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GENERATIONS
In its fourth generation of family ownership, O&G honors its founding values and builds bonds of family

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Masonry Division’s All New Website
“What do you do?”

It seems like a simple question, one that we all are asked on a regular basis when we meet someone new. Most of us answer with our title, position or craft code, as these are usually the simplest ways to convey the response. Words like estimator, truck driver, mechanic, engineer, office clerk, operator, accountant, laborer or carpenter probably all come to mind for those of us who work at O&G every day. But these are simply positions within the organization. They don’t speak to what it is our team really does.

Without sounding too cliché, the simplest response I can think of that speaks to what each and every one who wears the “black and gold” does, both past and present, is that we make people’s lives better.

Now that may sound like a bold claim. You may even be rationalizing that your particular job, what you do every day, isn’t really that significant. But I want you to think about what we all accomplish here at O&G, and picture a few images in your mind:

- Little children, cautiously entering a brand new school on a beautiful August day, amazed at the bright colors and bustling hallways, heading to their classroom where they will learn, meet new people and make lasting memories.
- A commuter driving to work on a busy Monday morning, traversing a bridge that was previously considered structurally deficient, who will no doubt make a comment to a coworker about how much easier or safer it is to merge onto the highway now that “they finally fixed it.”
- A family, gathered in a kitchen built with stone countertops, tile backsplashes and other earth products, enjoying a wonderful holiday while sharing stories and perhaps hearing about the oldest child’s first semester at college.
- A doctor performing a life-saving operation on a patient in a state-of-the-art hospital operating room, one that uses the latest, most advanced equipment, and one that was previously not possible in the old facility.

Many times, O&G is the general contractor or construction manager on construction projects. We also act as a subcontractor or construction administrator. Much of the work performed in our markets includes some combination of aggregates, concrete, asphalt, or masonry materials provided by O&G.

None of what was mentioned above would be possible without the men and women who are part of the O&G family. Every day our team goes to work, with everyone “doing their jobs.” While individually each of us has a different role to play, taken together, as a whole, what we do makes a difference.

So the next time someone asks you, “What do you do?” simply answer with pride, “I make people’s lives better.”

Brad Oneglia
Assistant Vice President, Asphalt Division
A family-owned business like O&G Industries, now into its fourth generation of ownership and management, is a rarity.

According to the USC Marshall School of Business and the Harvard Business Review, ninety percent of all businesses in the USA are family-owned. They provide sixty percent of the nation’s jobs. But about seventy percent of family-owned businesses survive for just one generation. To have grown and thrived into its fourth generation of family ownership ranks O&G among under four percent of all firms.

Like other of these rare, fourth-generation family businesses, the DNA at O&G passes down traits of mission and accountability that are larger than the present and more important than self. Family members are unusually willing to sacrifice short-term self-interest, deferring to the long-term greater good. It is DNA with hard work woven through it.

“Things” are expected of family, even if unspoken. And those expectations – centered on core values like commitment to the vision, loyalty to each other, working hard and smart – are passed down.

“Our fathers worked hard six days a week. That’s what we saw growing up,” says O&G Vice Chairman Greg Oneglia, several of whose adult children are now in the fourth generation in the company. There were Saturday family meetings so everyone would know what the other was doing or wanting to do, especially important as the company’s interests broadened and size increased.

Oneglia remembers those meetings and others like it: “By osmosis, as the three brothers talked, we would learn about the company. Each brother had his area of responsibility and each brother’s children lined up under what their father was doing.”

With the passage of decades all generations have found themselves with different dynamics and facing different business climates. In 1923, first generation Americans Andrew Oneglia and his partner, Flavio Gervasini, pioneered with little more than hand tools and outsize hearts to “make it” in their new country. Andrew’s three sons, Francis, Raymond and George, joined and boosted the vitality and horsepower of the company, capitalizing on opportunities to diversify and expand the business. Through successes and disappointments they persevered, paving a pathway for their children. The third generation, cousins Raymond, Greg, David and the late Bob Oneglia, have strategically taken O&G to new horizons and continued the training they expected for their own children – the first generation of management with women and six members in their ranks.

Each generation has hoped that at least some of their children would step into the company at the ground level, the way they had, to learn and ultimately assume positions of leadership.

