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Home Sweet Home

Moving wasn't all that bad, now, was it?

Well, maybe moving wasn't the most fun we've ever had, but it *is* over and it *is* nice to be 'home'

Moving meant lots of packing, purging and possibly pulled muscles.

And for some, it may even have meant frazzled nerves.

Moving is never a lot of fun.

Even after the move, when we first walked through the doors of 2001 Sixth Ave., our offices may not have seemed exactly like "home sweet home."

What with workmen frantically trying to finish the lobby. Or just one or two elevators operating. Boxes stacked everywhere. And doors missing. Adjustments needed here, and minor repairs needed there.

But, gradually, The Westin Building is becoming more and more like home as the contents of cartons get tucked

away in their proper places, as lost furniture is found, and as minor repairs get repaired.

And, as we discover and appreciate all the pluses The Westin Building offers. Like the spacious lunchroom and lounge areas on the sixth floor. The spectacular views of downtown, Lake

Union and the Sound. The extra space. And the luxury and convenience of taking the elevator up or down a couple of floors to another office instead of walking five or six blocks across town.

No, moving is not a joy.

But working in The Westin Building is.

Thanks for the help, patience

"The first couple of moves went as well as we could expect," according to Jerry Gunderman, manager, Corporate Office Services, who coordinated the series of weekly move-ins.

"Sure, we had some glitches which we knew there would be, but it really went pretty smoothly when you consider how complicated the whole process was.

"I want to thank everyone for their help, understanding and patience," Jerry said. "I realize everything's not perfect yet. But the way most of you have accepted this is just great.

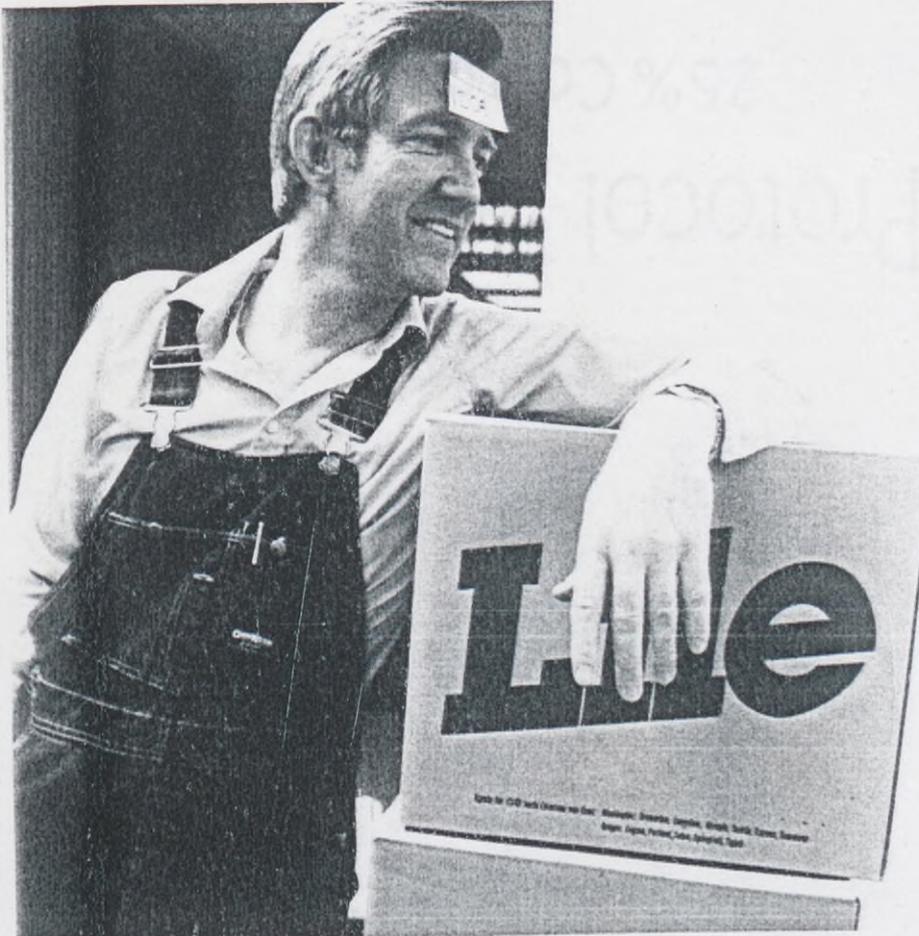
"It takes time to get to every little detail.

