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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PAXTON COMPANIES

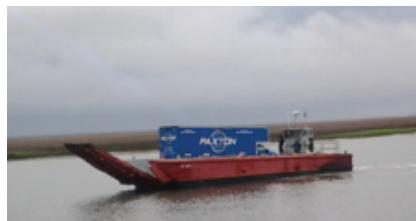


Keeping You Moving, By Land or By Sea



When asked to coordinate a move from Yorktown, Virginia, to Daufuskie Island, South Carolina, even the experienced professionals at Paxton found our transportation skills put to the test. The challenge? No roads or bridges connect the mainland to the island, and the move involved 24,000 pounds of goods.

Bunny Blair from Paxton Dispatch and Relocation Coordinator Charlotte Corley devised a creative solution: Floating two straight trucks across three miles of the Cooper River from the South Carolina mainland on a ferry. The move was a success... and yet another example of just how far Paxton will go to get you where you want to be!





Saying Thank You to Our Troops

In partnership with the Charlotte Bobcats, Family Dollar, and Wells Fargo, Paxton's Charlotte office helped deliver care packages to 10,000 U.S. troops this spring. Bobcats team members, coaching staff, and over 400 volunteers packed kits made of donated toothpaste, Gatorade, aspirin, soap, and deodorant, and other donated goods, as well as handwritten notes from players, executives, and Bobcats fans, to send overseas to currently deployed servicemen and women.

The project was an extension of Operation Gratitude, which provides civilians anywhere in America a way to say thank you to the men and women of the U.S. military through active, hands-on volunteerism.

As the official moving partner for the Bobcats, Paxton shipped the care kits to the Operation Gratitude headquarters in California, where they were then dispatched to Afghanistan, the Middle East, and ships stationed in the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean.



Walk for Wishes

At Paxton, we believe in the importance of giving back to our communities. That's why on May 3, Paxton's Richmond, VA, office sponsored its first annual Walk for Wishes of Greater Virginia—a short fundraising walk held at Dorey Park to raise money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

More than 350 people, including 7 members of the Paxton team, spent the day with us as event participants, volunteers, and supporters. Every 38 minutes, the Make-a-Wish Foundation grants the wish of a child with a life-threatening medical condition. During the Walk for Wishes, a 13-year-old boy living with cerebral palsy was granted his wish—a weeklong trip to Disney World for him and his family. And the \$90,496 raised at our Walk for Wishes will make wishes come true for 12 more Virginia children.

We hope those of you in the Virginia area will join us next year as we continue this tradition!



Relocation Experts Convene in the Nation's Capital

The Paxton team was proud to participate in the 47th Annual Atlas Forum in Washington, DC, in April.

The conference of leaders from across the moving and relocation industry began with remarks from Glen Dunkerson, Chairman & CEO of Atlas World Group, and a keynote address delivered by Jeff Havens, who had the audience in stitches.

Three breakout sessions covered topical issues and conversations, including how global relocation experts can navigate industry challenges, how recent decisions in national healthcare policy will affect employers and their staff, and what factors can influence the success of talent mobility.

Prior to the conference itself, the Paxton Group held a kickoff event in Washington, DC,—appropriately enough, at a restaurant made entirely of shipping containers.



Anything But Trivial

There's nothing better than having the opportunity to bring people together to have fun and support a good cause. When the DuPont Circle Rotary Club held its second annual Trivia Night fundraiser at Bier Baron this May, The Paxton Companies were quick to assemble a team and jump in as a partial sponsor of the event.

Of the 20 competing teams, Paxton's crew made it to the top five. While we didn't go home champions, we performed admirably and were even awarded the "Best Team Spirit" accolade for our enthusiasm. We hope you can join us next year—or bring a team of your own! It's good fun for a good cause, and every dollar made helps the Rotary Club fight poverty.



Young and Talented: David Stange

The Paxton brand is only as good as the people who represent it. Fortunately for us, we have some pretty outstanding individuals in our midst. This March, our Director of Global Business Development, David Stange, was recognized with the Nashville Business Journal's 40 Under 40 Award, which honors young business leaders for their community involvement and accomplishments. At only 28 years old, David was one of the 40 individuals selected from a pool of hundreds of Nashville-area business leaders to receive this honor this year. Congratulations, David, and keep up the great work!



