AN O&P LEGEND RETIRES

After 31 years and 8 months, Vikki Donovan, the purchasing manager/orthotist for Orthotic & Prosthetic Lab is retiring. Vikki is known by every O&P vendor in the country as tough, no nonsense manager with a heart of gold. Her cost containment policies at O&P lab are as funny as they are effective. If for example you want a new china marker, you must bring her the worn out stub of your current marker and lay it on her desk in order to be issued a new one. If you want a new can of glue you must present her with the empty can or you get nothing. The technicians love to tease Vikki as she gives them what is known as the "glare" when they sign out materials from her warehouse. The late Charlie Taggart used to laugh when people asked him about cost containment and say her name is "Vikki".

Once you get by the tough girl act, you can't help but love working with Vikki. Vikki practiced as an ABC Certified Orthotist for many years before accepting the position as Purchasing Manager. Her patients love her and to this day still request to be seen by Vikki when they come in.

A Retirement party was held in Vikki's honor on August 22, 2014 at Llewelyn's Pub in Webster Groves and everyone in the company turned out to wish Vikki well. It wasn't just Vikki's coworkers that attended, the owners and former employees of other St. Louis O&P companies also turned out to honor this icon of the O&P community. Vendors from all over came in for the party, one even coming from as far away as California. Vikki's influence on the O&P community is undeniable and she will be long remembered.

We will miss you Vikki Donovan,

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Dave Osterman, owner and President of O&P Lab, presents Vikki Donovan with signed commemorative picture and luggage set.



Rick Lamirande with Vikki Donovan. Rick the Chief Operating Officer of Image Orthopedic Lab traveled all the way from California to attend Vikki's Party.