"So, don't despair — we *will* get to them."



Ramona Erickson's coffee cup displays the sentiments many of us may have been feeling around moving time.

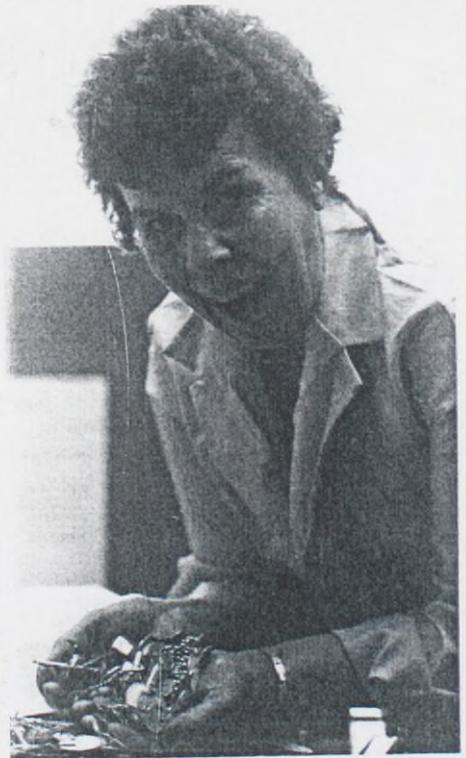
A few 'moving' vignettes . . .



"Just deliver me to room 1208, please," Ed Snow, Design & Construction, had all his belongings packed — all that was left to move was, well, Ed Snow.



It's called living out of boxes. Caren Tyrrell, Audio Visual, shows off her bit of box-living inventiveness.



"Don't forget to turn in your keys." And no one did — as Nancy Newman, Westin Services, can testify to.



Fran Wada, Tour & Travel, was literally surrounded by cartons prior to moving day.



Jim Gyselman and Bob Fay, Westin Services, consult on moving day — over boxes and boxes and more boxes.

And what do you think of our new home? Some first impressions . . .

The Westin Building is a beautiful building.

But when the first few divisions marched into the unfinished lobby headed for their new offices (serviced by only one elevator), there may have been some serious doubts in a few employees' minds about the beauty of it all.

Once they looked beyond the piles of boxes, however, the few missing doors, the construction in the lobby, and maybe a few other minor inconveniences, most seemed delighted with their new home.

Cliff Winkfield, Rooms: I was impressed by the decorative concrete sidewalks and the look of the materials used in the overall building construction. After reaching the 7th floor, I was again impressed by elevator foyer carpeting and the wall materials, the security of the area offered by sliding doors on each end of the elevator foyer and other safety features. A job well done . . .

Ron Shelley, Westin Services: Space . . . people . . . light . . . windows! Yea!!

Lynn Rice, Westin Services: Like finding the gold at the end of the rainbow. Thank you Etta and Brian and all for making us comfortable and cozy.

Fran Wada, Marketing: The view from our floor (13th) is spectacular on a clear day. It's been a challenge to get that "settled" feeling — I think it'll take awhile. But it's nice to get the physical move from the "old" to the "new" behind us.

I.M. Frustrated: It's certainly been a challenge. Things are dropping down at you in the lobby; they shut down the only operating elevator for Westin employees and won't let you use the

Spots on windows weren't what window washers missed . . .

If you have a one-inch diameter circle decorating the top of the window pane in your office, don't be concerned.

