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Beacon Technologies Quarterly Newsletter

Employee Success Story

Benedict Trinidad, Software Consultant

Benedict joined Beacon in April 2018 and has worked at KBX Technologies since then. He describes himself as a happy go lucky person and a programmer who takes pride in his work. He worked his way up from a web programmer working for a MTV competitor web portal up to Microsoft Corp (worked in multiple departments and where as a part of MSN team was meeting, coordinating and implementing new technology from Microsoft Research. Used Cosmos DB from Microsoft research way back in 2008). One of the few contractors at Microsoft 11 years ago who was in charge of an entire project a few times inside Microsoft Campus reporting directly to the Group Manager or the Dev Manager of that division (which is very rare since most of the projects have a Microsoft employee leading it). He has taken multiple responsibilities from a programmer to a Technical Lead, Project Manager. He joined the field of software engineering because he feels that it is one field where one is presented with new problems / challenges frequently and he likes it. He likes to learn new things and is an avid reader of any information. He can just read and keep on reading entire day (current news, health articles and varied other tidbits. He does not find time for books). He is like an information gatherer/aggregator.

Favorite Client / Project

He likes all the places where he has worked, including the latest one, KBX Technologies where his second assignment in June 2018 was to create a web API to accept a massive load of daily transactions. He liked the project since it allowed him the freedom to architect the entire solution. That web API handles 500K to 700K transactions at its peak without breaking a sweat and has been very successful.

Family

Ben lives with his wife, son and daughter in De Pere.

Interesting Fact

Benedict competed in the 100 meter and 200 meter sprints in his school days. He placed 4th and or 5th at city level (Mumbai with a population of 22 million people). His dad used to rank 1st in the entire state.

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Trivia



In our last newsletter we asked "which Beacon consultant won the NCAA tournament challenge last year?" Two people responded correctly with the answer of "Kevin Brey." The winner drawn at random for the gift card this quarter is Nicholas DiPiazza. The question for this next quarter is, "Where is the Beacon Holiday Party held every December in Middleton?" Respond to Keegan O'Brien at kobrien@beacontechinc.com and one person with the correct answer will win a \$25 Amazon gift card.

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Hobbies

Benedict enjoys sleeping whenever he gets time. He also does a lot of reading...almost anything on Apple News, Apple +, MSN and Google News. He considers himself a gourmet and experiments with cooking by inventing some flavorful dishes or cooking some selected well-known dishes. Fixing cars is a passion for him, especially his 2001 BMW. He has worked countless hours on it and fixed an issue which 2 BMW dealers and 3-4 independent specialists could not trace. One tip was given by one independent specialist which he had suspected was the core issue. He is an avid promoter of electric cars and helping the green revolution. He used to promote it way back in 2008 when he purchased his BMW. He assembles computers for friends and family and sets up home computer networks. He works out at the gym to push his limits of strength and endurance. He recently hit a personal best of 930 lbs at the hammer linear leg press with 20 reps and that was after 25 reps of 840 lbs. He was going to top 1000 lbs before Covid-19 brought things to a halt at the gym. He also loves to play cards with friends.

Referrals

We've got several openings and welcome your referrals. Remember, if you refer a candidate to Beacon, they are hired and stay with us for at least 90 days, Beacon will pay you \$1000 for the referral!

McGMO Charity Golf Event

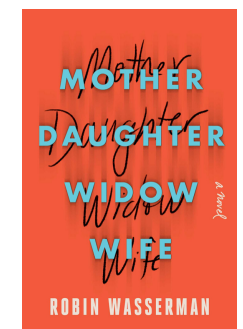
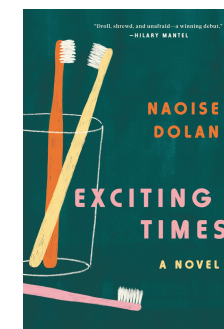
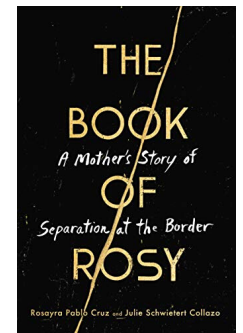
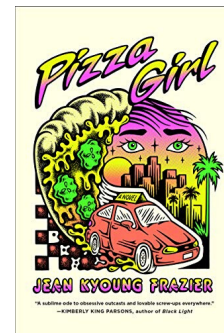
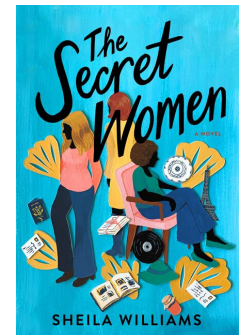
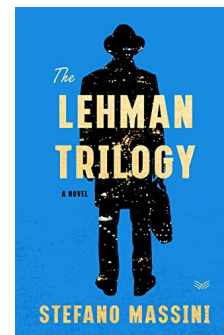
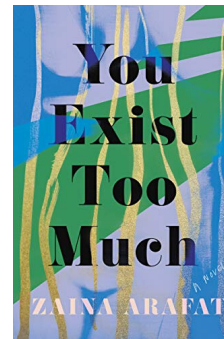
As a long time support and sponsor of the Annual McGMO Charity Golf Event, we wanted to relay the announcement from their team as follows:

