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Transport
HERALD

Holiday Edition

USS Lexington at Corpus Christi, TX
The Christmas season is my favorite time of year. I love the chill in the evening air, the twinkle of lights in trees and on the eaves of houses, decorating the tree, listening to Christmas carols, old and new. I find myself both optimistic and nostalgic, looking forward to the New Year, and harkening back to happy Christmases past. I think of the reason for this blessed season, the birth of our Savior and Redeemer.

And, at times, my mind is drawn to those things for which I am thankful, and those things I hope to see.

I wish for peace. Not just peace in the world, which we surely need, I wish for peace of mind, ease from the pace of our hectic, hurried and “connected” lives. I wish for peace and the serenity of stillness in all of our lives.

I wish for success. Not just the success of Groendyke Transport, but success for each of our employees. I heard a great saying once: “Success is getting what you want. Happiness is being satisfied with what you get.”

I wish for the safety of the people in and around our business, and in particular, our drivers, but I wish for the safety of everyone sharing the road with our trucks. Someone else causes most of the accidents involving our trucks, but I wish for their safety nonetheless. I wish for the greatness of our country to continue. May the fire of liberty never be extinguished, by sloth, neglect, the pomposity of fools, or fiscal irresponsibility. May this wonderful United States of America endure.

I wish fulfillment and joy for my children. May they be blessed with the richness of love in their lives, and the satisfaction of a life well lived.

I wish for compelling work: something more meaningful than “just a job”, something necessary, something noble, and something good.

I wish many things, some mundane, and some lofty, but now, I wish each and every one of you a very, Merry Christmas, and God’s richest blessings for a healthy, prosperous, happy New Year!

Greg Hodgen
As children, many of us had heroes. Some of our heroes were mythical in stature with special powers. Superman, Spiderman, and Hercules. They fought the bad guys and protected us from the forces of evil. Some of us had sports idols. Joe Montana, Bo Jackson and Jackie Robinson. Some of our heroes were closer to home. Parents, grandparents and those serving our country. They may have taught us the value and gratification of a hard day’s work or maybe a faith in things unseen. When I was four, my heroes were Princess Diana and Sleeping Beauty. Both were beautiful and elegant and had a prince. But don’t be fooled, I also wanted an arm like John Elway. No matter who they may have been, our lives began to be shaped by the lessons these individuals taught us.

Then a funny thing happens. We get older, maybe get married and have kids or move ahead in our professional lives. Whatever the case may be, we may find ourselves as examples for those around us. Unknowingly, we inspire those around us. A real life hero, if you will. Our coworkers or friends may look to us for support, our children for protection, our spouses for wisdom.

Our Company is full of heroes; men and women who go the extra mile to get the job done correctly and safely. Individuals who happily help fellow employees out with a task or are willing to handle an unscheduled load. We have exceptional drivers who not only protect their load and themselves from harm, but their vigilant eye often helps protect other drivers on the road. These men and women inspire us and there are days that their dedication to duty reignites our passion for the mission at hand.

It has been said that integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching. We have been watching and we want to not only honor our Groendyke heroes but allow them to serve as examples for us and for prospective employees. Last year James Starr, Jeff Oster, Tim Goodman, Bill Gomez and Sam Stubblefield helped kick off our new branding campaign serving as ambassadors for Groendyke Transport. They could be seen across the nation on pump toppers, posters and testimonial videos explaining the importance of safety and why they chose to work at Groendyke Transport. Others may not know it or think it but I believe what we do can be called heroic in nature. We haul vital products that keep our nation moving and we need special individuals that can rise to such a task. Heroic tasks call for heroic employees.

With the help of terminal managers and assistant terminal managers, we collected over thirty nominations of men and women across the Company. We looked for candidates who could convincingly communicate and share their thoughts on the importance of safety and the mission of Groendyke Transport. If a driver was nominated, we reviewed his or her safety record along with the number of accident free miles each driver had accumulated. Other employees, we examined their exceptional attitude to service and work ethic. Personal testimonies from the terminal managers were also received. It should also be noted that we looked at all positions throughout the company and received a great response from our terminal and regional management. The official 2013 Ambassadors will be announced at our Annual Meetings in January. Congratulations to the Groendyke Transport heroes nominated below. Good luck!

