

## Prent Flagstaff Celebrates A Major Milestone

In August, Prent's original satellite facility in Flagstaff, AZ celebrated 25 years of operation. On August 23, Prent Flagstaff welcomed employees, their families, and Flagstaff residents to observe the manufacturing process via guided tours of the facility. On August 24, Prent leadership, including President and CEO Joe Pregont, VP of Manufacturing Rachel Andres, Senior VP of Manufacturing Mark Rothlisberger, and GOEX President Josh Gray, joined the Prent Flagstaff team for a celebration at the Forest Highlands Country Club. 110 guests celebrated Prent Flagstaff's progress and accomplishments over the years.

*Pictured below are Prent employees and guests enjoying the anniversary celebration (top) and facility tours (bottom) in Flagstaff, Arizona.*

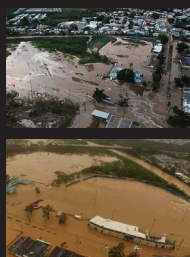


## Prent Puerto Rico Shares Hurricane Success Story

Prent Puerto Rico's remarkable performance in the wake of Hurricane Maria in September 2017 garnered attention and an invitation from Medtronic Dominican Republic to present at a business continuity event in Santo Domingo, DR. Prent Puerto Rico maintained continuous supply only six days after 150 mph winds and 30 inches of rain engulfed the island (see photos of the aftermath at left).

The Prent facility was operational and helping the community recover less than a week after the destruction. The event sought to empower Medtronic's staff and suppliers to strengthen their Business Continuity Plans and prepare for events threatening their operations. The audience included Dominican Republic government staff, community leaders, Medtronic Corporate and plant staff from the Caribbean, and key suppliers.

"To be invited to speak at this event, ratifies Prent's commitment to our customers and their communities," said Wilfredo Mercado, VP of Manufacturing-Latin America, (pictured at the event above) who shared Prent's success story and lessons learned at the event.



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## GOEX Corporation Certifications Improve Products and Services

The goal of a solid organization is to provide excellent quality products and services for its customers to earn their loyalty and repeat business. It's traditionally understood that successful organizations like GOEX are also concerned with quality improvement. GOEX's recent successes have helped keep its eye on these improvement goals.

This year, GOEX achieved the FSSC 22000 Food Safety System Certification, demonstrating it has a robust and effective food safety management system in place to meet the requirements of regulators, food business clients and consumers. This new certification signifies a major accomplishment for GOEX in the food packaging material manufacturing industry and solidifies it as a world-class manufacturing operation.

As a result, GOEX expanded its polypropylene line with the addition of new CONTOUR® products to provide quality products relevant to the markets it serves. These CONTOUR options, including medical-grade polypropylene, strengthen GOEX's standing as a top manufacturer in the medical packaging material market. Other CONTOUR formulations are better suited for the graphics market with a flat, print-friendly profile. And, the food-grade material market will appreciate the CONTOUR 30 addition with its superior clarity.

Additionally, the ISO 9001 certification GOEX has achieved annually over the last 20 years authenticates the high quality standards of GOEX. The ISO 9001:2015 upgrade this year substantiates these significant benefits:

- The framework for a well-organized Quality Management System (QMS)
- Improved products that GOEX sells
- Satisfied customers, management and staff

These ongoing and new certifications help GOEX in its continuous pursuit to satisfy the demands of a global market. For more information, please visit [GOEX.com](http://GOEX.com).



## Prent Leadership Prepares for Global Summits

To achieve uniform global thermoformed packaging, Prent Corporation understands it must totally control and standardize the manufacturing processes from top-to-bottom. To achieve this, Prent holds Global Manufacturing Summits and Worldwide Strategic Planning Sessions where its department experts from around the globe meet at one of Prent's worldwide facilities.

In Prent's Global Summits, Product Development and Manufacturing departments develop strategic plans and solutions that are shared across Prent's leadership globally, taking design, engineering and manufacturing standardization and excellence to the next level.

Prent's leadership in the Americas underwent strategic planning last November, and, more recently, Prent's leadership in Asia (*pictured above*) met with the same strategic agenda in preparation for an upcoming Prent Corporation Worldwide Strategic Planning session.

