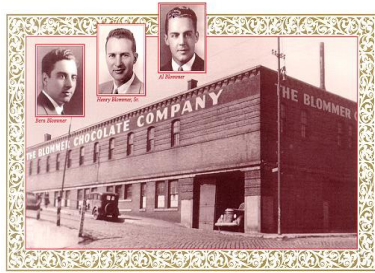


LEED COUNCIL FOCUSES ON A MEMBER: BLOMMER CHOCOLATE

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A Family Tradition Since 1939

Blommer Chocolate is a fully integrated chocolate and cocoa manufacturer, located in the Chicago-Halsted Planned Manufacturing District (PMD), serving customers around the world. The company was founded in 1939 in Chicago, Illinois by Henry Blommer, Sr., along with his brothers Al and Bernard. In the next several years the company began its expansion.

By 1948, the business warranted further expansion. They branched out nationally with the addition of Blommer Chocolate Factory of California in Los Angeles. In 1952, Blommer purchased the common stock of Boldemann Chocolate of San Francisco. Both the southern California and San Francisco operations were consolidated in 1970 when a new facility was built in Union City, California. They expanded once again to meet the demands of increasing business when they built a new plant in East Greenville, Pa in 1980 and later they added 85,000 square feet to their East Greenville facility. The company's three factories are located strategically across the United States giving them the unique ability to respond quickly to customers' needs.

Today, the business is still family run and has grown to become one of the largest chocolate manufacturers in North America. With four generations of chocolate makers behind them, Blommer offers continuity in this climate of competition and consolidation.

Their current success is a direct result of their dedication to the Blommer brothers' founding principles quality, consistency and concern for the customer. At the same time, they have maintained the flexibility to respond to customer needs, enabling them to deliver service with superior value.



Customer commitment is one of the most important products at Blommer Chocolate. It's an integral component of their total approach to their business. When customers are asked what distinguishes Blommer Chocolate from other suppliers, the response is consistent: "Blommer cares about their customers. The sales staff, customer service representatives and technical personnel go the proverbial 'extra mile' to make sure customers get help, support and quality products."

Rick Blommer, Vice President, said that their company is a success but inner-city operations can be challenging. Rick said, "Blommer Chocolate has been a successful family owned business in the city of Chicago since 1939. We want to stay in Chicago and peacefully coexist with our neighbors." Rick continued, "A great benefit of being located in the city of Chicago is having a diversified workforce to select from.



Currently, we have 180 employees that support our 24 hour operation."

Rick recommended Blackbird located at 619 W Randolph as a good lunch recommendation.

Thank you Blommer Chocolate for all your support and for sweetening up our lives!