**WESTERN REGION**
- Patrick Baca - driver
- Jesus Cedillo - driver
- Tito Campos - driver
- Gene Goin - driver
- Charles Kilgore - driver
- Ford Miller - driver
- Cruz Payan - driver
- John Pierce - driver
- Alfredo Reyes - driver
- Roosevelt Russell Jr. - driver
- Johnny Salas - wash rack
- Kenneth Severin Sr. - driver
- Eddie Torrez - driver
- Rich Wright - shop manager

**MOUNTAIN REGION**
- Ricky Hockett - driver

**CENTRAL REGION**
- Jim Asbury - driver
- Stan Barrowman - driver
- Larry Flint - driver
- Svend Kjaer - driver
- Dion Massie - driver
- Franh McCue - driver
- Mike Nelson - driver
- John Richetts - driver
- Chris Stude - Central Dispatch Coordinator
- Vernon Vandersee - driver

**GULF REGION**
- Ted Collins - driver
- James "Rich" Dent - driver
- Darla Drachmann - terminal clerk
- Evert Gott - driver
- Joe Jefferson - driver
- Allen "Joe" Johnson - cleaning rack
- Robert Norris - driver
- Bernad Olson - driver
- Kenneth Ringo - cleaning rack
- Ira Sams - shop manager
- Tracy Smith - driver
- Otis Weber - driver
- Charles White - driver
HOLIDAY GREETINGS

4 stages of life:
You believe in Santa Claus,
You don’t believe in Santa Claus,
You are Santa Claus,
You look like Santa Claus.
Warmest thoughts and Best Wishes for a Wonderful Christmas and a very safe, Happy New Year from the KSCY terminal.

The St. Louis Terminal would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

May the spirit of the holiday season bless you and your family throughout the coming year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Tulsa.

The best present one can receive this season is being in the presence of family and friends. Happy Holidays from Amarillo.

“Feliz Navidad, próspero año y felicidad” meaning “Merry Christmas, a prosperous year and happiness” from the Albuquerque terminal.

As the 2012 year comes to an end we would like to thank the entire Phoenix team for all the hard work that you do. We could not succeed without you. We promise to continue to work together towards success in the upcoming year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all! Sincerely, Randy, Edith and Tryad.

May your holidays be happy days
Filled with love and laughter,
And may every day bring joy your way
In the year that follows after!
The Riverton, Wyoming terminal wishes all of our GTI family a warm and safe holiday season!

“Feliz Navidad, próspero año y felicidad” meaning “Merry Christmas, a prosperous year and happiness” from the Albuquerque terminal.

Its not what you see, its what you project.
Its not what you experience, its how you remember it. It’s not who appears; its who you summon. Denver Terminal

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Tulsa.

Sincerely,
Randy, Edith and Tryad.
The Enid & Ponca City Terminals would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe & Happy New Year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
From our Terminal to Yours!
We hope you have a very Blessed Christmas!!
With lots of Family time and Cheer!!
And a Happy and Safe New Year!!
We look forward to see what the New Year brings.
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOURS!!
TEAM LITTLE ROCK

Merry Christmas to all of our friends in Groendyke. We hope you have a blessed time as you exchange gifts with your families, overeat, and, most of all, celebrate the birth of God’s Son, Jesus Christ.
Liberal Terminal

The Wichita, KS Terminal wishes everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday Season! Thank you for your hard work out there!

May the spirit of Christmas fill your lives with peace and good will. Merry Christmas from the Longview terminal.

These wishes aren’t original
But still they’re most sincere
Have a really Merry Christmas
And a wonderful New Year.
From the Fort Worth Terminal

Merry Christmas from the Angleton terminal. Take time to appreciate the people who fill your life with love. God Bless!

The Colorado Springs terminal would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very blessed New Year!

Working with all of the great system drivers that come through Bensalem makes it seem like Christmas everyday! Keep up the great work and stay safe out there.

The Borger terminal would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!
November 13th, 2012

Billing Dolls
The Enid Office Billing Department and the Moxie True Hope cancer research dolls they collected for children in need.

November 26th, 2012

Steve Williams
Congratulations to Steve Williams of the Wichita Terminal on his induction into the President’s Club.

October 25th, 2012

Kansas City
Congratulations to the Kansas City Terminal on their Million Mile Banquet.

November 19th, 2012

Warren Bennet
Congratulations to Warren Bennet of the Wichita Terminal on his 5 years with Groendyke.