Prent EuroAsia President/CEO BJ Nielsen says the Prent Global Group's preparation for the worldwide strategic planning session provided an environment for ongoing development and team engagement. "We gave presentations and engaged in open discussions on opportunities and strategic issues, as well as intense, useful, group sessions deemed to be of strategic importance," Nielsen said. Session topics included:

- Improving manufacturing throughout the organization, as well as cost efficiency and quality
- Accelerating and improving the robustness of the design/development cycle, including pilot part approval
- Key initiatives to implement, with the objective of making PM and PS business execution more modern and effective

These initiatives guarantee absolute uniformity at all Prent facilities and ensure customers receive only the highest quality products.



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## Profiles

### Prent Celebrates 50 Years in Style

Prent Corporation employees, family members and community members celebrated the company's 50th anniversary with tours of Prent and GOEX corporations in May. Over 600 guests attended tours on May 11 and 1,500 guests enjoyed food, fun and a performance by country music star Josh Turner on May 12.

*(Pictured from left to right: Community tours at Prent; Joe Pregont, Prent President and CEO, shares the stage with special guest US Speaker of the House Paul Ryan; and Josh Turner plays for the crowd on the GOEX Corporation grounds in Janesville, WI.)*



### Prent China Organizes Annual Party

Prent China organized its "2018 Moving Forward As One" annual party on June 8. Over 100 employees performed a variety of programs. Prent also honored 38 employees with service awards and honored Bonnie Feng (QA Engineer), Kyo Li (Senior Process Engineer), and Chao Yang (Tooling Technician) as "Employees of The Year" for their contributions, their fully engaged and proactive attitudes, and their strong teamwork spirit at Prent.



### University Students Visit Prent Malaysia

40 Southern University College (SUC) students and their professor spent an entire day at Prent Malaysia on June 27. The objective of the corporate visit was to introduce the graduate students to manufacturing. Feedback received from the students was very positive and, most importantly, they're more optimistic for their future careers after their visit.



### Prent Puerto Rico Sponsors Youth Basketball Team

Prent Puerto Rico recently sponsored 20 youth players in the Yauco United Basketball League. The league unifies players, ages 5 to 17, from Southwest Puerto Rico in the development of professional players on the island.



### Prent and GOEX Host Golf Outings for Employees

Employees at Prent Corporation and GOEX Corporation enjoyed golf outings in Janesville on August 5 and August 12. 72 employees attended the events. *(Pictured at left at the Prent golf outing from left to right: Ron Steurer, Kora Bentz, and Eric Steurer; pictured at right at the GOEX golf outing is Justin Bell and Jim Pettegrew.)*



### Prent Denmark a Part of Medical Technology Ireland

Prent Denmark was one of 200 exhibitors at the September 26-27 Medical Technology Trade Show in Galway, Ireland. The med-tech exhibition and conference showcased innovative medical technology products and solutions for the Irish medical device design and manufacturing industry. *(Pictured at left is JJ Elmue Da Silva, Prent Denmark Sales Representative.)*





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## Progress

(Pictured at right: Joe Pregont, Prent President and CEO, and UW-Stout Chancellor Bob Meyer unveil the new sign outside the Prent Packaging Lab.



## Prent Packaging Lab Unveiled at University of Wisconsin-Stout

On September 14, Prent Corporation was recognized for its \$1 million contribution to establish the Prent Packaging Lab at University of Wisconsin-Stout. The endowment gift provides annual funding to maintain the packaging lab equipment and technology on campus, and ensures UW-Stout graduates are prepared to work in the industry. Prent appreciates the opportunity to pay it forward to ensure these teaching tools remain state-of-the-art for future generations. (UW-Stout is the alma mater of Joe Pregont, Prent's President and CEO. And, Prent has employed over 100 Stout graduates over the last 25 years, including 20 alumni currently on staff.) Prent's VP of Product Development, Don Handrow, serves as UW-Stout's Packaging Advisory Board Chair and played a crucial role in developing the Prent Packaging Lab, including the equipment selection and fund allocation.