As a supporter of a healthcare organization, we have a responsibility to our community members to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Out of an abundance of caution, we will be cancelling this year's McGMO Charity Golf Outing.

As we all know, cancer doesn't stop because of a pandemic. We need your support this year more than ever! Please [contact us](#) for ways you can still make a donation for 2020.

Books to Consider this Summer

According to [time.com](#) - [see the entire list](#)



Employee Anniversaries

July

Patrick Brick - 3 years
Krishna Chaithanya - 3 years
Kathy Maglio - 3 years
Philip Nelson - 3 years
Michael Saunders - 2 years
Eric Schnell - 2 years
Michael Sule - 1 year

August

Jeffrey Krueger - 11 years
Nicholas DiPiazza - 8 years
Tyler Erickson - 4 years
Scott Fields - 4 years
Lalitha Choudry Donupathi - 3 years
Jordan Ward - 3 years

Michael Acord - 2 years
Bill Gross - 2 years
Rebecca Paulson - 2 years
Srikanth Shivannagari - 2 years
Eric Smasal - 2 years
Thomas Tenley - 1 year

September

Dee Ott - 18 years
Jody Calhoun - 6 years
Rebecca Rosenthal - 5 years
Travis Crowe - 3 years
Craig Wagner - 3 years
Jean Burke - 2 years
Elizabeth Lorentz - 1 year
Matt Stangel - 1 year

Summer Weekend Projects

Ideas from Karen Ziga from [This Old House](#)

Make a Herb Planter From a Wagon

Looking to spice up your container garden? Dig out Junior's rusty old Radio Flyer and turn it into a mobile planter that can go from a sun-steeped corner right to your kitchen door. Here's [how to get rolling](#).



Build a Tree Bench

This comfy, stay-cool spot has room for the entire family and practically looks like it's a part of the tree itself. [Put your bench together](#), and you'll enjoy lounging on it with a favorite book all summer long.



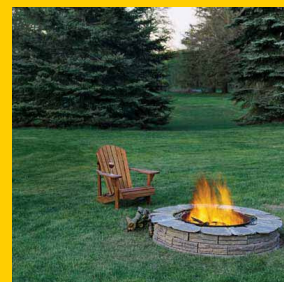
Put Landscape Lighting on Your Front Walkway

Enhance the nighttime curb appeal of your home—and add a measure of safety and security—with low-voltage landscape lighting. [Install these exterior-grade fixtures](#) along walkways and driveways, or illuminate steps, trees, stonewalls, fences and other prominent landscape features.



Gather Around a Fire Pit

Outdoor fires are so hot right now. Seriously. Mankind has called the hearth home for the centuries, it's true, but these days people are going ultra-retro and getting their heat from stone-walled pits set into the earth. If you really want to light up right, do it in style. Take a few days to [build your very own ring of fire](#).



Hang a Tree Swing

All kids want to fly, and every time they ride on a swing they get closer to that Peter Pan moment. But you don't need a whole playground to feel the spring breezes swoosh by. All you need is a seat, a rope, and a sturdy tree. [Making this tree swing](#) requires few tools, and all the hardware needed to hang it can be found at your local home center.



Grow Vegetables in a Raised Garden Bed

Here's a great project for the budding gardener in your family: a raised vegetable garden. This simple frame of rot-resistant lumber will hold soil in place and brings it to a height that's easy for everyone to reach without stepping onto precious plants—plus no more dirty knees (or at least fewer dirty knees). [See how to get started step-by-step](#).



22 more ideas at [This Old House!](#)