

2019 Trade Show Schedule

MEDSUMMIT

Rosarito, Mexico
August 7

CHINA INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FAIR (CMEF)

Shanghai, China
August 28

MEDICAL FAIR THAILAND

Bangkok, Thailand
September 11-13

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY IRELAND

Galway, Ireland
September 25-26

MEDTEC CHINA

Shanghai, China
September 25-27

MD&M MINNEAPOLIS

Minneapolis, Minnesota
October 23-24

COMPAMED

Düsseldorf, Germany
November 18-21

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Steady Progress Continues at Prent Baja

Prent Baja's Clean Room construction is complete, one thermoformer is installed, and the new 45,000 sq. ft. Tijuana facility is ready for production. Validation of the thermoformer and certification of the Clean Room are in progress, and it is ready to receive customers for visits and audits. Prent Baja has a strong team that has trained at other Prent facilities to ensure consistent, high-quality performance while lowering customer risk, simplifying tool transfers, and meeting the high standards of excellence that Prent customers enjoy across the globe.

Q&A WITH PRENT JANESVILLE RETIREES



Mitch Benson » Senior VP of Manufacturing Services

1/24/08–7/31/19

Before Prent, what was the most unusual job you've ever had?

Crating chickens. I lasted one week—the smell was bad and the pay was worse!

What drew you to Prent originally? The company I had previously worked at for 25 years was closing and moved to Detroit. Prent was widely known as the best run business in Janesville and was on a rapid growth path. So, it was an easy choice to join the Prent family

How has Prent changed over the years? WOW! Where to begin? In Janesville, Prent added on to its headquarters; moved its warehouse to the previous GOEX facility to provide space for the first two certified Class 8 Clean Rooms; built a new Secondary Operation in a Class 8 Certified Clean Room; built a new “C” building for vehicle storage; moved and remodeled the Model Shop; built an employee exercise facility at the previous GOEX office area; remodeled and expanded the Tool Room; and remodeled the Development, QA and PCO offices, to name a few.

What were your roles at Prent?

October 2008 – Director of Manufacturing, North American Operations

April 2011 – VP of Materials Management and Project Engineering

February 2014 – Senior VP of Manufacturing Services

How did working at Prent aid in your career development? Because of Prent's global footprint, I've had the opportunity to travel, experience a variety of cultures, and form friendships with people around the world.

What did you find most challenging in your job(s)? Wearing many hats and working to keep all the balls in the air!

What did you like most about Prent? The ever-changing environment that is focused on growth and a culture that always strives to be better. Prent is known as a “world leader” in our industry.

What has been your favorite project? Demolition. I loved removing the old Clean Rooms and building the new ones.

What have you gained during your tenure? Great relationships ... A long list of people I consider to be good friends.

What is your proudest moment on the job? Being a part of various projects through the years, like the facility construction, that have made Prent an asset to our customers and our community.

What advice do you have for prospective Prent employees? Be a team player. Work hard. Always be open to change and find ways to improve whatever you are doing. Be engaged and a facilitator of success.

What are your plans for retirement? I will travel, spend time outdoors, and enjoy our grandchildren; we will have three by December. Jumping out of a plane (with a parachute) and visiting Egypt are also on my bucket list.



Ron Steurer » VP of Manufacturing Technology

11/06/72–7/31/19

Before Prent, what was the most unusual job you've ever had?

I held two jobs prior to my employment at Prent. The day I turned 12, I started 10-hour days in the summer working at MacFarlane Pheasant Farm. Over five years, I learned many jobs surrounding the care of pheasants, and I learned to drive tractor. My other job was a chef in training at the King's Pub in downtown Janesville.

What drew you to Prent originally? I was working on a degree in

continued on back

GOEX Goes Green

GOEX's continued sustainability strategy focuses on environmentally sound operations and business practices to minimize the impact of its products, including a zero-land-fill-operating philosophy. GOEX reprocesses materials by incorporating production scrap and customer returned scrap into saleable products, helping to avoid landfills altogether.

Environmental practices include:

- Nearly 100% of the plastic resins in GOEX's facility are converted into finished goods, recycled back into saleable finished goods, or sold to other plastic processors for reuse.
- Scrap GOEX buys back from its customers is reused in our recycled content product lines.
- GOEX offers recycled options in several of its products, including HIPS, PETG, PP, and PVC.
- Paper, wood, and other natural or man-made materials are reused or recycled onsite.
- All materials that cannot be reused are separated and sold to recycling companies rather than transported to a landfill.