It's not something the window washers missed.

It's supposed to be there according to Jerry Gunderman, manager, Corporate Office Services.

The little circle is a signal to the fire department that that pane of glass is specially tempered and can be broken safely from the outside should firemen need to gain entry in an emergency.

construction elevators: supplies are lost; tempers are short and everyone on the outside expects you to function as though you've been here forever. A month from now, it'll be business as usual, but right now, it's the pits.

Barbara Forsell, Westin Services: The lobby—sort of casual, but I'm the understanding kind. My floor area—I love it. The first day was hectic, confusing and exciting, but the coffee room was fully stocked so how could we lose. I can't say enough for Jerry Gunderman and his crew, and Brian Handley and David Coffman.

Ramona Erickson, Development: SPACE! QUIET! I have twice the amount of floor area and work space that I previously had. Need more work light though. View from my boss' window is terrific.

Virginia Rhoton, Marketing: Our new office floor is great! When everything settles down it will be magnificent. Being a pioneer is fun. I'm especially appreciative of the effort put forth by Office Services in seeing that our coffee machine was ready to go on Monday — such thoughtfulness.

John Fikkan, D&C: Pioneering the 12th floor, it's strangely quiet. The view is overwhelming. The headquarters building will provide the working environment and corporate imagery compatible with our position and future growth in the hotel industry.

Harvey Cannova, Westron/Marketing: Very excited to be relocating. Lobby was cause for a few anxious moments. Actual floor was more complete than I thought it would be. View—magnificent. Coffee room—super. If anyone has a spare desk, please forward to Marketing, 13th floor.

Charlene Chabin, Marketing: Fantastic! There is so much room and everything is first class. Decor and colors very calming and quiet. Would be nice if we had some music to make for a better working atmosphere, and to cut the noise of others' conversations.

Sheri Flke, Westin Services: I like the colors. My first impression of the new drafting space was one of spaciousness, airiness and light.

Kay Lockwood, Marketing: Decor: I love it! View: I love it! Facilities: I love it! Work area: I love it!

Richard Marlow, Westin Services: The view is great. Lighting in some areas is not very good. Find overall color scheme bland but acceptable. In sum, marvelous improvement over 2000 5th.

Welcome Walker Williams

After a three-year stint in the Army, Walker Williams' first job was with a hotel.

He worked at the Sheraton Motor Hotel in Ithaca, N.Y. as night auditor, front desk clerk, maitre d', waiter, bartender and cook during his two years there.

And so began Walker's hotel career.

Now he continues that career as the newly appointed director of personnel for Westin Hotels.

Walker moved into his new offices on the seventh floor of The Westin Building in July. He and his wife and two children came here from Centerville, Ohio.



Our new personnel expert comes to Westin with an extensive background in education and training. In his most recent post with the Mead Corporation he was director of education and training. He held the same title with the Marriott Corporation for two years prior to that.

Need a home smoke detector?

You're in luck. The SmokeGard Smoke Detector is once again being offered to Westin employees at a special price of \$11.75 each including battery. This model generally sells for \$25.00.

They can be purchased through Dee Zellers, Rooms Division, Ext. 5048. Direct all orders, requests for SmokeGard brochures or questions to Dee before August 31, 1981. Checks are to be made payable to the R.G. Sales Company.

Mark your calendar

August 1: Company picnic. Lower Woodland Park, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Diane Taniguchi, 8934, for more info.

August 18 or 19: Management Institute of the NW seminar, "Situational Leadership." Dr. Kenneth Blanchard. Call Reed Sehon, 3157, for info.

All month: "Out to Lunch" free summer concert series continues through August. A lunchtime (noon to 1:30) concert each day of the week at different locations around town. Pick up a schedule at various downtown businesses.

Profile brief

Where there's a need there's Diane Taniguchi

Diane Taniguchi works as secretary to Larry Magnan and Peter Blyth in the Development division.

