FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

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Elsewhere in this issue of the Belden News, you will see a brief article announcing the retirement of Bill Belden, Jr. Bill's service to the company and to our family may not rank with the longest in company history but it does compare favorably in its impact. Bill led us to become the first ISO certified face brick manufacturer in the United States because he recognized the need for us to measure, maintain, and ultimately, increase our lead in the quality arena. Bill led us to become the first ISO certified face brick manufacturer in the United States because he recognized the need for us to measure, maintain, and ultimately, increase our lead in the quality arena.

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Bill provided leadership to the industry as well as to the company and served as Chairman of the Brick Institute of America in 2012 and 2013. He was a leader in the field of masonry units and made significant contributions to the field.

Bill's service to the Stark County community, the brick industry, and this company, and the Belden and Hartung families has ratified the wisdom of putting Bill in that office. Bill has never lost sight of our mission to remain The Standard of Comparison in the brick industry nor to the ideals of servant leadership in our communities. We are all better off because of his service.

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THOMPSON/SILVERADO BUILDING MATERIALS

Diversity has been instrumental in the success of the Thompson/Silverado brand - a culture founded on innovation and progressive ideology with consistent growth. Success is rarely formed from an individual effort. It is the strong partnerships developed along the way that support prosperity. In 2004, Thompson Building Materials partnered with the Belden Brick Company to join forces with the capabilities armed with a united architectural sales team has proven to be an undeniable force in the California market.

Every day efforts continue to be deployed enhancing the capacity to supply California’s ever growing demand with the best products the industry has to offer. The teams at Thompson/Silverado have continued to drive market share and growth by offering a broad range of products to meet the needs of the building community. Thompson and Silverado are committed to providing their customers with the best products available.

Distributor Spotlight

Lauren Gonser
Manager-Marketing Planning & Special Products

Lauren Gonser came to The Belden Brick Company in May of 1990 after a successful stint with Stark Ceramics in East Canton, Ohio. Lauren was named Manager, Marketing Planning where she oversaw a portion of the marketing department. Under Lauren’s leadership, The Belden Brick Company continued to grow as the brick industry was in a period of change. Lauren was named Director of Marketing in 2000 where she focused on marketing and sales strategies. Lauren’s efforts include the implementation of the Product Development Team and the development of marketing materials for new products. Lauren also served as a member of the Technical Advisory Board for the American National Standard for Masonry Materials, ANSI A208.1-1995. Lauren’s efforts have been recognized with the American Ceramic Society’s Outstanding Bricky Award in 2005. Lauren has also been involved in various committees for the American Ceramic Society and the Masonry Industry. She has also been a member of various organizations including the American Ceramic Society, American Ceramic Society’s Annual Meeting, and the American National Standard for Masonry Materials, ANSI A208.1-1995. Lauren’s contributions to the brick industry have been recognized with awards and recognitions for her work.

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William H. Belden, Jr. has retired as Chairman of the Board of The Belden Brick Company, Belden Holding & Acquisition, Inc., and all affiliated companies effective January 1, 2016. Bill is the first chairman in the history of Belden Brick to retire. Bill has been a director of Belden Brick since his election to the board in 1979. He began his formal employment with the company on July 1, 1983 as president. He became chairman in 1993 and was named CEO in 1995. Bill will continue to serve as a director of Belden Brick and Belden Holding.

From all of us at Belden Brick, friends, family and associates, we wish you the best in your well earned retirement. May you have many years of happiness. Your dedication and passion for our industry and this company has driven us all to strive for bigger and better things. Thank You!