As has been said elsewhere, the lines between company and family have never been distinct at O&G. The company’s commitment to supporting families and family values remains such that even workers unrelated by blood or marriage feel ties to the generations of O&G.

And has also been said, a business is called a “company” because it is a collection of people in the company of others. It’s the good of the company that matters, out-leveraging the good of any one individual.

“We are a family company. We feel proud that we’ve been able to offer good, long-term employment with good benefits,” says Oneglia. “All we ask is that everyone work hard and in the company’s interest every day. It’s gratifying to see how steady and loyal many of our employees are and how they encourage others to come work here.”

Since the 1930s, men and women have joined the O&G family and embraced the idea of generations and bringing their own relatives and children into the company after them. They have all made immense contributions at every facility and project. They have built their own legacies of hard work done well. They have demonstrated to their own family and coworkers in the larger O&G family the determination to do their own jobs well and carry their weight.

It’s like “pulling on the rope in the same direction,” as retiring 54-year veteran Tony Damiano puts it. His story (see page 5), while uniquely his own, reflects the commonality of virtues that have propelled the O&G family of employees forward.

The following two pages profile eight different families with generations in the larger O&G family. They exemplify the founding values of the company. They were chosen to represent different business areas of the company; our dilemma was having to choose between so many worthy families with generations at O&G.
There are so many related, often multi-generational employees at O&G that we could not represent the different divisions of the company. Despite their differences in age and the work that they do, there are many

THE DAMIANOS  This family lineup goes back to the 1950s, when Tony Damiano’s dad, Sam, began as a mason for the growing company. Despite all the family members who followed Sam and Tony into the business, there was never any patronage extended. “We knew there would be more expected of us,” says 39-year veteran Joey. “My dad helped us get the opportunity, but what we did with it was up to us.” Steve Walker, 31 years with O&G, talks about being held “to an even higher standard” than non-family. Tony modeled loyalty and a “where there is a will there’s a way” attitude for all.

THE GEMETROS  Amy Gemetro joined O&G four years ago. Her father, John, joined 40 years ago. Before that, his father, John, Sr., worked for 45 years with the company. “You do feel responsible to work to a higher standard, especially when your father’s an overachiever,” Amy laughs. John agrees, calling it a self-imposed obligation, something likely passed down from his father as a matter of pride. When he started at O&G, his father “tasked me with every one of the worst jobs available,” adamant that he not show any favoritism. “Because we’ve been together so long,” says John, “this is more like a marriage than employment. You have your moments, but on the whole it’s been very good.”

THE MORINS  The Morin web stretches almost as wide as the Cotes’. There have been at least ten relations working for the company at different times. Roland was a record-setting concrete superintendent, earning kudos over his 30 years with O&G. Beginning as a carpenter, Corey, now 22 years with the company, remembers working under his dad. (“I was tough,” Roland admits.) “They were the worst years of my life. I’d get fired on the ride home after work and rehired at the dinner table. Looking back, they were really some of the best years.” Danielle, an engineer, likes knowing she can call her husband Corey for answers when she needs them. “I’ve got a lot to live up to,” she says with a smile.

THE COTES  We settled on the name Cote, for Rhonda Cote, one of the switchboard voices at the Main Office, for this family with perhaps more interconnections than any other in the company. With aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, cousins and inlaws working for O&G since the 1950s, Rhonda estimates that 20 of her relatives have been employed by the company. “Working for the Oneglia family is truly an honor,” she says. “As a single mother and a breast cancer survivor, this family has gone way above and beyond comforting and aiding in my times of need. I don’t believe you’d ever find that same ‘family’ kind of support in a large corporate environment.”

l to r  Steve Loyot, Lisa Canfield, Dave Desrochers, Rhonda Cote

l to r  Steve Walker, 31 years with O&G, talks about being held “to an even higher standard” than non-family. Tony modeled loyalty and a “where there is a will there’s a way” attitude for all.

l to r  Corey, Roland and Danielle Morin
THE PALMQUISTS  “The Oneglia family has always been good to me,” says Bob Palmquist. He remembers the late Bob Oneglia, who knew the senior Palmquist when he was a Masonry Division customer doing his own concrete work. Bob told him “forget making foundations, retire here.” He took him up on it 17 years ago. And when Bob asked for help getting his son, Jason, into the operating engineers, Kara Oneglia and the company were glad to make a way. Jason was hired and is now an apprentice operating engineer in the Materials Division, hoping to operate a crane for the company in two years. “It’s amazing how the owners remember your name with all the different people working here,” says Bob. “It’s cool to be working with my son, another generation at O&G.”