October 28th, 2012

Liberal 2 Million Mile
Congratulations to the Liberal Terminal on their 2 Million Mile Celebration.

November 12th, 2012

Tony Green
Congratulations to Tony Green of the St Louis Terminal on his induction into the President’s Club.

September 22nd, 2012

Bear Captures Duckie
Congratulations to Gary and Wanda Donelson, both GT drivers, on their marriage at Woolroc, OK.

November 19th, 2012

Chris Kochert
Congratulations to Chris Kochert of the Wichita Terminal on his 5 years with Groendyke.

December 13th, 2012

Enid Office Anniversaries
Congratulations to Kathy Thompson, Chris Stude, Barry McDaniel, Judy Snell, Joleta Clark, Brenda Harrison, Virginia Lehenbauer-Ingl, and Alana Bone on their anniversaries with Groendyke.

December 13th, 2012

Kathy Thompson
Congratulations to Kathy Thompson of the Enid Office on her 30 years with Groendyke. Kathy is retiring on December 28th, 2012 and will be sorely missed.

Many of us have fond memories when we think of Christmas time. Friends and family gathered around the dinner table with a twinkling Christmas tree to warmly light the occasion. But many of us have loved ones that cannot be home with us celebrating the holiday season because of their selfless commitment to our country. With this in mind, Groendyke Transport partnered with Christmas Tree Express of McMillan, Michigan to send live Christmas trees and wreaths to employees’ family members who are currently deployed or are unable to leave their post over the holidays. We also sent wreaths to our various armed forces recruitment partners. Our wish for them as well as for you and yours is may you enjoy the blessings of the season and your 2013 be filled with hope, peace, and joy.
**Twas two nights before Christmas**

Twas two nights before Christmas
When throughout our great nation
The people of Groendyke paused
for a bit of Christmas elation

Many trucks were parked
Neat and orderly in their rows
While others still delivered loads
To customers' storage to stow

The dispatchers settled their plans
The mechanics laid down their tools
The tank washers closed down their racks
And the clerks parked their stools

When out on the yard
To the still winter's air
A Groendyke driver brought his truck to a stop
With a blast of compressed air

He swung from his cab
Surveying the scene
And he looked like a hero
Plucked from some winter's night dream

With his cap set just right
His presence a thrill
He represented all in his company
This man of safety and skill

He finished up his trip
Thanked the Lord for another great day
Closed out his logs on PeopleNet
And put his belongings away

He spoke not a word
For he didn't know I stood by
And he climbed in his pickup
Probably headed home for Christmas pie

And I thought to myself:
As he rolled out the gate
'There goes one of the industry's best
A driver so great'

But I think, if I could ask him
He would say, with some pride
We are all out there with him
When he leaves on each ride

For it takes a team of great people
To do a job so complex
Mechanics, tank cleaners, and terminal personnel round out the mix

So I thought to myself:
As he rounded the corner and left my sight
'That Groendyke driver stands for all of us
On this and every other night'

We are blessed in many ways
To have a job that is so right
So may you all have a Merry Christmas
And to all, a good night!

Greg Hodgen
(reprint from previous edition)
Anniversaries

November

30 Years
William Howe

15 Years
Joleta Clark

10 Years
Scott Bradbury
Elizabeth Cantrell
Ronald Lyons
Robert Winkelman

5 Years
Kevin Childers
David Floyd
Chris Kochert
Douglas Scroggs
James Townsend

December

30 Years
Kathy Thompson

20 Years
Douglas Wilson

15 Years
William Culbertson
Isidro Martinez

10 Years
Brian Bamey
Garry Benton
Marcus Broderich
Bruce Mollenkopf

5 Years
Alana Bone
William Free
Charles McDonald
Gerry Orand
Gezzel Rogers
Marlh Tapp

Deliveries

• Debbie Wanzer, of the Enid Office, is the proud new grandmother to Kaydence Savannah. Born November 3rd at 9:22pm and was 6lbs and 15 ounces and doing well.
• Colin Abernathy and wife Tiffany, of the Enid Office, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Cooper Austin, born September 21st at 8:32pm.

With Sincere Sympathy

• Roy Tinney of the Bensalem terminal lost his Sister, Sarah.
• Bob Winkelman of the St Louis terminal lost his mother on November 16th.

Congratulations!

• Carol Goley, wife of Wayne Goley of Longview, TX graduates with honors on December 14th, 2012 from LeTourneau University.