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"Linking Technology to Solutions"

A Letter From Barry Stephenson, MCLinc's President and CEO

We took a much longer break from sending newsletters during COVID than we intended, but we are back again and will aim for a quarterly schedule of our Newsletter. We begin this issue by introducing two new members of MCLinc's Senior Staff - Dr. Thibaut Lecrivain and Brian Havely. Read about the extensive backgrounds of these guys and how we aim to have them listen to your needs as customers and serve you better.

Our Laboratory Operations staff, under the direction of Michele Sanders, has undergone some changes which depended largely on promotions from within and an increased emphasis on cross-training. Better-trained staff and better cross-training positions us to respond quickly when it is important to get results back for your use.

One thing that has not changed is MCLinc's support of the Oak Ridge community. We believe that support to community organizations is a demonstration of responsible Corporate Citizenship.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter. Please pass it along to others who might like to read it. Send us your suggestions for improvements and future articles.

Thank you for your business and your friendship.

Barry

MCLinc Welcomes Dr. Thibaut Lecrivain



Dr. Thibaut Lecrivain joins the staff as MCLinc's Nuclear and Radiochemistry, Nuclear Fuel Cycle and Related Topics Specialist. He earned his doctoral degree in Analytical and Environmental Radiochemistry at Washington State University. He has extensive experience in radiochemistry and nuclear chemistry, chemistry of the nuclear fuel cycle, and critical material chemistry. Dr. Lecrivain's most recent position prior to joining MCLinc was at Idaho National Laboratory as a Glenn Seaborg Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellow.

Dr. Lecrivain's intensive academic training in Radiological Chemistry and his research background expands upon and compliments the already extensive experience of his new MCLinc coworkers in areas such as Analytical and Geological Chemistry, Chemical and Materials Engineering, and Project Management, leveraging MCLinc's historical knowledge and experience within the nuclear fuel cycle. The company originated in 1998 as a reindustrialization of the Materials and Chemistry Group at the K-25 Gaseous Diffusion Plant that supported DOE's uranium enrichment operations and later was a key resource for achieving the safe decontamination and decommissioning of the K-25 site. Since commercialization, MCLinc's technical team has continued to utilize their extensive knowledge of uranium chemistry and enrichment technology to further support environmental cleanup initiatives and the nation's renewed interest in uranium enrichment and the development of next-generation nuclear fuel components. The addition of Dr. Lecrivain to the MCLinc technical team enables the Company to expand the analytical testing services and process validation that we can offer to our customers.

We invite you to contact us and set up an appointment to visit the laboratory at 161 Mitchell Road or have us visit your facility to learn how we can support your analytical testing needs.

Team Member News



We first introduced you to Brian Havelly when he joined the MCLinc team in August 2022 as a Senior Project Manager. Currently, in his role as MCLinc's Business Operations Manager, Brian provides general oversight of business services that are necessary to support our laboratory operations, including sales and marketing efforts and project management activities. In October, Brian has plans to attend ETEBA's 25th Annual Business Opportunities and Technical Conference in Knoxville, and he will be in Colorado at the Tailings and Mine Waste Conference in November.

Brian's past roles have included Director of Waste Services, Business Development Manager, Regional Sales Manager, Laboratory Manager, and Analytical Chemist, and he has experience in protocol development, regulatory compliance, and RCRA/RAD Waste Management.

CPR & Fire Extinguisher Training



In July, MCLinc welcomed two members of the Oak Ridge Fire Department. On July 19th, Chad Linthicum, Firefighter and EMT (left), joined us for a demonstration on CPR and First Aid. Those who participated received a card from the American Heart Association, in recognition of successfully completing the Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED Program. The following week, David Cantu, Fire Inspector (right), was on hand to show the proper usage of fire extinguishers. After a classroom portion, employees were allowed and encouraged to use an extinguisher to put out a controlled fire that was set up in the parking lot.

Both the CPR and Fire Extinguisher training were organized by David Smith, MCLinc's Facility Safety Officer, and we were pleased to be joined by our friends and neighbors at [Acato Information Management](#).

Honoring Gerald Boyd

MCLinc was pleased to help sponsor a reception for Gerald Boyd on September 17th. When Gerald became Manager of Oak Ridge Operations in 2003, MCLinc was a fledgling organization in a relatively new DOE program (Reindustrialization). Gerald was generous with his time and support of our needs.