THE PULICAS  Thirty-six years ago Dwight Pulica graduated high school on a Friday and started work the next Monday. His father, John, who was General Superintendent when he retired after 38 years with the company, enjoyed having his sons work for him. (Dwight’s brother, Dwayne, worked for O&G for 14 years before making a career change.) “It went very well,” recalls John, “but I’ll tell you the down side. People assumed I would play favorites. I was actually harder on my sons.” He believed in treating people as he would like to be treated and managed that way. Dwight appreciated learning from his dad and others who shared their skills with him as he made his way to foreman and then superintendent. He serves in either capacity today, whatever is needed.

THE ZAMBEROS  Jim Zambero has always been mechanical. So, too, his son, Mark, and nephew, Dave. All three maintain or operate O&G’s heavy equipment. Jim has managed the 1900-piece fleet since 1996. Dave is Maintenance Director who travels, troubleshoots and schedules repairs. Mark operates a loader in Woodbury. They’ve been doing it a long time, each having worked his way up through the company from entry-level positions (Jim 37 years, Dave 34 years and Mark 20 years). “You’ve got to prove yourself everywhere you go,” says Mark. “You’re ‘the boss’s kid.’ But I love what I do and I just do my job well.” Says Jim, “If I knew what I know now, I’d have started here when I was 18, not 24. It’s a great family organization.”

There are so many related, often multi-generational employees at O&G that we could not even attempt to feature them all here. From a workforce of around 800 employees, we chose families who loosely shared values in these generations at O&G.
People can choose to make themselves valuable to an organization. They do it through their actions more than their words, by holding true to their commitments, by valuing those who work with them. That is the way Tony Damiano chose.

He started young with O&G, 22 years old, having served four years with the Marines. He came to love the people and the work and never left. It was a mutual appreciation that deepened with time. On December 31 of 2016, having trained those who would have to step in and do the work he’d been doing, Tony retired after 54 years with O&G.

He was raised in Thomaston, where he still lives, the son of a mason and a homemaker. His father, whose Italian name, Sebastiano, became simply Sam, was the first to demonstrate for Tony the work ethic that would define him through his long career. Sam showed his son, something especially true of first-generation Americans it seems, that self-taught was not second best. Tony recalls that after days at Oliver Wolcott learning the machine trade, and after having worked at a filling station until nine o’clock, and finally sitting at the kitchen table finishing trigonometry homework, he would ask his dad to check his answers. “My father probably never had more than an eighth grade education, but he could solve the problems in his own way. He’d come up with the same answers as me. I’d marvel. I’d say, ‘Pop, how’d you do that?’”

Sam worked for O&G as a mason. In 1962 he spoke with George Oneglia to see if O&G might have any work for his son coming home from the service with his wife, Dorothy, and their two-year-old son, Joey. (Joey, today, is in his 39th year with O&G, following Tony’s path as a mechanic and then plant supervisor.) George interviewed and hired him on the spot. “I told him I’d be there tomorrow morning.” As a mechanic supporting the building materials side of the company, work was demanding: there was a lot of construction to support. By 1965 Tony was moved out of the garage and began working at all the projects the company was undertaking. Later that year he was promoted to master mechanic where his education continued under Sonny Savanella. Six years later he was moved to building materials under George and Bob Oneglia, and by 1978 was promoted by Francis, Raymond and George to Assistant Vice President.

Francis, Raymond and George were powerful, company-growing personalities. They were men who mentored him and whom Tony respected. They passed along not just skills but their drive and their values. “The whole company became like a family to me,” he says, “and that’s what it always felt like.”

Perhaps the greatest thing Tony was taught, not only by word but by seeing his mentors practice what they preached, was valuing the men and women moving the company forward – pulling on the rope in the same direction, as Tony says. “The thing they taught the most was respecting and appreciating all the people making the place run. That’s what they were built out of. It’s a people company with a tradition of caring for people. I can give you a couple of instances.”

