



Colette Jordan has been working at Weinbrenner, sewing Thorogood boots in the Marshfield plant, for almost 55 years.

Submitted photos.

Weinbrenner Shoe Company celebrates a devoted employee's retirement after nearly 55 years of service

Colette Jordan, age 72, joined Weinbrenner Shoe Company in the sewing room right out of high school and has been working there for nearly 55 years. On Friday, June 25, she will retire from the Marshfield factory and the company will hold a farewell celebration for her at 11:30 a.m. to celebrate her years of dedicated service. She will have been employed with the company for 54 years and 257 days and throughout the years has worked in various departments, primarily sewing Thorogood boots, the company said, but along the way learning the nearly 125 steps in the shoemaking process.



After almost 55 years, Weinbrenner thanked Colette for all of her hard work and dedication and helped her celebrate her last day at work on Friday, June 25. She is now officially retired!

"I'm really going to miss all of my co-workers and sewing. I've been doing it for so long," Jordan said. "I plan to work on my flowers and other projects that I haven't had time for. I'm also looking forward to spending time with my grandchildren and my first great-grandchild that is due in July."

Weinbrenner Shoe Company was founded in Wisconsin in 1892 in Milwaukee and currently has its headquarters in Merrill. The Thorogood brand, established in 1917, represents Weinbrenner's premier line of job-fitted occupational footwear. Thorogood is an industry leader in boots for the working trades; including industrial safety, fire, rescue, military, tactical, uniform and outdoor footwear.



2015 RETIREMENT DINNER

RECORD YEARS OF CONTINUOUS EMPLOYMENT (Having retired since 1976)

<u>Retired</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Years</u>
1. 6/01	Erv Ploog	Marshfield	54 years 108 days
2. 7/96	Dick Cherwenka	Merrill	54 years 17 days
3. 8/09	Joyce Litke	Merrill	52 years 138 days
4. 1/97	Esther Steidman	Merrill	52 years 85 days
5. 1/03	Angeline Scherr	Marshfield	51 years 228 days
6. 1/07	Agnes Dommer	Marshfield	50 years 148 days
7. 6/13	Sharon Hardinger	Marshfield	49 years 337 days
8. 12/11	Suzanne Rehwinkel	Merrill	49 years 250 days
9. 12/00	Loretta Seidler	Merrill	48 years 323 days
10.7/15	Patricia Smith	Merrill	48 years 150 days
11. 7/92	Bernice Yanda	Merrill	48 years 149 days
12. 7/95	Effie Kruse	Merrill	48 years 84 days

RETIRED WITH 47 YEARS CONTINUOUS SERVICE

2009 – Beverly Bauer – Merrill
 1996 – Jim Seis – Merrill
 2011 – Terry Durst – Marshfield
 1989 – Carl Moen – Marshfield
 1974 – Lester Schoenke – Merrill
 2012 – Donna Mahn - Merrill
 2003 – Marion Martell – Merrill

2015 – Diana Wendt - Merrill

RETIRED WITH 46 YEARS CONTINUOUS SERVICE

1997 – Helen Heckendorf – Merrill
 1991 – Leonard Harzke – Merrill
 1990 – Victor Multerer – Marshfield
 1983 – Leo Conrad – Merrill
 2011 – Kristine Rehwinkel – Merrill

2014 – Diane Storm - Merrill

RETIRED WITH 45 YEARS CONTINUOUS SERVICE

1998 – Miriam Marquardt – Merrill
 1996 – Jack Holl – Merrill
 1995 – Eileen Anderson – Merrill
 1991 – John Sladek – Merrill
 1990 – Dorothy Ament – Merrill
 1989 – Virginia Handrick – Marshfield
 1987 – Bill Leopold – Merrill
 1986 – Raymond Pirwitz – Marshfield
 1986 – Linus Brandt – Marshfield
 1983 – Leslie Crotteau – Merrill
 1981 – Robert Schultz – Marshfield
 2012 – Vernetta Heuser – Merrill

