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**I DON'T HAVE ANY PLANS ON RETIRING....EMPLOYEE CELEBRATES 50th ANNIVERSARY and 68<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY**



If turning 68 years old isn't reason enough to celebrate, Al Klepper has another. Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> marked Klepper's birthday and a week later, April 8<sup>th</sup> celebrates his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with PPI.

Klepper was hired at PPI just after his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1959 in Ohio as a Lab Technician. Over the years Klepper has held several key positions within PPI. Klepper relocated to LaGrange as Plant Manager in 1986. He has also been the Manufacturing Manager, Division Manager, Plant Manager, Division Superintendent and his current role Special Projects Manager. Klepper has contributed and developed key manufacturing processes and implemented many cost savings in production and shipping.

Willie Flowers, Plant Manager said, "Klepper is an outstanding employee, positive team leader and problem-solver, he is extremely valuable to our manufacturing process and team environment." Jeffrey Willis, CEO said, "Al's history with the company, his contributions and work ethics are rare. They don't make em like that anymore." He is well respected and admired by his peers and management.

When asked what he attributes to his desire to keep working Klepper said, "first I love the people here and second, I love what I'm doing. It doesn't get any better than that!"

Managers and fellow employees presented Klepper with a cake on his birthday. On April 8<sup>th</sup> Al was recognized with a special celebration and gift honoring his 50-year anniversary. Klepper is married, has four children and seven grandchildren. He enjoys beekeeping, gardening and woodworking.

(Pictured, Al Klepper being congratulated by CEO, Jeffrey Willis).