A busy enough job, but that's not all she does. Not by a long ways.

You've probably seen Diane's name scattered throughout various *Homefront* news articles — "If you're interested, call Diane," or "For more information, call Diane."

It seems Diane has, for all practical purposes, become Westin's principal social activities coordinator. And after talking with the friendly but modest secretary it is easy to see why.

Diane is one of those all too rare people who will help out whenever she can, wherever she can. Maybe it's partly in her blood. She is a third generation hotel person (hotel people are known for their "people-caring" attitude, right?), and her parents currently manage a hotel in Seattle's International District.

Diane has always seemed to have a hand in one company activity or another since she began working for Westin two years ago. For this year's Christmas party, for instance, she spent many evening hours lettering our nametags. More recently, she did it again for the employees' awards banquet attendees.

She organized last year's company picnic and is again taking on that task this year.

She also coordinated the details for getting discounted movie tickets for employees and free tickets to a Seattle Repertory production. And she's now working on getting discounted Husky football tickets for the sports fans among us.

What's really amazing about this 4'-11" bundle of energy is that nearly all of these projects are accomplished on her own time — lunch hours, breaks and evenings.

So, what else does Diane do?

What else could she possibly have time to do?

Surprisingly, a lot.

Rolling her eyes, she smiles, sighs and says, "Let's see, where should I start? Monday nights, Tuesday nights..."

She has an activity planned nearly every night of the week, and most weekends, too.

Every summer, Diane spends one evening each week doing recreational



Diane Taniguchi

therapy with the kids at Children's Orthopedic Hospital. This is Diane's fourth summer of volunteer work there.

She also belongs to the Cedar River Guild for Children's Orthopedic.

"I love kids," she affirms, and further supports the claim by telling about her involvement with an orphanage in South America. Several times a year she collects a few items for those children and sends off a care package to them.

It all sounds like an awful lot to take on. "But," the busy volunteer explains, "there are many people in need out there and I'm just doing my part to help."

In her spare time (what's left of it) Diane enjoys crocheting, knitting, sewing, quilting and collecting Hummels.

One project that Diane is particularly proud of is her authorship of a book called *The Helping Hand*. It is a compilation of social service agencies and organizations in the King County area.

Is there anything Diane doesn't do? She admits she doesn't have a green thumb. "All my plants are in dire need of resuscitation. And I don't like cooking much either," she confesses.

That's okay, Diane. Being superwoman is quite enough.

Locked in? Phone out

If you ever find yourself locked in at your floor's elevator lobby with none of the elevators responding, whatcha gonna do?

No problem. Simply call the emergency number listed on the wall plaque near the elevator lobby phone. Tell the operator your problem and soon help will be on its way. The listed number connects directly with Hadley Properties emergency service.

And by the way, those elevator lobby phones located on each floor are restricted to internal and local calls only. You can't use them for placing long distance calls.

Moving in— moving on

(New corporate office hires and transfers into, within and out of the corporate offices.)

WELCOME TO . . .

Kathleen Bauer, secretary, D&C.
Phyllis Cameron, payroll clerk.
Marilyn McCartney, secretary, D&C.
Steve Samuelson, limousine driver
Kim Tryon, accounting clerk, Westin Services.
Dorothy Wright, payroll clerk.
Marvin Yamaguchi, draftsman, Westin Services.

MOVING ON . . .

Colleen Paton, from clerk in Credit, to receptionist, Westin Services.
Beverly Springer, from clerk in Payroll, to clerk, Corporate Accounting.

Correspondents

Design & Construction	Charlotte Mirick
Development	Ramona Erickson
Insurance	Jean Robeson
Financial Services	John Olafson
Food & Beverage	Marion Kopp
Executive Offices	Margie Watkins
Personnel	Nancy Barthlow
Real Estate	Merla Moody
Rooms	Dee Zellers
Westin Services	Nancy Newman

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