One was the time he was working on the Norwalk High School as a master mechanic and was experiencing health issues that required repeated doctors visits during work days. He thought he caught a mistake when he called Savanella to say his paycheck covered 40 hours. “I didn’t put in forty hours, I told him, and he said, ‘Francis said to pay you.’” The checks continued to come that way. It’s just the kind of people they were, he says, and he never forgot it.

Another was the night Tony and mechanic Jack Riiska were out repairing a D8 disabled on a Route 8 project. The time was about 2 A.M. “I’m underneath the machine and Jack’s on top and it’s raining and we’re putting all the parts on and Jack says, ‘There’s headlights coming up the road.’ I crawled out and here comes George and Myra bringing us coffee and sandwiches at two in the morning. His wife came. Tremendous people. That’s a lesson on how to treat people. Never forgot that one, either.”

He can relate names and dates and actions through all the years of growth in the company, the plants built or renovated, the acquisitions that began in 1971 and that continue. They appreciated that they could count on Tony through it all – “That was the important thing,” he says – and it was reciprocated.

Tony acknowledges with a quaver in his otherwise steady voice the towering role his wife and partner Dorothy played through the decades. “I’m very, very fortunate to have her as my wife,” he smiles. “She took up all the slack. I couldn’t have done it without her support.” And his appreciation goes on. “Everybody has to understand no man is an island. For every success I had there were a lot of good people behind me. It took a lot of support from a lot of employees dedicated to the company. I would like to start mentioning names but I’d feel very bad if I offended anybody by not mentioning them.”

He cannot resist, though, talking about one, Bud Svetz, a man of formidable size and strength with
an equally outsize lexicon of curse words. Tony remembers one particular snowy day at lunch when Buddy invited him to punch him in the arm with everything he had. Tony threw himself into it, his own feet coming off the floor. “Buddy says to me, ‘Chief, is that as hard as you can hit?’ I said ‘That’s it, Bud,’ so he says, ‘Then don’t start no fights.’” At the end of the day it was Svetz’ loyalty that Tony most respected. “His heart was as big as his chest. You could call him in the middle of the night and he’d be there as fast as he could get dressed and drive over. You could count on him no matter what.” He was a man after Tony’s own heart.

“After all these years I still have nothing but respect for the whole Oneglia family. I always admired the way Francis, Raymond and George complemented each other’s abilities, much to the success of the company. They were great leaders who could bring the best out in everyone. When you stop and think about the construction accomplishments alone, plus the thousands of people O&G has employed over the years, plus the fact that lots of the people have been here 30 and 40 years – people don’t stay with companies that aren’t treating them well,” adding with his trademark chuckle and crinkly-eyed grin, “and they just treated me so damn good.”

I wish the company and succeeding generations Godspeed in all their future endeavors. Thank you one and all.

– T.D
“Visually and structurally, the transformation is unbelievable,” says Gus Kotait who served as Project Manager of the Wethersfield High School additions and renovate-as-new project from 2014 to its completion in 2016. The most formidable challenge getting there for the team, which at peak numbered 150 workers, was the safe separation of construction areas and building when the school, one of Connecticut’s largest with some 1400 pupils and staff, was in session. Despite encountering many unforeseen conditions that set the project back some six months in 2014, Kotait and team were able to expedite subsequent work, take on an added swimming pool renovation phase and recoup all but 30 days by the time the project was turned over. “We get the most accolades from the community about the refurbished auditorium with its new mezzanine when they come for plays and concerts,” says Principal Tom Moore. “My personal favorite is the art gallery with the bamboo flooring and special lighting where our students can show off their artwork.”
Your feedback has an impact

The Safety Department routinely conducts stand-downs throughout the year, designed to educate and raise awareness around critically important safety issues. Stand-downs give us all an opportunity to “stand down” from work for a short but vital time and focus on a safety message that can mean the difference between getting injured or going home safe and sound on any given day.

We determine the subjects of our stand-downs in a number of ways. We consider OSHA’s recommendations for developing effective sessions. We review our own injury prevention program and data, looking for vulnerabilities. We respond to changes in the technology used in the field. Sometimes we consider the specifics of a job site, particularly things like the setting, schedule and special challenges to safety. We also listen to what you tell us.