GOEX is proactive in:

- Energy conservation
- Protecting natural resources
- Waste reduction
- Developing products that help its customers meet their environmental objectives

GOEX offers quality recycled content, and compostable and bio-based products, and emphasizes resins that are RoHS compliant. GOEX is working to build a more circular economy by using its plastics resources more efficiently, capturing and repurposing more materials, advancing recycling and recovery, and making a difference in the community.

To learn more about GOEX Corporation's green initiatives, visit www.goex.com.

PRENT

Profiles



GET TO KNOW YOUR PRENT REPRESENTATIVE

**Siek Say Wee, Prent Malaysia
Product Development Director**

September will mark 20 years since Siek Say Wee began working at Prent. He started as a Design Engineer in Prent Malaysia in 1999.

Along with thermoform part designs, he started working on tooling design, CNC programming, machining and trouble-shooting machine issues.

As the business grew, Prent recruited more team members and his roles changed accordingly over time. He has held several positions at Prent, including: Design Engineer, Senior Design Engineer, Design and Tooling Manager, Senior Design and Tooling Manager, and Product Development Director. His current responsibilities include leading the Product Development teams in both Prent Malaysia and Prent Shanghai.

Siek was born and raised in Kuching, the capital in the state of Sarawak in Malaysia. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering (1997) and a Master's Degree in Engineering Management (1998), both from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia.

Siek likes the never-ending challenges in his role at Prent that lead to exploring better or new solutions. He also enjoys the Prent family who always offer to help each other whenever there is a need.

Outside of work, Siek enjoys jogging, swimming, and reading.



Prent Asia Offers Training

Prent Janesville's Curt Nyhus and Steve Koralesky traveled to Prent Malaysia in March for the installation and training of a vision-aided cutting system. They were joined by Prent Malaysia engineers Muhazam and Annuar, and Prent Shanghai engineers Sun Shen and Gordon Hu. They also provided a classroom training of the system for engineering, design, tool room, and production staff that focused on system enhancement and capabilities.



Prent Janesville Establishes Troop '67

Prent Janesville recently established Troop '67 (named after the year Prent was founded), which focuses on providing Prent employees with team building activities and opportunities to improve their community. The first charitable event was a Multiple Sclerosis Walk on May 5. Troop '67 also collected 13 bags of garbage over one lunch hour along Foster Ave. and Kennedy Rd. for Earth Day. Stay tuned for more employee engagement events and community improvement projects!



Prent Shanghai Hosts Global Summit

The first 2019 Global PCO Summit was held in Prent Shanghai January 14-18. Prent employees from Janesville, Denmark, Malaysia and China attended. Participants visited both Prent Shanghai factories and acquired useful knowledge and an understanding of their manufacturing operations. Plant PCO members shared best practices focusing on TES, scheduling/planning, material building, and supplier management. The summit created a solid platform for future exchanges about challenges and improvement initiatives relating to Global PCO.



Prent Puerto Rico Exhibits at PRMA Convention

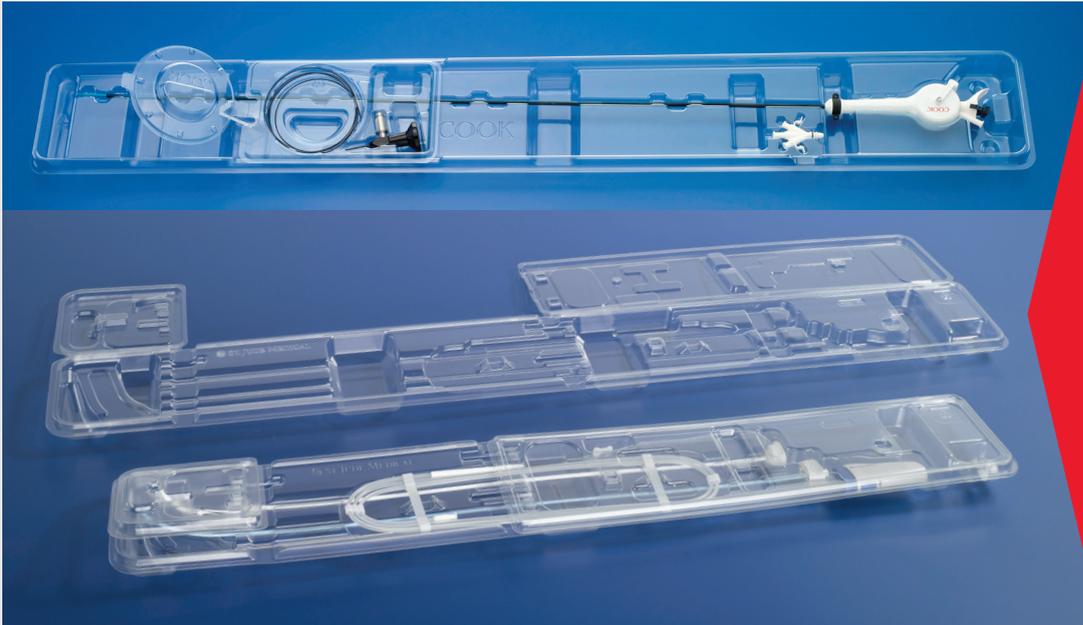
Prent exhibited May 30-June 2 at the Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association Convention. For the first time this century, all events were in one venue at the Wyndham Grand Rio Mar Golf and Beach Resort, promoting ideal networking opportunities. PRMA focused on critical issues of economic development, such as aerospace, agro-industry, medical devices, entrepreneurship, Pharma, and more.



