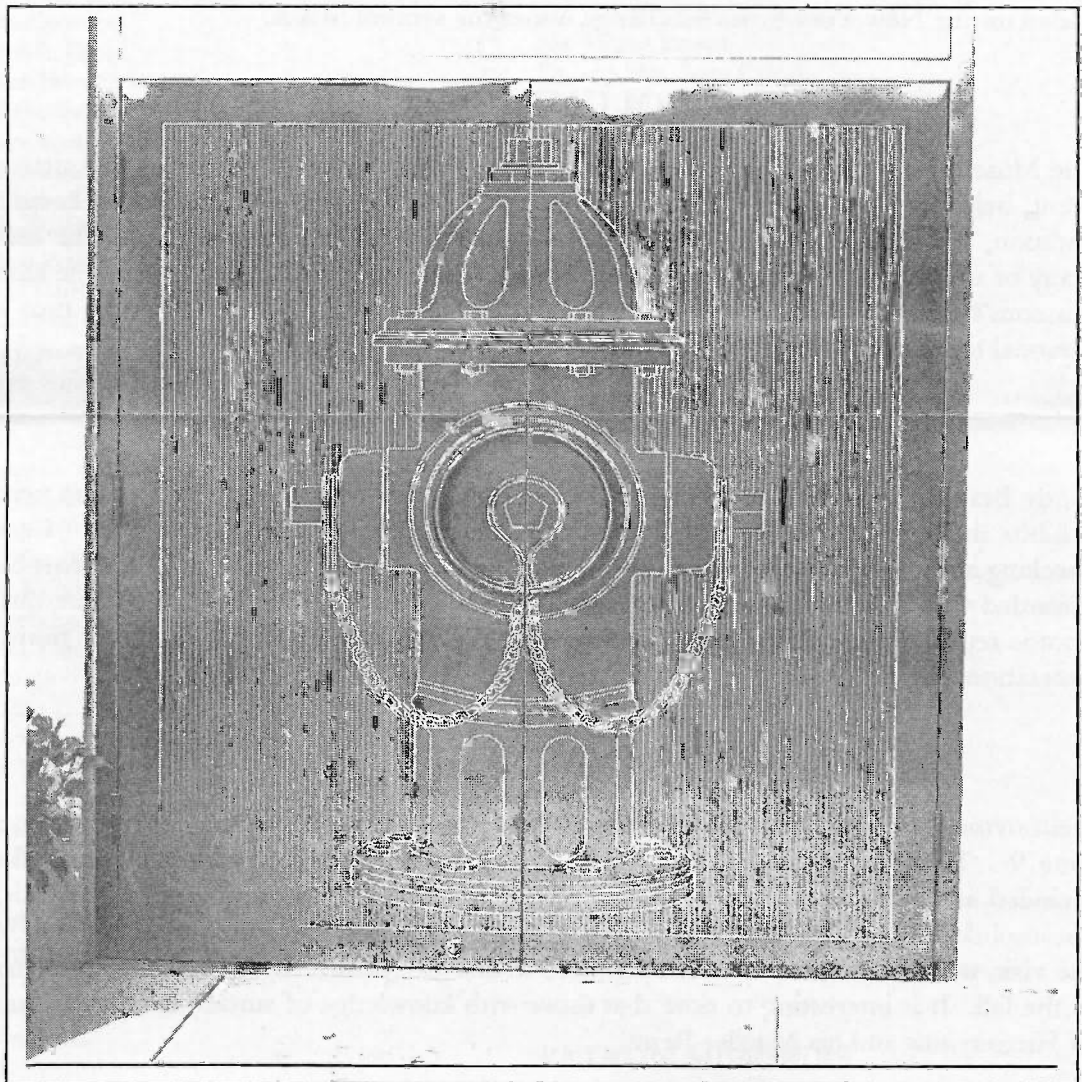




THE MUELLER RECORD

SUMMER 2006 NEWSLETTER



DOORWAY TO HISTORY

The new bronze doors have finally been installed bringing the last detail of the museum's construction to a close. The doors have the etched design of a Mueller Super Centurion Fire Hydrant on both the exterior and interior surfaces.

MUELLER WATER PRODUCTS, INC.

Mueller Co. has undergone some changes in ownership and corporate structure in the last year. In 2005 the company was acquired by Walters Industries whose primary interest is in the mining business with additional interest in pipe and related equipment manufacture. In early June of this year, Walters began the process of spinning off Mueller Co., U.S. Pipe and Foundry, and Anvil as a separate corporation under the new name of **Mueller Water Products, Inc.** Those of us with an interest in the history of Mueller Co. can take pride in the fact that the Mueller name was chosen for the new company – recognition of Mueller Co.'s reputation and standing in the industry. Mueller Co. and its subsidiaries (Mueller Co., Hersey Meters, Mueller Canada, James Jones Company, Henry Pratt Company, Hydro Gate, Virginia Valve Automation Division and Milliken Valve) will continue to operate as a subsidiary of the new corporation which will be headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. Few changes are anticipated in the Decatur operation. Walters Industries retains a controlling interest in the stock of Mueller Water Products, Inc. whose initial shares sold at \$16 and are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol MWA.

MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS PARTY IN MAY

The Museum directors hosted the annual "Thank You" party for our many volunteers. The event, held on May 7, was attended by nearly 60 of our 100+ volunteers. In keeping with tradition, the party had a Christmas theme which reflects the original timing for the event. Many of our volunteers now head south for the winter necessitating a bit of a time shift. The Museum's members and supporters owe the volunteers continuing thanks for the time and the personal touch they give in greeting our visitors.

FAMILY TREE EXHIBIT COMPLETE

Cindy Bray of Barking Dog Design Group installed one of the last pieces of the permanent exhibits in May with the completion of the Hieronymus Mueller Family Tree. Compiling, checking and organizing genealogical information is a challenging task but the effort has been rewarded with a wonderful visual display. The family tree is accompanied by numerous family photos representing several early generations. We would like to add photos of more recent generations if family members would care to share them with us.

VETERAN MOTOR CAR CLUB OF AMERICA VISITS

Hieronymus and his sons would have been fascinated to see the parking lot of his museum on June 9. The Veteran Motor Car Club of America held a convention in Springfield and included an outing to the Mueller Museum to see the early contributions of the Muellers to automobile history. About 50 antique cars made the trip to Decatur, and all seemed to enjoy the visit, which also included a tour of the Mueller Co. plant. Another auto club plans a visit in the fall. It is interesting to note that those with knowledge of automotive history are aware of Hieronymus and his Mueller-Benz.

IN MEMORIUM – HERB ASHMORE

Herb Ashmore, a Mueller Co. retiree and Museum volunteer, passed away on June 26. Herb had a real interest in the history of the company and actively sought to save many items of historical interest that might otherwise have been discarded. The Museum collection is richer for his efforts. We give our condolences to Herb's wife, Betty who also has been an active volunteer and supporter of the Mueller Museum.

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