Above all, a stand-down is not meant to be a one-way street. We need everyone to share their questions and concerns. Your feedback can give us valuable takeaways that we can incorporate into future training.

When you play an active part in our safety program you make a positive difference for all of us.

On track with trains

Thomaston’s Railroad Museum of New England invited Safety Director Mike Ferry and Quarry Supervisor Tom Alexson, Jr., to educate its volunteers about safety issues working around big equipment – a fact of life at the museum. Ferry gave his perspective on managing safety risks and the dangers inherent around heavy equipment, while Alexson spoke from an operator’s perspective, addressing blind spots, rigging and crane safety. “This was one of the best classes I’ve ever been involved with,” said Alexson. “They were eager and asked lots of good questions. It felt very good to answer every question and help them get the job done safely.” Ferry and Alexson volunteered several hours on a Saturday, both in the museum and in the train yard.

Even safer silos

The safe handling of asphalt is a priority at O&G plants around the state. In Southbury, for instance, a six-laser sensor system permits loading of trucks only when they are positioned properly under the asphalt silo, without any operator intervention, and automatically halts loading if the truck moves out of position before loading is complete.

At the Bogue Road asphalt plant in Torrington, shown here, an upgraded system that incorporates additional safety features like redundant electronic protection was recently installed by D’Anchor Electric, the system’s designer.
It was agreed: the time had come to revamp the Masonry Division’s website. With new capabilities made possible by advances in technology since the first site launched in 2008 and significant expansion in what the Division was offering, a re-made website would have to be more than a “papering over” of the old. It would have to be an entirely new site, something new and exciting.

The new website would be a destination, a place where visitors could learn and see new products and download ideas, not just see buying options. It would offer both professionals and homeowners a calendar of training and DIY learning opportunities; it would even make continuing education sessions available for professionals.

The flow between pages of content would have to be intuitive – no hunting for information. The images, particularly of projects that make creative new uses of masonry products, would have to be inspiring.

The project began in the spring of 2016. After a year in development, with the contributions and give-and-take of stakeholders within the Division, the new site went live on May 8. The team had arrived at a feature-rich, interactive, responsive website that meets the challenge of being useful to groups of customers with a diverse set of needs.

“We designed a site that is easy to use, and technically and visually helpful to all of our clients, from masons and landscapers to architects, designers, and homeowners,” says Kara Oneglia, Vice President of the Masonry Division. “Our primary objective was to accommodate our customers’ requests for lots of helpful information in one location, in a format that is heavily visual, straightforward, and simple.”

Anita Goerig, Masonry Division Director of Marketing, led the remake from its inception. “Navigation and Quick View were considered key components in the way our product offerings would be presented. Important, too, was a site design that would elicit emotion from visitors and get them emotionally invested in the visit. By doing so, viewers will browse more pages, engage, share and participate.”

Analytics for the new site over a recent four-week period point to over 1,400 users, 7,200 page views and multiple requests for more information fielded every day.

The Masonry Division’s brand new website is proving to be a popular destination for pros and homeowners alike

The completely retooled Masonry Division website launched this spring brings new features and interactivity:

- A comprehensive showcase with 18 product categories and over 1,500 product photos to view
- Information on custom stone fabrication services, including historic restoration and commercial capabilities
- Mason store and showroom information
- Spotlight on commercial projects
- Gallery of inspirational projects
- Calendar of upcoming events
- View and sign up for AIA/CEU Lunch ‘n Learn programs, 30 available in 2017
- Downloadable Safety Data Sheets (SDSs), available by keyword search
- Downloadable product literature and special promotions

Check it out at mason.ogind.com
end of an eyesore

An abandoned railroad depot is clearly visible from Routes 8 and 118, to the great and ongoing dismay of the East Litchfield Village Improvement Society – ELVIS for short. Since 2013, when the Society was organized to clean up the area, getting rid of piles of rotting railroad ties was one of their most ambitious targets.

