

COMMON GROUND

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INTERDEPENDABILITY: ENR'S TOP 100

RLG's rise on magazine's list a product of One Company Thinking

Milestones are important, but the teamwork that gets us there is more important to our overall success.

RLG hit a big milestone recently when Engineering News-Record listed it at No. 86 on its Top 400 contractor by 2023 revenue list, up from No. 105 on the magazine's 2022 revenue list.

The improvement of 19 spots is a reminder that when associates think about all facets of the business instead of simply their own end, it makes a huge difference.



“Our associates continue to ask how we can involve our other RLG companies when they talk about projects,” said RLI President **Jeff Schaller**. “Our customers understand that when we bring in our other companies, they will receive consistent quality, communication and attention.”

RLG was also ranked No. 53 on ENR's list



of Top 100 Contractors by New Contracts, with \$2.33 billion in that category, rising from No. 71 on the previous year's list.

“It's not a big secret that when we work together and for the good of all, we are tremendously successful,” said GEM President **Steve Johnson**. “ENR's list is simply confirmation that Interdependability is the best way to accomplish our business goals.”

LEADERSHIP ROLE

RLI's Carla Klatt wins election as a NAWIC region director

RLI Project Engineer **Carla Klatt** was recently elected to a two-year term as the National Association of Women in Construction's North Central Region Director.



Klatt, who also serves as president of the Toledo NAWIC chapter, will have expanded responsibilities, which includes leading 600 members and 15 chapters.

Duties include creating and overseeing budgets as well as keeping chapters informed about regional and national activities and news.

PROMOTIONS



Congratulations!

Tom Mauriello
Manager
Surveying/
GPS Machine Control

WINNING AT 145 MPH

RLG Human Resources supervisor a winner on the drag race circuit

There's not a lot of room for error when you're travelling at 145 mph over an eighth of a mile in 4.7 seconds.

Fortunately, RLG Human Resources Operations Supervisor **Kendallyn Jacobs** has plenty of experience on the drag strip. Jacobs recently won the Super Pro class at Milan Dragway in Michigan. The race is “tournament” style, where two drivers race against each other and one driver advances in each round until the last two drivers



Kendallyn Jacobs, with her father Tom, mother Susan, and fiance GEM Project Manager Jacob Butler, has been drag racing since she was 9 years old.

remain. Whoever wins the final round, wins the entire race for the day. The only female in the field of 50 drivers that day, she earned points toward the overall Super Pro championship.

“I have been drag racing since I was 9 years old,” Jacobs said. “My Dad is my crew chief and has taught me everything I know about the car and racing.”

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NEW WORK

Millbury, Ohio — GEM will replace the existing lighting at Lake Local Schools' stadium with LED lighting.

Two 70-foot wood poles that are buried 17 feet in the ground will need to be removed and replaced with steel poles, with RLI building the bases for the poles. The project is on an aggressive schedule to finish ahead of Lake's first soccer game in mid-August. The team: GEM Electrical Service Manager **Brian Hinde**. RLI Account Manager **Dalton Landers**.

NEW ASSOCIATES

Welcome to RLG!



Top row, from left: **Jonathan Barker**, Safety Technician, GEM Walbridge; **Kim Toth**, Help Desk Technician, RLG Walbridge; **Jason Mefferd**, Project Engineer, RLI Walbridge. Second row: **Jackson Zsigray**, Piping Project Engineer, Northeast Ohio; **Ray Walsh**, Dispatcher; **Rae Carroll**, Service Accounting Clerk, both GEM Service Walbridge; Third row (below) **Brian Batkins**, Regional Installation Group Manager, Site Management, Southeastern Michigan. **Nicole Cuevas-Beck**, VDC Technician; **Madih Ellabboudy**, Project Engineer, both RLI Walbridge. Fourth row: **Alec Thompson**, Business Development Manager, **Sara Camick**, Proposal Coordinator, both RLI Walbridge.



Monroe, Michigan — GEM will install 26 data cabinets at the Ford Motor Co. River Raisin Warehouse.

GEM will install power to the Intermediate Distribution Frame cabinets, along with data raceways. The contract is through KLA Labs.

The work, which will begin this month and conclude late next month, will require extensive coordination with the owner.

The work is part of Ford Motor Co.'s plan to repurpose a former manufacturing plant.

The team: Electrical Project Manager **Brian Ferree**; Acting Superintendent **Jim Kozlowski**.

New GEM Service Contracts

GK Packaging, Plain City, Ohio
Smoothie King, Marion, Ohio
St. Catherine of Siena, Toledo
Stranahan Theater, Toledo
West Side Montessori, Toledo
Star Metal Products, West Lake, Ohio
Premium Distributors, Lake Orion, Michigan
United Way of Sandusky County, Fremont, Ohio
Mercedes-Benz, Ann Arbor, Michigan

LAYING DOWN THE LUMBER AT FIFTH THIRD FIELD

RLG associates build a playhouse for kids at Habitat for Humanity event



It's possible we're a little biased, but this looked like the best playhouse at Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity's Project Playhouse annual build event. Volunteering for the RLG team were, from left. **Kris Magyar, Holly Hutchison, Ryan Haas, Elizabeth Howard, Don Cherry, Chase Moore, Margaret Hutton, Rachel Ringer, Susan Deal and Allison King**.

STAY HYDRATED!

The brutally hot temperatures of late serve as a reminder to stay hydrated, whether at work or at home:

Some tips:

- Drink plenty of fluids: You should drink 8 ounces of water every 15-20 minutes. If you're thirsty, you're already dehydrated!
- Avoid large amounts of caffeine, alcohol and sugary beverages.
- Ensure a supply of cool drinking water near your work location.
- Workers may bring their water bottles



- with them while working.
- Check on your co-workers for signs of heat illness and ensure everyone is drinking plenty of fluids.
- Workers can take a break when necessary due to the heat.
- Wear light, loose-fitting clothing and sunscreen.