

The **SIGNET** Circular

SIGNET Remembers Charles J. Caron



It has been one year since the passing of Charles J. Caron, the founder of SIGNET. To commemorate his life and the impact that he shared with employees, SIGNET held a Day of Remembrance in his honor on December 11, 2009. The day began with a memorial mass marking the one year anniversary of his passing. Family members, and over 100 employees and friends gathered at St. Helen's Church in Norwell, MA to attend the service. Several other activities were scheduled throughout the day including a memorial walk. The 1.6 mile walk attracted a large contingent from corporate headquarters to the Washington Street Cemetery for a brief prayer led by Reverend Thomas Maguire of St. Helen's Church. Under sunny skies it was an amazing sight as 93 employees, family and friends stepped up and braved the wind chill of 15 degrees. A contribution to the American Heart

Association in Mr Caron's name was raised for a total of \$2,010. Following the walk, a lunch reception was held at Trattoria San Pietro Restaurant. Later in the afternoon employees gathered at SIGNET's corporate offices for refreshments. The day was a huge success, promoting employee involvement from all over New England; sharing memories, as well as raising awareness and support for the American Heart Association's mission to prevent heart attack and stroke. SIGNET plans to hold this event annually.

SIGNET Awarded Beverly High School Project

SIGNET Electronic Systems, Inc. was recently awarded the Beverly High School Integrated Electronic Security System project. The City of Beverly is renovating their existing High School complex primarily through a large multi-story addition. Using the State Contract OFF18 program, the City of Beverly and their security consultant selected SIGNET as the vendor of choice. Their decision was easily based upon SIGNET's proven track record with similar projects and its quality product offering. SIGNET will be utilizing its premiere security solution, Genetec, for both the access control and video management solution. When the project is completed, as currently designed, the school will have close to 100 access control doors, providing access to the majority of the school facility, and close to 100 IP cameras monitoring the property.

Beverly High School will be one of the most secure educational facilities that SIGNET has had the opportunity to be involved in. This project will also be SIGNET's first school project that will enjoy the benefit of a truly redundant video management solution through the use of Genetec's redundant Archiver functionality. Two recording servers will be provided and each will be a back-up for the other in the event of failure.

SIGNET Trade Show Update

Maine Sheriffs' Association Law Enforcement Vendor Show February 4, 2010, Wyndham Hotel, South Portland, ME

The Maine Sheriffs' Association (MSA) is a non-profit organization that coordinates law enforcement and corrections activities with other related agencies. This year's Law Enforcement Vendor Show, will be Maine's largest Law Enforcement Expo. Go to www.mainesheriffs.org for more information.

New England Healthcare Engineers' Society Spring Seminar March 19, 2010, Sheraton Four Points, Leominster, MA

The New England Healthcare Engineers' Society (NEHES), founded in 1958, is a professional Society for individuals responsible for the Environment of Care in the delivery of patient care. This year's spring conference will draw roughly 100 – 150 healthcare engineers from around New England. Go to www.nehes.org for more information.

Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association 2010 Trade Show March 24, 2010, Best Western Royal Plaza, Marlborough, MA

For over 30 years, the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association has continued to be the premier law enforcement exhibition in the state generating attendance of more than 1,000 law enforcement professionals, such as chiefs, command staff, sheriffs, municipal officials, and department heads. Go to www.Masschiefs.org for more information.

Rhode Island Association of Facilities and Services for the Aging March 25, 2010, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Warwick, RI

The Rhode Island Association of Facilities and Services for the Aging was formally organized in 1989 as an association of non-profit facilities and services primarily for the elderly. Go to www.riafsa.org for more information.

Woodard & Curran Offices Deploy SIGNET's NEC SV8300 IP Solution



Woodard & Curran, ranked as one of the fastest growing Environmental and Engineering firms in the United States, consulted with SIGNET to seamlessly network their 8 offices to improve its customer service and collaboration between offices while reducing costs by improving PBX system administration and utilizing VoIP technology applications and Unified Messaging. Woodard & Curran chose SIGNET's new NEC SV8300 solution over other competitors such as Cisco and Avaya due to the successful ongoing relationship with SIGNET and the compelling presentation of the NEC technologies.