## Prent China Engineers and Technical Staff Benefit from Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing Training

*In July, Prent China design, manufacturing, and QA engineers and technical staff attended Geometric Dimensioning & Tolerancing (GD&T) on-site training. With the increased technical complexity of thermoform trays, Prent China continues to enhance its technical skills to serve customers as a one-stop, professional, reliable thermoforming solution provider to meet all the specifications. Thanks to the training, Prent design engineers better understand customer requirements when reading details of engineering drawings, and can propose the best thermoform packaging design solutions after all factors are considered.*



Pictured above OMNEX Consulting Trainer Simon Xia and Prent China employees.

## Prent Expands Operations

Prent Corporation is planning to expand its operations to include a 37,000-square-foot facility in Rosarito, Mexico. Prent Baja, planned to be operational early next year, is designed to meet the growing demand for Prent's medical packaging regionally while strengthening its global footprint that supports the medical industry from the Americas to the Caribbean, Europe, Southeast Asia and beyond.

The new facility will be an ISO 13485-certified manufacturing plant featuring a certified clean room environment. As part of Prent's vertical integration strategy, the Baja facility will access Prent's Global Package Design Teams, Worldwide Machine Build and Custom Tool Build facilities, ensuring consistent, high-quality performance in Mexico.

The facility advances Prent's corporate strategy to locate its manufacturing facilities in close proximity to its customers, reducing both lead time and transportation costs.



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People

## EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

### How Prent Corporation Prepares for Trade Shows

If you attend a major industry trade show this quarter, it's almost certain you'll find Prent has an exhibit there. For those who do not know what goes into a trade show, Prent's VP of Product Development Don Handrow breaks down what Prent does to prepare:

» **Every 3 years:** We build an entirely new booth in our signature, corporate colors for the most well publicized and attended medical device trade shows in North America. The idea is to stay current each year with a new design, Handrow says. Prent showcases smiliarly branded booths of different sizes at all other trade shows.

» **12 months out:** We select the trade shows we plan to attend and book booth space. Prent usually exhibits annually at MD&M East and MD&M West in North America; HealthPack; COMPAMED, Germany; Medical Technology Ireland; Pharmapack Europe, France; Medtec Europe, Stuttgart; China Med, Beijing; Medtec China; CMEF, China; and biannually at PMMI in North America.

» **2 months out:** We set up the display before shipping it to the trade show site to ensure all presents well.

» **6 to 8 weeks out:** We order booth services and get any products and literature together for display.

» **1 to 2 weeks out:** We prepare name badges, confirm arrival of the display and literature, and conduct pre-show briefing.

» **After the trade show:** We prepare displays for the next show.

Exhibiting at trade shows allows Prent to visit many customers in the same location and re-energize that personal contact, according to Handrow. "That is the best part of the shows," he says. "We can visit 10 to 20 customers in a very short span that would take us forever to try to get done without the trade shows."

For more information, contact Handrow at [dhandrow@prent.com](mailto:dhandrow@prent.com).

### Prent Will See You at These Trade Shows

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| » <b>CMEF Autumn</b><br>Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2018<br>Shenzhen, China          | » <b>MD&amp;M West</b><br>Feb. 5-7, 2019<br>Anaheim, CA | » <b>China Med</b><br>Mar. 22-24, 2019<br>Beijing, China |
| » <b>MD&amp;M Minneapolis</b><br>Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2018<br>Minneapolis, MN | » <b>HealthPack</b><br>Mar. 5-7, 2019<br>Portland, OR   |  |

#### 45 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Rodney Steurer Janesville

#### 35 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Linda Cooper Janesville  
Bette Vanderbilt Janesville

#### 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

David Hathorn Janesville  
Charmane Holterman Janesville  
Dale Knapton Janesville  
James Lewis Janesville  
Scott Sauer Janesville

#### 25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Lynn Bandt Janesville  
Gregory Lofgren Janesville  
Sheri Miller Janesville  
Donna Peloquin Janesville

