

a monthly insight into PPLLC

December 2019

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT



Kyle Mattei *Estimator/Project Manager*

More facts:

Married

Yes. 3 years to Ashley Mattei.

Children

1- Daughter; Brennan (8 yrs. old)

1– Dog; American Stafford Shire Terrier named, Joe.

Surprising Fact

Sang Baritone in the honors choir while in high school.

Favorite Quote

"A truly strong person does not need the approval of others any more than a lion needs the approval of sheep." - Anonymous



At the beginning of 2019 we started the journey of highlighting our staff to assist us in learning more about our fellow co-workers. The journey has been great thus far and since we have started this process Pontchartrain Partners, LLC continues to grow and expand their territory across the country recruiting some of the best talent and interesting employees.

This month we are highlighting Kyle Mattei. Kyle is an Estimator/Project Manager and has been with PPLLC since August 2018. Kyle was born in Baton Rouge, LA, but was raised in Germantown, TN after his parents moved to the area when he was only a few months old. While in high school, his family returned to New Orleans. Kyle graduated from Rummel High School with honors in 2004 and in 2008 obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Management from Southeastern University. While still in college Kyle began utilizing his carpentry skills remodeling homes in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Since coming to Pontchartrain Partners, Kyle has played a major role in the company being awarded millions of dollars in contracts. His hard work has assisted in making 2019 PPLLC's most successful years to date.

Kyle is a hard worker and is one of PPLLC's most valued employees. But, we wanted to know a little more about Kyle and what his life is like when he's not working for PPLLC. So, Kyle was asked a few questions about himself and this what we learned:

What is your favorite past-time activity outside of work?

I love to travel and being at home spending time with my family.

Where is your favorite place to travel?

Italy. My family and I have traveled there every year since 2017. I especially love the Amalfi Coast and the rich history and culture that you find there.

Do you consider yourself a foodie? If so, what are your favorite dishes?

Yes, I especially love (homemade) Italian food.

What are your top 3 favorite restaurants in New Orleans?

Irene's is my most favorite, then there is Upperline Grill and Brightsen's.

What is your favorite movie?

I really like a few movies, but "Man of Fire," and "Training Day," are tops on my list.

What is your favorite sport?

I grew up playing baseball and football. Baseball is my most favorite sport. I played pitcher and first base from the age of 7 to 19. I had to quit the sport due to a rotator cuff injury.

What is your favorite genre of music you like to listen to?

It depends on my mood. I listen to classical, R&B, Rap and most everything in between.

What is the last book that you read?

The Davinci Code by Dan Brown.

Kyle, thank you for participating in the question and answer process and allowing us to learn more about you. PPLLC is fortunate to have you as part of our team.



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HUMAN RESOURCES



09/13

Amanda Palmisano

11/04

Randy Perdasofpy Vichuan Porter My Tran

11/07

Bernard Costa



Tommy Blackmon Michael Romero

11/15

Tracey Johnson









1 Year

Spencer Jennings Phillip Stockman

4 Years

Tracy Nash

10 Years

12/3

12/8

12/10



Pablo Mejia



Thank you all for your loyalty and dedication. PPLLC appreciates you and is better because of you.



Barlow Cook Danny Blanks







Anderson Darius

Sheila Marigny

Gerald Crump

Robert Pearson

12/18

Brendan McGoey

12/19

Michael McKey

12/24

Trenice Roy

12/26

Charlie Green



12/13

12/11

Chad Lagman

Robert Deluca



James Robles

12/31

Mitchel Young

12/29

Hans Wientjes

12/30

John Burnet







GIVE THANKS

PPLLC -Corporate Office - November 25, 2019

A big thank you to everyone that cooked food and purchased food and other items that made our annual Thanksgiving Potluck a huge success. The fried turkey, baked turkey, corn casserole, corn and crab bisque, deviled eggs, ham, and the list goes on and on, were all delicious. It was a great way to kick-off the Thanksgiving holidays to come with our friends and family.





AS 2019 FADES AWAY

THE MEMBERS OF
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WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU AND
YOUR FAMILY A VERY
HAPPY AND PROSPORUS
NEW YEAR!





HUMAN RESOURCES



Christmas Cocoa Style



Cocoa, FL.— Pontchartrain Partners, LLC's Cocoa, FL employees will be having their 2019 Christmas event on Thursday, December 19 at Heidi's Jazz Club. Partner James R. Washington, III and Project Manager, Stewart Buck are expected to be in attendance. The event will include a performance by native New Orleanian, singer Sybil Cage. Raven Melrose and Andrea De Jesus have planned an amazing dinner and event to be enjoyed by all.