Prent China Holds Women's Day Activity

Prent China organized a do-it-yourself baking activity on March 8 in honor of International Women's Day. About 30 Prent women from different departments participated in the event. They enjoyed making their own delicious and beautifully decorated cupcakes, which they shared with other Prent employees.

P72 MACHINE HELPS PRENT MEET MEDICAL INDUSTRY DEMAND



Award-winning trays made on the Prent P72 machine ensure longer catheters can be shipped without being coiled for functionality in the medical industry

Prent's commitment to customer satisfaction is evident in its ability to stay in front of industry trends and meet clients' demands.

"Over the years, the medical industry created some challenges that led to unique opportunities for the packaging world. One such challenge occurred when Prent's customers decided they did not want to bend or coil their catheters in order to improve their product performance," according to Chris Bladl, Prent VP of Product Development.

"Prent packages a lot of coiled catheters in square and round trays," says Bladl. "But some catheter types and materials would, over time, take a set and maintain the shape of the packaging, which had undesirable effects on product performance."

This trend led Prent Janesville's manufacturing and engineering team to rework existing machines in its Janesville headquarters to be quick-change capable to accommodate packaging of six-foot-long catheters without any

coiling, resulting in the P72.

The P72 is the stretch limousine of machines, according to Bladl. "We made the index length twice as long as our normal machines, which helps us meet customers' needs in the catheter business," he said.

"20 years ago, Prent didn't have that capability. If catheters were 60 inches long, we needed to make them in two pieces and go offline to weld or snap them together to make a longer package."

"Prent's first long-form machines were P60s. The part was 60 inches long, which worked for many years," says Bladl. In the last three years, Prent created the P72 machine which is 12 inches longer because customers wanted even longer, straight packaging for their longer catheters.

With the advent of the P72 machine, Prent can deliver long catheters per specifications. This allows medical professionals to have complete control of the medical devices, reducing operating room preparation time,

and limiting catheter dysfunction.

For decades, medical device companies have turned to Prent because of its design capabilities and ability to thermoform exceptionally long parts.

Prent won a Gold Award at the 2015 DuPont Packaging Awards for a six-foot-long cardiac catheter package (*pictured at top*) that transforms from a medical package to an essential part of a surgical team.

Prent also won a WorldStar Packaging Award for the above St. Jude Medical tray (*pictured at bottom*). The St. Jude "Introducer TS Tray" holds and protects a consolidated cardiac product to help physicians control and simplify access to the left atrium during complex cardiac procedures.

Prent currently houses the P72 machines in Janesville, but will soon expand its capability to other Prent facilities. Currently, the P72 primarily serves the medical industry, but Prent is developing concepts and prototypes for other industries when requested.

Prent President and CEO Explains Importance of Manufacturing & Ag Tax Credit



In April, Wisconsin's Joint Committee on Finance, led by Representative Amy Loudenberg, visited Prent headquarters to discuss the positive effects of the state's Manufacturing and Agriculture Tax Credit. Prent President and CEO Joseph Pregont informed policymakers that the tax credit served as a catalyst for new jobs and millions of dollars in investment back into Wisconsin.

"The improvement in the business climate gave us the green light to continue to invest in Wisconsin," Pregont said. Pregont also explained that Prent had opportunities to go to other states with favorable tax climates for manufacturers, but stayed in Wisconsin because the Tax Credit made the state competitive.