When ELVIS approached O&G for help, Leo Nardi, O&G’s General Foreman, set things in motion. He scheduled Pete Lipieka and Pete Dadonna, delivered a skid steer to the site and in under four hours on a Tuesday morning the ties, considered hazardous waste, were picked up and properly disposed of.

Lipeika has worked for O&G for 31 years as a finish roller on various paving crews. It’s a job he’ll tell you he “really, really loves.” He operated the skid steer in coordination with Dadonna who directed him in packing the dumpsters as efficiently as possible.

Eileen Schmidt is a charter member of ELVIS. She arrived as the two-man crew was busy clearing the area. “Oh my gosh – I was speechless,” she gushes. “It was like a gift from heaven when we found out that O&G was going to do that cleanup for us. What great neighbors we have at O&G. They really care about helping the community.” She loved the neatness and completeness of the cleanup as well: “If we hadn’t known who did it, we still could tell that O&G did the work when it was done.”

You might say that a big ELVIS eyesore has left the building.

TOP Pete Dadonna (left) and Pete Lipieka

Platt Builds wraps on a high note

Four years, 60 students and 40 sessions after it all started in 2013 at the Orville H. Platt High School in Meriden, the final class graduated from the Platt Builds Program.

Platt Builds began when the school’s Guidance and Personalized Learning Experience staff approached the O&G team rebuilding the facility. They wanted to somehow turn the construction that was beginning all around them into a learning opportunity for any interested students.

Project Manager Dave Cravanzola, with Project Superintendent Steve Baranello and Project Engineer Evan Nelson, were enthused and ran with the charge. They put together a monthly program that evolved as the construction advanced through its four years. “We wanted this to be a living laboratory for the kids,” said Cravanzola.

Students learned about all phases and types of construction – architecture and design, site work, masonry, carpentry, HVAC, electrical, finishes and the like – as they saw them applied in their new school. The O&G team made a point of having every speaker include their own story, telling students how they came to a career in the construction field as a way of encouraging the kids. (One Platt Builds senior, in fact, will begin in the Construction Management Program at Central Connecticut State University this fall.)

“If I had this kind of opportunity when I was their age,” says Cravanzola, “I’d have taken it in a heartbeat.”

TOP 2017’s Platt Builds grads, with O&G team and Platt High staff.
BOTTOM At their final meeting, after a recap of the year’s learning, all enjoyed a graduation ceremony with certificates, tee shirts, pizza and a cake.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Kara Oneglia (left) was chosen as 2017 Best Supporting Woman in Business by the United Way of Northwest Connecticut’s Women’s Leadership Initiative Committee. Kara is Vice President of the Masonry Division, overseeing operations that include seven retail locations and the Beacon Falls Fabrication Center. Under her leadership the Division has become one of the largest suppliers of masonry products and services in New England. Kara was honored at the United Way’s Woman of the Year Gala. Pictured with Kara are Committee Co-Chairs Kara Paganini-Muth and Cailin Cerruto.

It wasn’t long after relations thawed with Cuba and travel to the island nation was once again permitted that Egidio Recidivi, a long-term employee now retired from the company, was on his way there. It was a personal mission to bring his masonry skills to help the local people restore their buildings. Helping was nothing new for the globe-trotting Recidivi, who brought his know-how to Tiananmen Square in Beijing in 1996.

Dani Morin, a project engineer in the Building Division, talked about careers in construction with six different groups of students as part of Career Days at Hartford Public High School’s Academy of Engineering and Green Technology. The event was run by the Connecticut Business and Industry Association’s Education & Workforce Partnership. It was the first such presentation for Morin, who sat in on project engineer and veteran presenter Evan Nelson’s pitch to other groups of interested teenagers at the Academy two weeks earlier.

