

THE BEACON

Beacon Technologies Quarterly Newsletter

Employee Success Story

June Fox, PMP, Retired Beacon Consultant

Upon graduation from college, June accepted her first position in this industry. She started as a programmer at Square D in Milwaukee in 1977. Needless to say, she saw incredible change in the industry over the years! She started out having to type her COBOL code and JCL into punch cards on a keypunch machine. Next, she would hand the deck of cards (Don't drop them!) through the window next to the mainframe (IBM 370). About a day later, the results would come back to her through the same window. The advent of shared CRTs for the use of programmers, allowed the keypunch machine to go away. The next big evolution was to have your own CRT on your desk. Amazing! Productivity (and morale) increased tremendously! And today...what a different world! Today, she holds a certification in Project Management and has been managing projects for about the last 25 years. She says If anyone is wondering about earning a Project Management Professional (PMP) certification from the Project Management Institute (PMI), "Go for it!" Check out the information available at <https://www.pmi.org>. Very worthwhile! She has enjoyed working for Beacon Technologies. She has been a consultant for most of her career. She prefers the variety and challenge of working in different environments and meeting new people. She likes to avoid boredom! By the time you read this, she will be retired! The first day of her retirement adventure is April 1, 2020.

Favorite Project

June enjoyed many clients and projects over the years. Two stand out over the others. Her current assignment has involved the management of two federal grants for the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) in Madison. One is a 2015 SLDS Grant (5.3M) which is within the last year of funding and involves a research partnership with UW-Madison. The other federal grant was the Race to the Top - Early Learning Challenge Grant (2013-2017) (10.4M) which involved the build and implementation of the Wisconsin Early Childhood Integrated Data System (WI ECIDS). The WI ECIDS supports the sharing of early childhood data across three state agencies for the purpose of answering policy questions and making improvements to the programs which share data into the WI ECIDS. Her DPI colleagues are truly outstanding and dedicated professionals! The other memorable assignments were at CASE in Racine. What a great group of people to work with! She spent many years coming and going from there. She would work for a year or two and then go and work somewhere else and then come back for another project. They built a currency conversion system for their European depots, when she was working in the Parts Division. She also worked in Warranty and completed many enhancements to the Warranty system. (continued on page 2)

Trivia

In our last newsletter we asked "what was the last business to reside where Beacon's current Appleton office is?" Two people responded correctly with the answer of Drinks Inc. The winner drawn at random for the gift card this quarter is Brady Potaczek. The question for this next quarter is, "which Beacon consultant won the NCAA tournament challenge last year?" (do you save old emails?) Respond to Keegan O'Brien at kobrien@beacontechinc.com and one person with the correct answer will win a \$25 Amazon gift card.



**Happy
Retirement June!**

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Family

Healthy Habits to Prevent Coronavirus

Avoid close contact. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. If you are sick, keep your distance from others.

Stay home when you are sick. Stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick to prevent spreading your illness to others.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

Cover your mouth and nose. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing to prevent those around you from getting sick.

Clean your hands. Washing your hands often for 20 seconds will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol based hand rub with at least 60% Ethyl Alcohol.

Practice other good health habits. Use regular household cleaning spray or wipe to clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces at home, work or school.

Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask. CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of the Coronavirus to help prevent the spread of the disease to others.

She has a wonderful husband, Jay. He has recently retired from a website design and graphic arts career. They live on a 7 acre farm in Jefferson County. They have been there for 24 years and have raised many different crops and cared for many different animals through the years. Their dogs, cats, chickens and horses have had "the good life" while living with them. They have definitely been part of their family. Her father was born in 1905 and her mother was born in 1915. They have both "walked on" as she says in her Ojibway tradition. If she thinks she has seen a lot of change through the years, her parents could really talk about that! Her father got interested in Engineering as a young teen, after learning about the 1903 flights at Kitty Hawk. He was amazed to find out how a big heavy object could fly! Almost all the family members on both her side and Jay's side have walked on, as well. They have learned much from them and treasure their memories. They still are in touch with a few cousins their age. With retirement, they hope to be able to travel and visit them more often.

Hobbies

She started showing her first dog (Prince Thomas of Tall Oaks, UD) in dog shows and obedience trials at the age of 12. He became the highest scoring English springer spaniel in the Midwest, while competing in obedience trials back in the late 1960s and early 1970s. As adults, she and Jay spent many years traveling to various parts of the U.S. and enjoying their experiences of showing their dogs in conformation, obedience, agility and field trials. She hold a certification as a horseback riding instructor and taught many 4H students riding lessons over the years. And, of course, their little farm is their primary interest now that they are retired.

Interesting Fact

She was not born in June. She was named after her Aunt June. Her mother-in-law was also named June. Her mother-in-law was named after a character from a play called "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine": June Tolliver.

Employee Anniversaries

April

Teresa Holmes - 4 years
Thomas Morley - 4 years
John Lison - 2 years
Benedict Trinidad - 2 years
James Baho - 1 year
David Gauerke - 1 year
Ramil Derek Kilates - 1 year
Adinarayana Nalla - 1 year

May

Carl Galka - 14 years
Kelsey Kelley - 3 years
Michael Stanescu - 2 years
Michael Sullivan - 2 years
Christopher Washington - 1 year
Robert Bluemke - 1 year

June

Kristen Suttle-Ebert - 15 years
Pat Heideman - 3 years
Brady Potaczek - 2 years
Keegan O'Brien - 2 years
Santanu Mojumder - 1 year
David Bebeau - 1 year
Eric Oelhafen - 1 year
Trifon Yanakiev - 1 year
Steve Kaplon - 1 year
Cullen Rothmeyer - 1 year
May Yang - 1 year

Things to Do Inside

- Puzzles
- Journal/Blog
- Movies
- Netflix/Hulu/Prime
- Khan Academy
- Learn a language
- Learn an instrument
- Meditate
- Cook something new
- Clean each room
- Write to family/friends
- FaceTime to catch up
- Board games
- Clothing purge
- Knit/Crochet
- Yoga
- Bubble bath
- Make a new cocktail
- Color/paint
- Set goals
- Pinterest projects
- Honey do lists
- Make photo books
- Budget review/cut costs
- Indoor scavenger hunt
- Make TikToks
- Income taxes
- Plan your next trip
- Learn a new dance
- Update or write your will
- Exercise/work out
- Sleep
- Watch old sports highlights
- Work on side project
- Watch bands online
- Foster an animal
- Video games
- Read
- Virtual tours of museums
- Virtual tours of parks
- Virtual tours of zoos
- Ideas from USA Today

Shows to Binge

