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Photo donated by Winifred Diller

The Mueller Factory Band poses at an unknown location, circa 1915. Appropriately, the band seems to be dominated by the brass section. The museum has a number of photos of the Factory Band through the years but no other artifacts such as uniforms or instruments. If any of our readers have items or stories relating to the band's history, the museum would love to hear about them.

Our Annual “Thank You”

This edition of the *Mueller Record* is primarily dedicated to thanking the many individuals who have made contributions to the museum during the past year.

Our donors have given us the financial support that an institution such as ours requires. These gifts are greatly needed and appreciated by the museum and make our operation possible. To the individuals, families and institutions on our **2007 Museum Donors** list, we extend our gratitude and hope that you continue to support us in the future.

Our members provide us a core group of concerned and interested people – an audience for our efforts. Memberships beyond the basic levels also provide financial support in the same manner as our donors and we wish to recognize the additional contributions of our Benefactor, Patron, Sponsor and Support Members. The museum is pleased to have a steady base of members. We thank those of you who have chosen to join and hope that you will encourage others to join with us as well.

Our volunteers give the museum their time and experience. All of our volunteers have worked for Mueller Co. or are spouses of former employees. As such, they bring stories and information to share with visitors to the museum. Knowing our volunteers makes it obvious that they are a key element in the success of both Mueller Co. and the museum. We are indebted to them for their contributions to both.

Mueller Co. Departments

One of the great mysteries confronting a museum manager who has not worked for Mueller Co. is the strange code used by retirees and employees in describing the work they did. I overheard one retiree telling another that he had “started in Department 10 before moving to 36 and then to 60 before retiring from 47.” I suspected they might be working for the CIA. Betty Wheatley came to the rescue, providing me with the secret decoder. I am going to share that information with you, but you are sworn to secrecy. By the way, even with the code, I have no idea what was going on in Department 90 – a stealth program, no doubt.

10	Iron Foundry	50	Core Room
20	Iron Machine Shop	60	Brass Foundry
30	Personnel	70	Specialty Dept.
35	Pattern Shop	80A	Ground Key Assembly
36	Tool Room	80B	Ground Key Machining
37	Machine Repair	90	Adam’s Clamp
38	Maintenance	100	Plant 4 Services
39	Quality Control	102	Laboratory
40	Mueller Lodge	104	Plant 4 Maintenance
44	Engineering	696	Cafeteria
47	Shipping		

If any readers have additional input on other departments or other plants, please call, write or email (muellermuseum@aol.com) the museum with that information.

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