#### 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Lee Krueger Janesville

#### 15 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Michael Baker Janesville  
Mark Fladhammer Janesville  
Gina Hinds Janesville  
Jonathan Kooyman Janesville

#### 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Shireene Myers Flagstaff  
Gary Dong China  
Vivian Liu China  
Sean Xiao China  
Xiong Xiuchun China  
William Wu China  
Peter Bay Denmark  
Jeffrey Ayen Janesville  
Penny Dunigan Janesville  
Shaun Farrell Janesville  
Kevin Fink Janesville  
David Huebner Janesville  
Faye Kelm Janesville  
Jessica Lacen Levy Janesville  
Debra Laplaca Janesville  
Jodi Loveland Janesville  
Todd Schwark Janesville  
Lois Severance Janesville  
Christine Sweeney Janesville  
Joshua Thomas Janesville  
Kristie Weber Janesville  
Timothy Weis Janesville  
Kenneth Vance Janesville  
Edward VanRyswyk Jr Janesville  
Daniel Wiesenberg Janesville  
Lindsey Winters Janesville

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## People

### 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Cao Chang	China
Sun Changjiang	China
Yang Chao	China
Wang Chaozhi	China
Rick Dong	China
Xia Duoli	China
Shasha Feng	China
Lucy Guo	China
Xiao Hao	China
Gao Huajun	China
Wang Jianling	China
Gong Jianqing	China
Yang Juanli	China
Ammily Li	China
Bi Linyan	China
Luo Longcheng	China
Sue Ma	China
Fred Pan	China
Cao Qihong	China
Yu Ruonan	China
Wang Shibin	China
Wang Shujian	China
Henry Wang	China
Yang Xiaojian	China
Yan Xiong	China
Benjamin Xu	China
Quinto Xu	China
Ophelia Yang	China

### EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS *continued*

Tian Yanyan	China	Jennifer Hawkins	Janesville
Chen Yongjun	China	Steven Koralesky	Janesville
Liu Yongpen	China	Craig Lauer	Janesville
Cheng Yuanyuan	China	Audrey Lueck	Janesville
Ding Zerong	China	Jennifer Luepnitz	Janesville
Adrian Morales	Costa Rica	Teresa Mallory	Janesville
James Soto	Costa Rica	Judith McRoberts	Janesville
Pilar Ruiz	Costa Rica	Stacy Napoleon	Janesville
Juan Carlos Touma	Costa Rica	Michelle Rademacher	Janesville
Rachel Andres	Janesville	Linda Stone	Janesville
Michelle Belke	Janesville	Jean Schaefer	Janesville
Roxann Bessel-Slowey	Janesville	Jeffrey Tanko	Janesville
Beth Carter	Janesville	Tammy Teubert	Janesville
Steven Donovan	Janesville	Christiane West	Janesville
Clifford Fowler	Janesville	Edgar Cruz	Puerto Rico
Tonya Hanson	Janesville	Lucas Rodriguez	Puerto Rico

### A FOND FAREWELL TO OUR RETIREES

#### **Tony Walls » Janesville Programmer Analyst**

**11/12/01 – 8/1/18** Tony is looking forward to relaxing, working on projects around the house and spending time with his wife and his dog. He looks forward to learning how to cook better and prepare meat in his smoker.

#### **Bette Vanderbilt » Janesville Inspector/Packer**

**10/7/82 – 8/13/18** Bette just celebrated her 35th anniversary at Prent. She says she worked at Prent for 35 years because she enjoyed the people she worked with and the job itself. She is looking forward to retirement.

### Prent Expands Clean Room Operations

This summer, Prent Corporation received ISO Class 8 Certification for two additional manufacturing clean rooms at its headquarters in Janesville, WI. The newly constructed space was built to accommodate increased growth in the medical packaging market, further showcasing Prent's commitment to meet the most critical manufacturing requirements. Clean room manufacturing is largely fueled by customer demand and heightened compliance focus. Earlier this year, Prent announced the certification of a Secondary Operations clean room, which was specifically designed for post-thermoforming processes, project assembly and fulfillment. Prent's clean room operations exemplify its commitment to producing high performance packaging for critical applications.