Thank you, Gerald. Without your support, MCLinc may not have made it this far as a business.

Passing Along ADFAC's Bow Tie Award Plaque



For almost a year, the Bow Tie Award plaque has occupied a place of honor in MCLinc's trophy case. The time has come to pass it along to the 2024 honorees, Dr. James and Sheila Michel.

The Bill Wilcox Bow Tie Celebration & Fundraiser was established in 2013 by Aid to Distressed Families of Appalachian Counties (ADFAC) to honor the late Bill Wilcox, a dedicated volunteer and supporter of the organization. Bill Wilcox was not only known for his impressive career at Y-12 and K-25 but also for his role as the Oak Ridge City Historian and his active involvement in numerous nonprofits.

The event is held annually, typically in early November, and serves as ADFAC's signature fundraiser. It includes the presentation of the Bow Tie Award, which recognizes local individuals who exemplify the values of community service and philanthropy that Bill Wilcox demonstrated. Past award recipients include Ray Smith, Tim Myrick, Cande Seay, Bear Stephenson, Tom Row, Louise Mixon, Bill Capshaw, Tom Beehan, Jim Dodson, Pat Postma, and MCLinc President and CEO Barry Stephenson.

On the evening of November 16, 2024, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Oak Ridge, the plaque will be passed along to this year's Bow Tie honorees Dr. James and Sheila Michel.

The Bow Tie Celebration not only honors deserving volunteers but also raises essential funds to support ADFAC's mission of providing assistance to families in need across Appalachian counties.

To purchase tickets or to join MCLinc as a sponsor of the event, contact Jamie LaRose, jamie@adfacs.org. Come join the celebration!

MCLinc Announced as Platinum Sponsor of Oak Ridge Street Painting Festival



Materials and Chemistry Laboratory, Inc. (MCLinc) has announced plans to once again sponsor the Rotary Club of Oak Ridge's annual Oak Ridge Street Painting Festival at the Platinum Sponsorship level of \$5,000. The September 28th festivities celebrate amateur and professional artists while donating profits to fund student scholarships at Roane State Community College.

"This event promotes local economic growth by helping Roane State students across an eight-county region further their education and, in turn, enter the workforce as skilled job candidates," said Barry Stephenson, MCLinc President/CEO. Stephenson, who also serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Roane State Foundation, pointed out that these scholarships are particularly important for students who are not eligible for other scholarships that are established for graduating high school seniors.

MCLinc hopes our decision to contribute at the platinum level will encourage other area businesses, individuals, and organizations to sponsor the event.

In addition to our continued support of the Oak Ridge Street Painting Festival, MCLinc has a long history of giving back to the community with emphasis on donations that benefit future generations.

MCLinc, a former Department of Energy Environmental (DOE) User Facility, began our commercial business 26 years ago as part of DOE's reindustrialization program. The company provides consultation and testing services in industrial forensics, materials characterization, industrial hygiene, bench-scale demonstrations, and specialty environmental chemistry to private industry, university and federal clients. Located at 161 Mitchell Road in Oak Ridge, MCLinc's unique laboratory facilities combined with our experienced technical staff has given us the ability to work with hazardous, radioactive and classified materials. For more information about MCLinc please visit www.MCL-inc.com or contact us at (865) 276-6910.

Businesses and individuals interested in sponsoring the Oak Ridge Street Painting Festival organized by the Rotary Club of Oak Ridge and artists wanting to enter the competition are encouraged to visit www.roanestate.edu/streetpainting for more information.

2024 Children's Museum of Oak Ridge Gala

CMOR Executive Director Beth Shea and her Board of Directors, which includes two members of MCLinc's staff - Michele Sanders and Molly Jones, keep coming up with imaginative themes for the Children's Museum's annual Gala. This year's event is billed as "A Night in the Rainforest." The event is guaranteed to be entertaining and features dinner provided by Birdwell Catering, a silent auction, and a live auction with Bear Stephenson. There is more, but we do not want to spoil the surprise.

Please join MCLinc as a sponsor by visiting childrensmuseumofokridge.org/annual-gala/.



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