Paxton International Congratulations to Morgana Somers - FIDI-35+ Club Board Member

Congratulations to Paxton International's Morgana Somers who was recently elected to the FIDI-35+ Club Board. After a short but intense campaign leading up to the FIDI 2014 Congress in Singapore, Morgana was voted in as a member of the FIDI-35+ club board to fill one of two vacant seats. She was joined by Alexandra Schmidt of Mexpack.

The FIDI-35+ Club is a group for young professionals up to the age of 39 whose focus lies in creating networking opportunities and educating future generations about the logistics industry. The club campaigns against waste, sponsors causes around the world and raises money while encouraging members to work together, share experiences and commit to the future of the industry.

Morgana follows the path led by Freddy Paxton III who served on the 35 Club board more than a decade ago. Freddy has since been elected to the FIDI board in 2011 where he holds the title of Vice President. Morgana has assumed the position of Director of Fundraising.

This club allows members to be able to network and learn while still having fun. Service on the FIDI boards is another opportunity for Paxton to connect with members and colleagues to achieve some of our corporate goals: professional development, industry promotion and cultivating strong and lasting strategic partnerships.

Please join us in congratulating Morgana for her achievement and enthusiasm to serve.

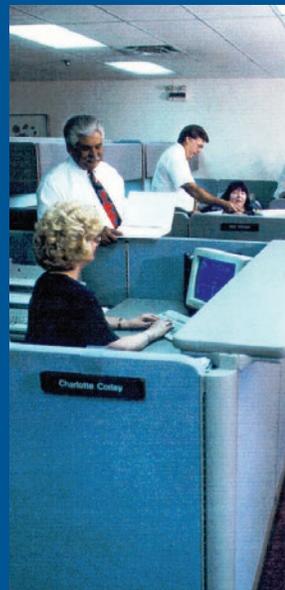


A Fond Farewell to Two Lifetime Employees

It's always bittersweet when one of our most hardworking and loyal employees decides to retire. That is especially true as we prepare for the departure of longtime Paxton Relocation Coordinator Charlotte Corley of our Springfield office, and Lois Reynolds, Manager of Business Services for our Charlotte office. Charlotte began her career at Paxton's Springfield office more than 30 years ago, and she has helped us evolve from a 30-truck fleet with only one typewriter in the office to the expansive and technologically advanced international moving company we've become. She will move into the next chapter of her life in December.

Lois Reynolds has given Paxton's Charlotte and Richmond offices 20 years of service. During her tenure, she has served the company in various roles, ranging from claims and customer service to accounts payable. Lois will retire this August.

We are grateful, not only for the professional contributions that Charlotte and Lois have made over the past three decades, but also for the opportunity we've had to know these women over that time. Please join us in saying a very fond farewell to both Charlotte and Lois—who will forever be members of the Paxton family.





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LEADERSHIP NOTES

The calm before the storm!

Team Paxton spent a beautiful DC spring gearing up for a hot and busy summer. In addition to adding new vehicles to the fleet and additional training our staff, we've been doing our part out in the communities we serve. You'll read a few stories about Operation Gratitude in Charlotte and the Richmond team Walking for Wishes. It is always our honor to take part in such worthy causes.

In addition to these heart warming stories, a story that will amaze you - how teamwork and resilience pays off to satisfy our customers! It certainly gives new meaning to 'Over the River and thru the Woods' when you see our truck carrying thousands of pounds of household goods to an inaccessible new residence.

Lastly, many of you have become familiar with two wonderful ladies -- Charlotte Corley and Lois Reynolds -- members of the extended Paxton family who will be moving on to the next chapter of their lives. Merriam Webster describes the word dedication as a feeling of very strong support or loyalty, and there are no better words to describe their service to Paxton. They will certainly be missed!

As summer progresses, I can't reiterate enough that your support is invaluable to the team at Paxton. We look forward to reporting back in the next issue about all of our accomplishments from another busy summer!

ENJOY THE READ!

