

## Points from the President: Invest in Tomorrow



Who we are today is a result of millions or perhaps billions of small decisions that we have made every day leading up to this point in our lives. Every day we decide what to eat for breakfast, how to react when our child spills orange juice on the floor, or whether to answer the phone when it rings. Probably the most important decision we make each day is how to spend our time.

I was reminded the other day that, while we *have* to deal with urgent issues every day, it is important to spend time and energy on those things that matter not today or tomorrow, but 10 or 20 years from now. But how can we even think about these things when we have so many urgent issues that are clamoring for our attention? It's difficult, but it's so important. Twenty minutes spent with a child to teach them a new skill will matter in 20 years. Sixty minutes setting up a retirement account will matter in 20 years. Three hours writing out goals and long term plans will matter in 20 years.

We spend a lot of time on things that don't matter. Incoming emails, shopping for that perfect deal, and surfing Facebook come to mind. We can easily get caught up in these distractions because they are fun and they keep us from doing the more important, but difficult tasks like balancing our checkbook.

I made a change last week that I am hoping will help reduce the noise in my life and focus on what's important: I created an email folder called "Later." Rory Vaden, who wrote *Procrastinate on Purpose* would probably call this folder "Procrastinate," but I am going to stick with "Later" because it sounds better. When I receive emails that distract me from performing more important work, I move them to the "Later" file. I have found that by the time I get to them, many of the issues have solved themselves or are no longer worth reading or dealing with. This has allowed more time for doing the important. I have a long way to go, but I hope this will help me to spend more time on those priorities that will matter in 20 years.

*Paul W. Taylor*

***The important work we do today is an investment in tomorrow.***



### New Customers

ESS continues to grow as a result of a great Team—a Team that does the dirty jobs day after day without complaint or excuse.

Thank you!

Babich Skin Care –  
Decatur

Danville First Church of  
the Nazarene

C.H.I Overhead Doors –  
Arthur

First Mid-Illinois Bank &  
Trust – Effingham

Dieterich Bank - Newton  
Decatur First Nazarene

Cornerstone Baptist  
Church of Champaign  
County

Illinois National Bank –  
Champaign

McElroy Metal - Clinton



# Employee of the Month



**February 2016**  
**REX ROBERTS**



**March 2016**  
**DARREN GRAY**



**April 2016**  
**LARRY BOYD**

## Employee of the Month—Honorable Mention

Stacy Albright	Sandra Early	Kurt Jeffries	Vicky Molzen	Cheryl Utley
Tiffany Bradfield	Kayli Granger	Keymone Khaza	Isabella Reid	Beth Yoakum
William Carter, Jr.	Rhonda Haun	Chris McCathern	Joyce Rodgers	
Mary Ann Corbitt	Richard Huston	Kevin Mette	Betty Smith	

## Service Awards

### 20 Years

Mark Richardson

### 10 Years

Kelsey Hayes	Alejandro Romero
David Hollowell	Ismael Sandoval
James Kulo	Timothy Sommer
Shavon Marrisette	

### 5 Years

Howard Boley	Elaine Higgs
Beth Buchholz	Nicholas Irvin
Sally Chrostowski	Renee Johnson
Lorie Dixon	Thomas Mann
Lyle Dodson	Robin Payton
Juan Enriques	Bruce Prothe
Margaret Flinn	Rose Sams
Christine Gabel	Kevin Wells
Ophelia Gibson	Marvin Williams



**TO OUR NEW STAFF!**



**Alice Coffey,**  
**Office Manager**

Alice joined the ESS Team in February 2016 as Office Manager and enjoys every minute of it. Alice loves helping employees and customers with their needs. According to Alice, "It feels good when I sense a smile over the phone or see one in person."

Alice relocated to Urbana from the suburbs of Chicago along with her husband Ray and her three sons: Ray, Jr., Anthony, and Fredrick. When not on the clock, you can find Alice spending time with her grandchildren, Nevaeh, Madyson and Joseph, aka JoJo.

# No Job Too Big for ESS!

ESS Clean began an enormous project in November 2015 to clean and prepare newly constructed apartment buildings for residency. The project included 24 buildings with 224 apartment units and took over 6 months to complete.

While the scope of the project was daunting, we are a member of an elite team of cleaners, a group of men and women with an uncommon commitment to a common purpose. Our team has been forged through rigorous training, unrelenting discipline and adversity. We will always get the job done.

*Jacob Shaw*

## In Appreciation

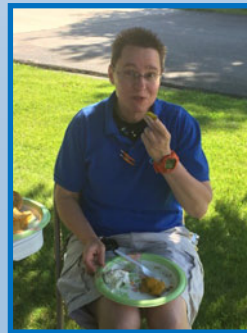
On Thursday, June 2, ESS Clean hosted a cookout to show our appreciation to all the employees who helped make this project possible. On the menu were hamburgers, bratwurst, potato salad, a six pack of camaraderie, and a dash of silliness. Thank you to our special team members.



MIKE ALSMEYER  
 JAMES BARRETT  
 LARRY BOYD  
 BRANDY CUMMINGS  
 BRYAN DURST  
 JAMIE GATSON  
 KELSEY HAYES



AQUILA HULL  
 RUFUS KERSH, III  
 JAMES KULO  
 KIRK MANSFIELD  
 ANTHONY NEAL  
 DEBRA ROBINSON  
 ISMAEL SANDOVAL



BETTY SMITH  
 JASON SMOCK  
 TIMOTHY SOMMER  
 QUAMEISHA SOMMERIO  
 GABRIEL TIBBETTS  
 BRITTANY TRUSKOSKY  
 MARTY WHALIN

## CLEANING UP YOUR ACT—ENTRANCES AND OUTSIDE AREAS

Entrances are an important area to pay attention to this time of year. Lawn maintenance has begun and can create additional debris around the building. Grass gets tracked in the buildings, especially the entrances.

Window glass becomes more noticeable with the sun shining through them. Squeegees help reduce smearing and streaks. The outside door glass may need some attention too. We tend to let the windows go on the outside during the colder months.

Other areas to pay close attention to are patios and outside areas. I realize not all accounts have these as part of their specifications, but they are easily forgotten. Check outside trash cans before lifting them: Many collect water which makes them harder to lift.

Putting a small hole in the bottom of the bag before placing it in the receptacle will help drain the water and make it easier to remove. And remember to check for bees and other critters that enjoy hanging out in these areas.

Have a great summer everyone!

*Brittany Babbs*







This year, the 5  
Stones Foundation  
awarded \$12,000 in  
college scholarships  
to six ESS employees  
or their dependents.  
Congratulations!



## 5 Stones Scholarship Recipients

Lorie Bennett  
Jennifer Janssen  
Jacob Mette

Marlee Ann Sams  
Kinsey Spencer  
Amanda Walker

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