺

Health Education Corner

Surviving Spring Allergy Season

It's that time of the year, spring is in full swing and winter is slowly becoming a memory. While some people will be planning family picnics, trips to the ballpark and other ways to enjoy the warm weather, 35 million Americans will be preparing to deal with spring allergy symptoms.

Allergic rhinitis, or hayfever, is triggered by "allergens," substances that initiate an allergic response, such as pollens or molds, according to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI). Many trees, grasses and weeds have small, light and dry pollens that are easily carried by the wind. Some of the major outdoor allergens that cause allergic reactions during this time of year are trees such as oak, elm, birch, ash, hickory, poplar, sycamore, maple, cypress, walnut, and western red cedar; and grasses such as Timothy, Bermuda, orchard, red top, and sweet vernal. In late summer and fall weeds such as ragweed, sagebrush, pigweed, Russian thistle and cocklebur, become problematic for allergy sufferers.

People with allergies experience symptoms resulting from a reaction triggered by allergens to which a person is sensitive. Some of these symptoms include: inflammation in the nose and airway leading to symptoms of itchy, watery eyes, sneezing, nasal congestion, a runny nose, drowsiness and headaches.

Since allergies can lead to other chronic conditions such as asthma, they should not be taken lightly. If seasonal allergy symptoms are making you miserable, you should consider seeing an allergist. An allergist will take a thorough history and conduct tests to determine what is triggering your symptoms and work with you to develop a management plan, which may include medication and certain environmental controls.

An important component of any allergy management plan is avoiding the pollens and molds that make you sneeze and wheeze. Following are some tips to help you lessen your exposure to seasonal allergens:

- Keep windows closed at night to prevent pollens or molds from drifting into the home.
- Use an air conditioner and dehumidifier to keep air clean, cool, and dry.
- Keep car windows closed when traveling.
- Minimize outdoor activity on days when the pollen count or humidity is reported to be high or on windy days when mold and pollen are blown about.
- Take vacations to a more pollen-free area, such as the beach or sea.
- Use a paper mask when mowing or raking which stirs up pollens and molds.
- Avoid hanging sheets or clothing out to dry, pollen and molds collect on them.
- Take medications as prescribed in the recommended dosage. Do not take more medication to alleviate severe symptoms.
- Take a shower after spending time outdoors to remove pollen and mold that may be on your skin and hair.

The information provided in the "Health Education Corner" of Denver Drywall's monthly newsletter is provided in good faith, and not intended to be a substitute for proper medical care provided by a physician, nor is it intended to override a physician's recommendations. Denver Drywall assumes no responsibility for any circumstances arising out of the use, misuse, interpretation, or application of any of the information supplied in this article.

THE MORE YOU KNOW...

What is Memorial Day?

Monday, May 31st



The Memorial Day holiday began as a day to honor soldiers who died in the Civil War. In May 1865, the people of Waterloo, New York, gathered to decorate Civil War graves and remember those who died. Other towns started similar events, and in 1868, a Civil War veteran, General Jonathan A. Logan, proclaimed the day as Decoration Day. In 1882, the name changed to Memorial Day, and people began honoring those who died in all wars. In 1971, President Nixon declared Memorial Day a federal holiday on the last Monday in May.

What is Mother's Day?

Sunday, May 9th

The earliest Mother's Day celebrations can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 1600's, England celebrated a day called "Mothering Sunday". Celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent. "Mothering Sunday" honored the mothers of England.



During this time many of the England's poor worked as servants for the wealthy. As most jobs were located far from their homes, the servants would live at the houses of their employers. On Mothering Sunday the servants would have the day off and were encouraged to return home and spend the day with their mothers. A special cake, called the mothering cake, was often brought along to provide a festive touch.

As Christianity spread throughout Europe the celebration changed to honor the "Mother Church" - the spiritual power that gave them life and protected them from harm. Over time the church festival blended with the Mothering Sunday celebration. People began honoring their mothers as well as the church.

In the United States Mother's Day was first suggested in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe (who wrote the words to the Battle hymn of the Republic) as a day dedicated to peace. Ms. Howe would hold organized Mother's Day meetings in Boston every year.

In 1907 Ana Jarvis, from Philadelphia, began a campaign to establish a national Mother's Day. Ms. Jarvis persuaded her mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia to celebrate Mother's Day on the second anniversary of her mother's death, the 2nd Sunday of May. By the next year Mother's Day was also celebrated in Philadelphia.

Ms. Jarvis and her supporters began to write to ministers, businessman, and politicians in their quest to establish a national Mother's Day. It was successful, as by 1911 Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state. President Woodrow Wilson, in 1914, made the official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday that was to be held each year on the 2nd Sunday of May.

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