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# Lewis Celebrates His Silver Anniversary With Coke

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Walking into the reception area of the Coca-Cola building and glancing at the showcase on the right, the first picture to take note of is the 8x10 colored portrait of Calvin Lewis.

Two months ago, this veteran employee was named "Employee of the Month," and was treated to dinner for two, compliments of Coca-Cola. This distinguished honor, not only adds to his collection of five year recognition plaques he has amassed over the years, but it also serves as a crowning effect in honor of his upcoming 25th year with the company. Lewis celebrates his silver anniversary with Coca-Cola on February 24.

Looking back over the years spent with the company, it is surprising that Lewis ever worked for Coca-Cola at all. "I had always said that I would never work for a bottling company," asserted Lewis.

"Coca-Cola has been a good company to work for. The benefits are good and the people are pleasing," pointed out Lewis.

25 years ago when Lewis first began to work for Coca-Cola he was a truck helper. Only a few years passed before Lewis had changed positions and begun working in full service delivery as a trucker.

"I stayed in this position



Calvin Lewis  
Veteran Employee

for 19 years, mostly delivering on the southside of Charlotte." But after so many years, Lewis wanted

a change. For the past three years Lewis has been working in sanitizing and installing soda fountain machines.

"In addition to installing the fountain machines I also do maintenance on them, too," confirmed Lewis.

Managing to find a challenge in whatever job that he does Lewis admitted that the complexity of how a fountain machine is to be installed is a highly rewarding aspect of his job.

The same attributes that he finds most outstanding

about Coca-Cola are probably the same attributes that has made him one of the company's outstanding employees. "We try to give our customers our best service, by providing them with the most updated equipment and properly working machinery," voiced Lewis.

Outside of work, Lewis is the father of three daughters and one son, the husband of the former Mary Land and a deacon and a member of the Mass Choir at Gethsemane Baptist Church.



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