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## ART AND GOOD FOOD A Great Combination!



Add to your list of new places to go with the family, the Dayton Art Institute. Of course the DAI has been around for almost 100 years, but

they have added a couple of new features that make it even more of a “destination” attraction. **The Leo Bistro** opened in February, just off the main entrance, and adds a lot to the visit experience. It is available for lunch Tuesday through Sunday and open for dinner Tuesday through Friday. It is operated by the same folks who run the Roost Modern Italian Restaurant in the Oregon Village, and offers the same interesting, mostly Italian slant on casual food and deserts. In the past when you went to the art museum, especially with the kids, it seemed like there was just a lot of culture to absorb all at once. Now you can take it in small bites (pun intended) and visit several times a year, breaking up your visits with a delightful snack or meal in the Leo Bistro. And while you are there, visit the new museum store just across the hallway. In addition to the usual art objects, collectables, books and posters, there is a wonderful collection of games, toys, and books for the kids. Stop in and take a look. It’s even OK to go just for the food and “atmosphere” and skip the museum!

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## IN THE VALCO SPOTLIGHT: Howard Denson

Our Associate Spotlight this month shines on **Howard Denson** who has been a member of the Valco Team since September 2011. Howard is part of the first shift welding department. He was born and raised in Springfield and attended North High School (Go Panthers) graduating in 1990.

His first job after graduation was with D & D Amusements, which was a traveling circus that did shows throughout Ohio. He was part of the set up and tear down crew and worked with them for about one year. From there and for the next three years, he went to work at Mercy Hospital as part of their dietary department. While at Mercy he did some part time work on trailers and became interested in welding. In 1994 he enrolled in the Hobart Welding School and completed a ninth month Welding Technology Program.

His first job after graduating from Hobart was with Cascade in their welding department and from there he spent the next 5-6 years with Sweet Manufacturing in their welding department. During a slow period at Sweet Manufacturing he left and for the

next 4 ½ years, he was with International Steel Wool where he operated several different machines and also was a forklift operator. When International Steel left Springfield for Mexico, Howard took a welding job with Rittal and spent the next 2-3 years there.

Over the next 4-5 years Howard had several diverse jobs. He spent a couple of years as a disc jockey at Total Xposure, a nightclub in Troy; several years building outdoor sheds and gazebos with Hartlin Industries out of Columbus; and then worked at a Kroger Distribution Center. After this long and curvey employment road, Howard became part of the Valco Welding group. He is the proud father of two children, son Tyler, age 17, and daughter Cheyanne, age 14. During his spare time when he is not welding at Valco, he works with a local remodeling company doing home remodeling in the immediate area.

We are glad to have Howard as part of our welding department and to be able to have his wide ranging work and job experiences to help us on a daily basis. We look forward to Howard being part of the Valco Team for many years to come.



## It's Never Too Early to Think About Summer!



In the hopes of dealing with the cold ugly days of winter, we can start to look forward to the upcoming 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Arts Festival. Unless otherwise noted, events and shows will go on regardless of weather and will take place at the Turner Pavilion in Veterans Park on Cliff Road. Admission to all events is free, and of course, open to the public. The Summer Arts Festival opens on June 13, 2013, with a *Tribute to Michael Jackson* and closes on July 20 with a “Footloose” production. More info will follow over the next couple of months. Hopefully this gives us something other than the winter weather to think about.





## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Rick Osborne .....March 9<sup>th</sup>  
Charlotte Brickles...March 18<sup>th</sup>  
Angie Judy .....March 20<sup>th</sup>

We wish each of you the very best on your special day as well as a year of good health, lots of good times, and much personal and professional success in your new year.

### *Years of Service...*

Jim Neidhardt .. March 14 ..... 2 Yrs.  
Russ Angell..... March 24 ..... 5 Yrs.  
Lita Wood ..... March 24 ..... 10 Yrs!

Thanks to each of you for all you have done for Valco and our customers. Your many contributions are greatly appreciated. We look forward to you being part of the Valco Team for many years to come.

### *Welcome to...*

Abram Breslin who started with Valco on January 24<sup>th</sup> and works first shift in our machining department. Abram, it is great to have you as part of the Valco Team.



## Are You A Smart Health-Care Consumer?

Health-care consumerism is about becoming more involved in your health, taking responsibility for making wise health-care decisions, and leading a healthful lifestyle. Here are some things to think about regarding your health care:

- Consider the real cost of health care (how much our health insurance and you are paying for prescriptions, doctor visits, tests, medical procedures, etc.) when making decisions; not just how much you may pay in the form of a copayment or co-insurance.
- Try to manage health care problems on your own, when appropriate.
- Talk with your doctors and share in decisions that affect you and your health care.
- Do a better job in managing your own chronic conditions by actively participating in available programs that will help to improve your health.
- Practice prevention by doing what's recommended for early detection. The earlier the detection the better chance you have to "beat it."
- Live healthy lifestyles by participating in activities to maintain or improve your health such as physical activity, preparing and eating healthy foods, quit smoking, and moderate use of alcohol. Your chosen lifestyle plays a major role in your health.

## Who Am I?

- I am a giant of entertainment.
- I was born in California in 1944.
- I directed American Graffiti in 1973.
- I joined forces with Spielberg to produce the Indiana Jones sagas.
- My 1977 intergalactic hit series used new special effects.
- The most recent movie of this series is Revenge of the Sith.
- I created the forgettable Howard the Duck.
- My most famous films take place "A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away."

## “Great Quotes”

“You don’t have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.”  
—Zig Ziglar

“To the degree we’re not living our dreams; our comfort zone has more control of us than we have over ourselves.”  
—Peter McWilliams

“To measure the man or woman, measure their heart.”  
—Malcolm Stevenson Forbes

“Right is right, even if everyone is against it; and wrong is wrong, even if everyone is for it.”  
—William Penn

“Don’t compromise yourself. You are all you’ve got.”  
—Janis Joplin