Highlights of the SIGNET solution include: a) new SV8300 IP Communication Servers connected to their IP WAN providing seamless inter-office connectivity with 4-digit dialing/routing between offices, b) new MA4000 web-based System Administration application loaded on a Virtual Machine Server to provide simplified GUI PBX & Voice Mail management tools, c) Remote Office ability to staff Centralized Answering Position providing staffing flexibility, d) Centralized UM8500 Unified Messaging System with mobile Blackberry voice/e-mail support, e) ability to implement a secure Web portal for Voice Mail and Call Handling applications, f) new IP SoftPhones for deployment in remote home-office locations, mobile workers, and pandemic disaster situations, g) Conferencing server for collaboration with inter-office Team members on construction projects, h) a more "Green" design encompassing reduced environmental footprint with no lead & mercury and environmentally safe chemicals used in manufacturing.

SIGNET Highlights 2009 Community Service Activities

SIGNET's Community Service Committee has been very busy since its inception in March. Here is some information on the events SIGNET participated in during 2009:

March:

SIGNET supported the Cradles to Crayons organization in Quincy, MA. Their mission is to provide the essentials for homeless and low-income children. A group of thirteen employees were assigned to sort clothing donations at their warehouse. Employees were allowed to be away from the office by using their community service paid time off. Go to CradlestoCrayons.org to learn more about their mission.

April:

SIGNET hosted a craft day at their corporate office in Norwell, MA. Employees and their children were invited to make crafts and donate gifts for sick children who were featured on the Make a Child Smile website. SIGNET's employees and family members created boxes full of crafts, cards and gifts for four children: a two-year old boy in Hannibal, MO; a four-year-old boy in Knoxville, TN; a five-year-old boy in Minooka, IL; and a twelve-year-old girl in North Andover, MA. While the survival of these very ill children is unknown, SIGNET's sincere hope is that the gifts brought a little cheer to these special youngsters. Go to MakeaChildSmile.org for more information.

May:

SIGNET gathered a group of 23 employees and family members to participate in the South Shore Arthritis Walk in Plymouth, MA. Despite light rains, the group enjoyed themselves immensely and raised money for the Arthritis Foundation. This is the first year that Team SIGNET participated and their contribution was significant! Go to lmt.arthritis.org for information on the next walk.

July:

A team of five women from SIGNET walked 60 miles in support of the Susan G Komen Breast Cancer 3-Day in Boston, MA. The team managed to raise over \$16,000! This group was very creative in their fund-raising efforts. They held raffles, cooked goodies for bake sales, sponsored jewelry parties, sold chocolate bars, held a luncheon in their "Café" and did whatever they could imagine to meet the minimum! With walkers who devoted their time and training, and co-workers who supported with financial and emotional contributions, this team's accomplishments were inspiring! Registration for the 2010 event is already open. Go to The3Day.org for more information.

September:

SIGNET employees rolled up their sleeves, put on their chef's hats and made lunches for the homeless residents of Father Bill's in Quincy, MA. Two separate groups volunteered to make and serve meals to over 100 people. Sadly, Father Bill himself passed away this summer, but his mission lives on. Visit FatherBillsMainSpring.org to learn how you can help.

October:

Another group of SIGNET employees volunteered at Cradles to Crayons in Quincy, MA.

November:

Gearing up for Thanksgiving, employees donated numerous items to the Norwell Food Pantry. Go to FriendsofNorwell.org to learn more.

December:

The holidays can be a very busy time for all of us. It is also a time of great need for the less fortunate. In light of this, SIGNET supported two events this month. First, SIGNET helped the local Toys for Tots drive for a fifth year in a row. We filled an enormous box with new toys to be given to needy children. Read about their mission at TotsforTots.org. Secondly, SIGNET decided to help the Westside Benevolent Circle in Mansfield, MA. This group runs a local program for needy children. Since this is a smaller program, the Circle often has difficulty recruiting enough volunteers to carry out their mission in time for the holidays. SIGNET was able to lend support in the form of 25 volunteers the week before Christmas. These volunteers helped coordinate, sort gifts, and load trucks. The Circle was very grateful for this support.

SIGNET's mission to serve its community will continue. The compassion of its President and its employees generates the energy that fuels these undertakings. With the thought that one person can make a difference, Team SIGNET aims to change the lives of those most in need with their commitment to community service.

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