

Jamar Celebrates 25 Years with APi Group, Inc.

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Jamar would like to recognize these employees who have been with our organization for the past 25 years and helped to make our business a success:

Barb Carlson
Bob Ehle
Brad Hansen
Bruce Hill
Jim Krocka
Jim Palumbo
Joe Kolodge
Louie Pufall
Mike Wunch
Paul Zwak
Ray Osberg
Roland Sward
Roy Sundbom*
Terry Asleson
Tim MacDonald

*Retired in 2009

Back on February 1, 1985, most of us might remember going to top movies such as Beverly Hills Cop or Back to the Future. On Television we were entertained by The Cosby Show, Cheers and Cagney & Lacy. Sending a letter cost \$.20, "New Coke" was hitting the shelves (only to be dumped less than three months later) and the comic strip Calvin & Hobbes was published for the first time. At The Jamar Company, long-time staffers remember this date as the day Jamar became a part of the API Family.

Back then, there were only about a dozen or so office staff and approximately 50 craft field workers. Jamar Vice-President Roland Sward remembers that all communication was done by the US Postal Service, by telephone or two-way radio or with a face-to-face meeting. No fax machines, PDA's, internet or e-mail to speed business along. Estimating was done with a pencil and paper and calculated by hand, proposals and invoices were done on a typewriter and drafting was done with a pencil on a drawing board using only a t-square and a triangle.

Even though there are considerable differences between 1985 and today, some things have stayed the same: The commitment and loyalty of the employees that help keep Jamar the best in the industry and a great place to work. "People at The Jamar Company are a shining example of the high-performing, family culture that we strive to achieve with all of our businesses. The Jamar family built a tremendous foundation that we were fortunate to have the opportunity to build on. It's a great group of people who have come together to do great things," says Russ Becker, APi Group, Inc. CEO and president.

API's commitment to deliver dependable service to clients and general contractors made Jamar a natural fit. Jamar was the fifth company to join API, which officially became APi Group, Inc. in 1997, and included Anco Products, ICI and the original APi Construction and APi Distribution. Viking Automatic Sprinkler joined later that same year and the Group continues to grow under the oversight of Russ Becker and the vision and leadership of Mr. Lee Anderson, Sr. - owner and chairman.

From a business stand-point to be a part of APi Group, means strength and stability. Our current President, Mike McParlan says "I think we all take a lot of pride in being involved with a company that has been a part of our community for nearly 100 years. Without the strength and stability of a strong parent organization we wouldn't be the company we are today."

To date, there are more than 35 independently managed companies reaching approximately 9,000 vibrant employees. With more than 150 locations, API's success is based on one philosophy: Offer the finest customer-driven service by using common resources and shared experiences to build a safer environment.

Jamar is fortunate to be affiliated with APi Group and is proud to be associated with a parent company that provides a solid foundation for award-winning companies who are highly successful in their marketplace and are fully committed to our clients, people and environment.

For more information on the growth of APi Group over the years as well as other Group companies, visit their web site at www.apigroupinc.com.

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