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ORCO Pavingstones Plant Grand Opening and High School Fastest Trowel and Pavingstone Design Contests results in large success..

On Saturday September 20th ORCO celebrated with over 700 guests the Grand Opening of their latest addition, a new state-of-the-art pavingstone manufacturing facility. ORCO Block Co. started back in 1946 as one of more than 250 concrete block companies in California. Today, ORCO is one of the largest concrete product manufacturers in the state with over 60 years of leadership in the concrete masonry industry.

“This event was one of the most memorable in the history of ORCO Block. Architects, Engineers, Government officials, customers, staff, and family members joined in to celebrate a new era in manufacturing in our 62 year old company.” comments President of ORCO Block, Rick Muth. ORCO provided numerous tours for guests who came to witness pavingstones being manufactured as well as celebrate with live music, rock climbing, a money booth and many other festivities. The new ORCO pavingstones facility features the latest technology from all over the world. Also in attendance were two fire trucks and crew courtesy of the Riverside Fire Department.

ORCO included in its celebration the sponsorship of high school team competitions. Three local high schools, AB Miller in Fontana, Boys Republic in Chino, and Ontario High School competed in the Fastest Trowel Contest to determine the most accurate future masons and the first ever Pavingstone Design Challenge Competition. ORCO reaches out to high school students and supports masonry programs in the local high schools. “We try to teach students that working with masonry isn’t just a job, it can be a career. ORCO helps with that pathway into the industry.” comments Vice President of ORCO Block, Dwayne Gleason. This year, AB Miller in Fontana took home first place for each competition.

ORCO Pavingstones is changing the landscape of Southern California while helping the environment. ORCO is helping address state water issues by promoting effective stormwater management using the Bio Aquifer Storm System™ and Aqua Bric® permeable pavers. Guests witnessed a live demonstration featuring a water truck dumping loads of water onto a pavingstone surface without any runoff.

All in all it was a day of fun and much support from city and industry guests.

Key people:

ORCO Block Co.

AB Miller High School students

Boys Republic High School students

Ontario High School students

Riverside Fire Department

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