In Waterbury it was Construction Day at the Easter Seals Children’s Academy. Teacher Glenda Robles created a construction and design space within her classroom and taught the children all about ramps. After designing their ramps the kids built and tested the designs, which involved all types of learning from math skills and communication to fine motor skills. The budding builders especially enjoyed all their official O&G swag.
Recognized

O&G was honored to receive a variety of industry awards. 1 Connecticut Building Congress’ Project Team Award was given for the collective contributions of the 94 team members who successfully completed the $360M, five-and-a-half-year Contract E in New Haven. The O&G/Tutor Perini Joint Venture was the project’s contractor. 2 O&G’s second annual Touch a Truck in 2016 earned the company a national Construction Marketing Association STAR Award in the Public Service/Community Affairs category. 3 The O&G newsletter, ON THE GO, earned the company a national Construction Marketing Association SUPERSTAR Award for excellence in internal/external communications. 4 The team from Contract E was presented with the 2016 State of Connecticut Asphalt Paving Award for its work on I-95 and I-91 in New Haven. On hand to accept the award were (l to r) Site Superintendent Bill Noll, Project Executive John Gemetro, General Superintendent Larry Doyon and Paving Foreman Vic Mancini.
Interchange and Bridge Improved

Paired with joint venture partner Barletta Heavy Division of Boston, and working for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts DOT, the team will conclude the four-year, $200M “Interchange Improvements, I-95/Rte 79/Rte 138” project in Fall River this July. Work included repairing and painting the Braga Bridge, which crosses the Taunton River above popular Battleship Cove. Thirteen bridges were demolished, seven new bridges were built, two historic stone bridges were rehabilitated, and prodigious amounts of excavation, asphalt, steel and concrete were required. This design/build project is ending on schedule.

Westside Purple Line Extension Section 2  In partnership with Tutor Perini, who will lead the project for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the Joint Venture will extend the subway 2.6 miles through Beverly Hills to Century City, including two new underground stations at Wilshire/Rodeo and Constellation/Avenue of the Stars. It will provide a high-capacity, high-speed, dependable transit alternative to and from L.A.’s Westside. Substantial completion of the $1.377B contract is expected in 2025.

Route 175 Bridge Replacement  As general contractor, O&G has begun a $4.9M project to replace a bridge over AMTRAK lines in Newington. Prefabricated bridge units, 105 feet long, will be built near the existing structure. Working around the clock over two weekends to minimize inconvenience to motorists, O&G will remove the existing bridge and install the new units, changing one lane at a time. The project will conclude in October 2017.

Ledyard Middle School  This $29.6M addition and renovate-as-new project covers the construction of a 36,000SF classroom addition, renovation of 45,000SF including gymnasium, classrooms, kitchen and auditorium, and the demolition of 24,000SF to create additional parking. New site utilities and parking areas are included. Through extensive summer work and use of the new addition for swing space, normal school operations will not be impacted. Construction is scheduled to conclude in April of 2019. The project architect is Silver/Petrucelli + Associates.

Gallup Hill Elementary School  In another addition and renovate-as-new project in Ledyard, O&G is at Gallup Hill building a two-story, 30,500SF addition with classrooms, kitchen, cafeteria and media center. A 44,500SF renovation will address classrooms, library, boiler room and two new elevators. New site utilities and parking areas are included. Work will utilize summer months and swing space to minimize impact on normal school operations and conclude in April of 2019. The project is valued at $23.6M. Silver/Petrucelli + Associates is the Project Architect.

William Johnston Middle School  O&G is construction manager for this additions and renovations project for the Town of Colchester. The first phase calls for a 74,000SF addition, with renovations to various areas of the existing school. The second, final phase consists of the abatement and demolition of most of the remaining school, as well as select renovations that total 55,000SF. The project is scheduled to finish in December of 2018. The project architect is Tecton Architects.

O&G SPECIAL PROJECTS GROUP: Cohen Ice Skating Rink & Fountain  Located in the 28-acre Mill River Park in Stamford, this new, 9,100 SF outdoor skating rink will feature removable curbing and railing to permit its transformation into a fountain during warmer months. The project also involves significant site work and a new access road. Work will run from this July to April of 2018. O&G Special Projects is the construction manager. The owner is the Mill River Park Collaborative.

O&G SPECIAL PROJECTS GROUP: Trap Falls Water Treatment Plant Filter Rehabilitation  This ten-month project for Aquarion Water Company in Shelton calls for the rehabilitation and upgrade of six water filtration tanks with new valves and appurtenances, as well as the repair of existing concrete and the replacement of a blower unit and filter beds. Work, valued at $2.4M, will begin this summer and be completed in May of 2018. O&G Special Projects is the general contractor. Tighe & Bond is the project engineer.
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Note: Private suite to accommodate visiting family overnight