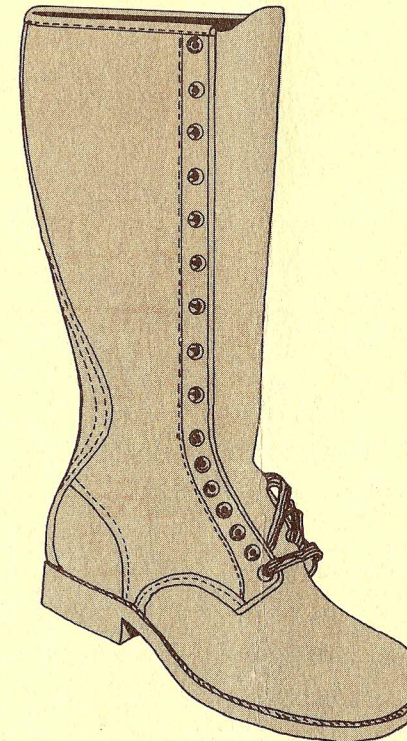
2013 – Marjorie Oppman – Marshfield

2014 – Rita Seubert – Marshfield

2015 – Michael Verch - Marshfield

WEINBRENNER SHOE COMPANY RETIREMENT DINNER

January 30, 1979



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PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies
E.W. Hielke

6:30	<i>Cocktails</i>
7:30	<i>Dinner</i>
	<i>Invocation: Robert Ott</i>
8:30	<i>"Mixed Company"</i> <i>Merrill Senior High School</i> <i>Dennis Reppe, Director</i>
8:45	<i>Welcome: James Greenlee, President</i>
	<i>Introduction of and Presentation to</i> <i>Honored Guests: Lance Nienow</i>
	<i>Remarks: Marc Schaeffer</i>

GUESTS

	Years of Service
Kathryn Bloomquist, Merrill	29
Gilbert Bootz, Merrill	38
LaVerna Brandt, Merrill	25
Merle Craft, Marshfield	33
Lillian Johnsrud, Marshfield	27
Phyllis Kell, Merrill	26
Bruno Mackiewicz, Merrill	36
Helen Meyer, Marshfield	31
Albert Zimmerman, Merrill	38
Marion Zimmerman, Merrill	38

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WEINBRENNER SHOE COMPANY
RETIREMENT DINNER

JANUARY 31, 1978



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PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies

Lance Nienow

6:30 *Cocktails*

7:30 *Dinner*

Invocation: Sy Krieg

8:30 *Jazz Band*

Merrill Senior High School

Fred Mumma - Director

8:45 *Welcome: James Greenlee, President*

*Introduction of and Presentation to
Honored Guests*

*Remarks: Marc Schaeffer,
Production Manager*

GUESTS

Years of
Service

Alice Cortright, Merrill

28

Elmer Domres, Marshfield

25

Estella Guckenberger, Marshfield

34

Evelyn Hanson, Merrill

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Helen Koehler, Merrill

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Edward Martell, Merrill

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Violet Oelke, Merrill

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Ruth Radke, Marshfield

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Leslie Sukow, Merrill

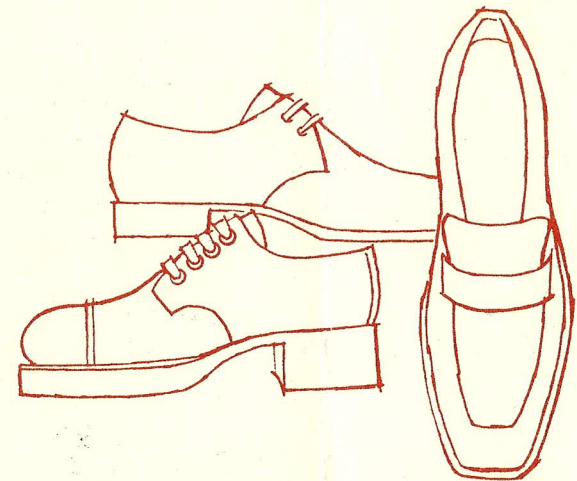
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Dolores Verhoven, Marshfield

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**WEINBRENNER SHOE COMPANY
RETIREMENT DINNER**

JANUARY 19, 1977



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PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies
Les Schoenke

6:30 Cocktails

7:30 Dinner
Invocation: Sy Krieg

8:30 Chamber Singers
Merrill Senior High School
Dennis Reppe - Director

8:45 Welcome: James Greenlee, President
Introduction of and Presentation to
Honored Guests:
Les Schoenke and James Greenlee
Remarks: Lance Nienow

GUESTS

	Years of Service
Erna Arnett	28
Margaret Bussman	27
Marvin Goetsch	38
Max Heckendorf	34
Anton Hoffman	31
Herbert Nass	25
George Neubauer	38
Jeanette Schaefer	26
N. Brown Trexler	25
Marvin Vachavake	37
Elroy Van Slate	33
Wendelin Weigel	40