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INDUSTRY NEWS

Elkay presents ACE Awards to employees, business partners

OAK BROOK, ILL. — Elkay's Plumbing Products Division (PPD), which manages the company's manufacturing and marketing of residential and commercial sinks, faucets, water coolers and related accessories, recently hosted its sixth annual ACE (Achieving Competitive Excellence) Awards. This award pro-

gram recognizes the employees, business functions and business partners of the PPD for their achievements in major initiatives that have yielded quantifiable improvements in the performance of the Division and the overall goals of Elkay as a company.

Elkay's PPD honored outstanding

accomplishments throughout the company by presenting a gold, silver and bronze winner in each of the five award categories: Kaizen Events, Process Development, Product Development, Program Development and the President's Awards of Special Recognition.

The following were the award winners in each category:

Kaizen

Elkay vice president-manufacturing and supply chain Bruce Campbell presented awards to teams that made dramatic changes and improvements by eliminating waste:

• **Gold** — C-Line Kaizen Material Flow; Jimmie Davis, Jennifer Kendall, Mike Long and RaeAnn Reynolds

• **Silver** — rnr Kaizen Events; Jose Luis Garcia, Roberto Hernandez and Jaime Sanchez

• **Bronze** — Clearing SMD; Bryan Carlson, Russ Hansen, Liz Hockman, Jeff Knouse, Dan Libberton

Program

Awards were presented Jack Krecak, PPD vice president and general manager of the commercial business unit, to those who have made quantifiable improvements in an existing program or developed a new outstanding program:

• **Gold** — Commercial "Best in Class"; Paul Day, Karen Durdevic, Dean Henry, Gary Israelson, Jerry LaPour, Rod Magnuson, Tom Terch and Elkay's business partner Creative Elements, Inc.

(Mike Deam and Scott Sriver)

• **Silver** — Streamlining Showroom Programs; Janice Cerny, Denise Math, Lynn Przystal, Darold Vredberg and Jeff Wanek

• **Bronze** — Broadview Lead-time Reduction Project; Bob Dvorak, John Havey, Bob Keller, Chuck Macke, Kevin Meyers and Gerni Riemma

Process Improvement

Those who succeeded in eliminating waste in Elkay's day-to-day business processes were honored by Leslie Clark, vice president-business excellence:

• **Gold** — New Tooling Development; John Bialorucki, Joseph Cipolla, Leopoldo Dolor, Casey Hornik, David Howard, Joseph Kaplan, Ken Kodis, Walter Kosciak, Joseph Lawrenz, Juan Perez, Derek Pringle, Claudio Salagea, Paul Schilling, Bill Schmidt, Paul Schacklady, Tim Slayden and Stanley Wach

• **Silver** — Vesuvius Product Transfer; Ken Barta, Kristi Belter, Landon Davis, Kenny Freeman, Robin Hester, Bob Keller, Kelly Lowry, Aaron Lowry, Leslynn Marshall, Brian Meez, Kevin Meyers, Tia Pesko, Gary Register, Bill Schmidt and Chuck Smith

• **Bronze** — Savannah Fountain/Basin Finishing Process Improvement; Becky Bryant, Kevin Burnett, Scott Edwards, Russ Hansen, Craig Kniss, Marc Morhardt, JoAnne Schmidt and Tom Waters

Product

Krecak recognized exceptional achievement by those who successfully introduced a new line of products or made a significant improvement on an existing product line

• **Gold** — K/BIS 2007 New Products; Lance Driskill, Kristine Forsythe, Laura Gicela, Mike Gicela, Mark Hird, Tim Nolan, Mike Placzek, Doug Pounders, Derek Pringle, Ann Rottinghaus, Pete Wozniczka and Martin Zimmersich

• **Silver** — Phylrich Amphora Collection Product Development; Eyal Altman, Mark Bidinger, Brian Livingston, Karen Peretti, Christian Pimental, Perry Richards, Ann Rottinghaus, Vicki Sapinski and Carol Zaccari

• **Bronze** — Vinca New Product Line and Image; Gonzalo Anaya, Jesus Celedon, Jose Luis Garcia, Rebecca Reyna and Manuel Rivera

President's Awards of Special Recognition

Steve Rogers, PPD president, presented these awards to the most exemplary efforts by an individual or team toward achieving the PPD's overall goals

• **Gold** — Elkay Zhuhai New Hydraulic Press Project; Maurice Cueva

• **Silver** — Lotus Sink; Mike Tortorello and Evan Fulford

For more than 88 years, Elkay has been an innovative manufacturer of stainless steel sinks, water coolers, drinking fountains and faucets for residential and commercial use. For information, visit www.elkayusa.com.



Elkay's Plumbing Products Division recently hosted its sixth annual ACE Awards program. Featured in the photograph is the K/BIS 2007 New Product Team, recipient of the Gold award in the Product category. From left (top row) Derek Pringle, Kristine Forsythe, Ann Rottinghaus, Laura Gicela, Mike Gicela, Lance Driskill, Mike Placzek (bottom row) Tim Nolan, Pete Wozniczka, Doug Pounders, Mark Hird.

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MOVING UP CONGRATS!

Elkay Manufacturing Company's Plumbing Products Division (PPD), announced two new business units and several personnel changes:

- *Jack Krecek* was promoted to vice president, general manager of the PPD's new commercial business unit. Krecek will supervise the water cooler and fountain manufacturing plant in Savanna, Ill., as well as specialized engineers, marketers, global sourcing and new product development resources that focus solely on the development and growth of the commercial business unit. In his 24-year career at Elkay, Krecek has served in a variety of positions, most recently as vice president-marketing, for the PPD.

- *Tom Samanic* was promoted to vice president, general manager of PPD's new residential trade business unit. He will manage the unit's team of marketing and engineering resources and oversee global sourcing and new product development resources. Samanic joined Elkay in 2000 and most recently was director of marketing for residential sinks.

- *Mark Lawson* was promoted to vice

president-engineering and innovation. He will lead the engineering team and supervise key personnel in Elkay's innovation, research and development, tooling, equipment and engineering departments. Lawson has been with Elkay since 1990, most recently as vice president-innovation, co-leading the rapid production center team.