Artist, Sybil Cage Heidi's Jazz Club, Cocoa, FL





RECENTLY AWARDED PROJECTS



US Army Corps of Engineers®

Texas City Hurricane Flood Protection Contract No. W912HY20C0002

Award Date: 10/21/19

Award Amount: \$12,221,180.00 Agency: USACE Galveston District

Set-Aside: SDVOSB POP: 180 Days ANTP





Tornado Repairs Multiple Buildings Contract No. 80SSC018D0007 / 80MSFC20F0014

Award Date: November 21, 2019 Award Amount: \$10,923,000.00

Agency: NASA MSFC (location NASA/MAF)

POP: 20 months ANTP



Bldg 221 Replace Ring Bus Contract No. 80SSC018D0007 / 80JSC020F0004

Award Date: November 21, 2019 Award Amount: \$5,499,178.61

Agency: NASA JSC POP: 540 days ANTP



Krewe of Jingle

Presented by DDD & The Roosevelt Hotel The Parade will role Saturday, December 7 @ 1:00 pm.



New Orleans' Christmas parade, organized by the Krewe of Jingle is an annual holiday festival in Downtown featuring authentic Christmas-themed floats, marching bands, stilt walkers, and other live entertainment. Typically held in early December, the Krewe of Jingle Parade starts at 1 p.m. at Lee Circle and marches to the French Quarter. The Parade makes a U-turn on historic Canal Street and finishes at Howard Avenue.

Credit: https://rove.me/to/new-orleans/krewe-of-jingle-parade



CAROLING IN JACKSON SQUARE

Caroling in Jackson Square December 22, 2019 – 7:00 PM

For most visitors and locals, this is the highlight of the Holiday Season in New Orleans. A holiday tradition that has been going on since 1946, Christmas Caroling in Jackson Square is a joyful, fun experience that thousands of people participate in every year.

Held on Sunday, December 22, Jackson Square is illuminated by hundreds of candles held by singers, both amateur and professional, crooning Christmas favorites that everyone is familiar with. The event is free and open to all who wish to participate, regardless of religious affiliation.

Candles and song sheets are provided at this free and open to the public event. The gates to Jackson Square open at 6:30 p.m. and the caroling begins at 7:00. Those who plan to attend and participate are strongly advised to arrive early. This is a very popular event that sometimes exceeds the capacity of the square.

Credit: https://www.neworleans.com/event/caroling-in-jackson-square/3230/

Photo: Toby Armstrong and <u>NewOrleansOnline.com</u>





The second annual Jingle on the Boulevard Parade- a uniquely New Orleans holiday extravaganza- is set for Saturday, December 14 at noon. Enjoy local marching bands, dance groups, floats and seasonal fun.

Jingle on the Boulevard celebrates the holiday season throughout New Orleans East as it highlights the local retailers, restaurants and shops along its trail. Follow along as the parade rolls down Crowder Boulevard to Haynes Boulevard, making its way to Read Boulevard and strolling all the way to Lake Forest Plaza.

The vision behind the parade was to bring back family-fun to District E in New Orleans East. Jingle on the Boulevard is now included as one of the many cultural events in the city to improve quality of life for local residents and the flow of tourism.

The parade is free to attend! Visit www.jingleontheboulevard.com for more information. The event is produced by Versatile Entertainment.



SAFETY MATTERS

Extension Cord Safety

Whether at home or in the office, extension cord safety is a must. With everyone now preparing for the holiday season always remember to unplug decorative lights and space heaters when not in use. And never overload an extension cord as this could be the cause of unwanted fires. Please read the information below to better understand the importance of extension cord safety.

Planning to deck your halls with festive lights and decorations this year? Chances are, you'll end up using an extension cord to help you. While they are a convenient way to supply power right where you need it, they can also create hazards if not used safely.

Follow this simple guidance to avoid a decorating disaster:

- Extension cords should only be used on a temporary basis.
- Make sure extension cords are properly rated for their intended use, indoor or outdoor, and meet or exceed the power needs of the appliance or device being used.
- Inspect cords for damage before use. Check for cracked or frayed sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connections.
- Never use a cord that feels hot or is damaged in any way.
- Do not run extension cords through walls or ceilings. This may cause the cord to overheat, creating a serious fire hazard.
 - Do not nail or staple electrical cords to walls or baseboards.
 - Make sure that cords are not pinched in doors, windows, or under heavy furniture, which could damage the cord's insulation.

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Visit <u>www.holidaysafety.org</u> for more holiday safety resources

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- Each year, about 4,000 injuries associated with electric extension cords are treated in hospital emergency rooms. Half of these injuries involve fractures, lacerations, contusions, or sprains from people tripping over extension cords.
- Roughly 3,300 home fires originate in extension cords each year, killing 50 ONTCHARTRAIN people and injuring about 270 more. artners, LLC





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