Prent Facilities Ensure Quality with Annual ISO Audits

ABS Quality Evaluations, Inc. performs regular International Standards Organization (ISO) audits at Prent facilities around the globe to ensure its manufacture of custom thermoformed plastic packaging and products to customer specifications are in conformance with quality standards set by the thermoforming industry. Prent continues to lead the plastic packaging industry in quality and process excellence. To certify that all parts are manufactured to exact, agreed-upon specifications for uniformity and tolerance, Prent's Quality Assurance specialists perform a variety of measurements using computerized tools including Smart MICS, Magna MICS,

CMM (coordinate measuring machine) and more. Prent has a long-standing commitment to quality management. In 1993, Prent was the first thermoformer in North America to become ISO Certified. Today, all Prent facilities continue to be ISO 9001 certified, plus Prent Malaysia is also ISO 14001:2004 certified for environmental management and Prent Denmark, China, Malaysia and Costa Rica are ISO 13485 certified for the design and manufacture of medical thermoformed plastic packaging and products to customer specifications. For more information about our quality assurance standards, visit prent.com.

Prent Denmark Expands With Brand New Quality Assurance Lab for Measuring Center

Prent Denmark made a significant step forward in terms of measuring equipment. A Micro-Vu Excel Multisensor Measuring Center was installed in March this year and is now completely operative. One of the main benefits of this equipment is the ability to complete measurements for validation projects faster and with higher reproducibility. This reduces time to market, which greatly benefits Prent's customer base there.

The Measuring Center installed in Prent Denmark is consistent with others used at Prent locations around the globe. This integration is highly beneficial for Prent Denmark as best practices have been shared throughout the process from ordering the equipment, through installation and training, to daily use of the equipment.



EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

35 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Julie Isferding Janesville

20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Fou Kiew Yoon Malaysia

15 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Chang Swee Hong Malaysia

Wong Cheong Loong Malaysia

Zurawati Binti Mausir Malaysia

Shahedon Bin Moin Malaysia

Hing Chin Taak Malaysia

Siti Hawa Binti Umar Malaysia

Wazulinda Binti Wacho Malaysia

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Dhan Bahadur Darlami Malaysia

Luis Frontera Puerto Rico

Tan Kheng Hin Malaysia

Yap Chow Lim Malaysia

Wilberto Perez Puerto Rico

Angel Ramirez Arizona

5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Janet Brey Janesville

Joyce Brown Janesville

Samantha Cole Janesville

Felicia Foerster Janesville

Tie Wee Kang Malaysia

Jessica Kieliszewski Janesville

Donna Klipstine Janesville

Chantal McCann Janesville

Mohammad Annuar Bin Md Salleh
Malaysia

Patrick Severance Janesville

Lisa Tracy Janesville

Virginia Williams Janesville

Wong Peng Yee Malaysia

Haziayati Sima Binti Yusoff Malaysia

Q&A WITH PRENT JANESVILLE RETIREES CONTINUED

Ron Steurer » VP of Manufacturing Technology



Ron Steurer pictured (top left) with his colleague Keith Tiffany in 1978; and (bottom left) playing Santa Claus at Prent's Children's Holiday Party, which he enjoyed for over two decades



mechanical design and decided I wanted to get into an industry job and out of the restaurant business. My parents told me about the opening at Prent and I applied.

How has Prent changed? When I started, Prent had four thermoformers in the original plant on

Harding Street in Janesville. We now have close to 100 pressure formers and the requirements for medical packaging have grown into a more controlled environment over the years.

What were your roles at Prent? I started as a truck driver/grinder/machine operator my first year, and then became a technician involved in new projects. I went on to work as a Supervisor, Director of Manufacturing, VP of Manufacturing, and am currently VP of Manufacturing Technology.

How did Prent aid in your career development? I was able to complete a mechanical design degree and an industrial engineering degree. I also took additional courses in management and engineering applications. I was given the chance to prove myself on different levels and use the knowledge I gained to train and develop others.

What did you find most challenging in your job(s)? I liked the everyday challenges and found many. I have been involved in everything from the initial move at our first location on Harding Street to all the other changes and growth over 46 years.

What did you like most about Prent? Things kept changing ... from the production of Glade air fresheners to new machines to changes in Clean Rooms and more. I enjoyed the challenges.

What have you gained during your tenure? Friends, family, a sense of accomplishment, and relief knowing my family was taken care of.

What advice do you have for prospective Prent employees? Work hard, and be patient because there are opportunities here.

What are your plans for retirement? I hope to relax, enjoy my lake house, work on woodworking projects, restore my '69 Corvette and spend time with my grandchildren.

University Ties

Don Handrow, Prent VP of Product Development, participated at the University of Wisconsin-Stout Polytechnic Summit 2019 in June. The two-day summit brought polytechnic academic professionals and community leaders together to focus on innovation in curriculum and applied research, build opportunities for collaboration and partnership on research and student learning, and share best practices specific to active, applied learning. The Summit assembled industry and academia leaders, like Handrow, who shape the future of polytechnic education.