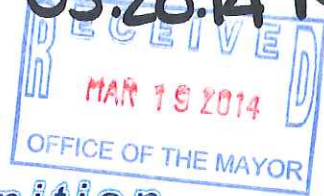




**STAR**  
*Special Thanks and Recognition*



Date: 3/17/2014

Employee Recognized: Ralph Kracht

Recommended By: Eva Kold Hickey

Short description of "STAR-worthy" action: \_\_\_\_\_

Ralph is very innovative in his approach to  
any issue we have at the museum that he responds  
to. He takes the value of the museum and its collections  
to heart, and will persevere  
until he finds a solution. →

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I feel comfortable having him here around the home and  
collections because he understands (like Jeff) the delicate  
and unique treatment they need.

# Rahr-West Art Museum

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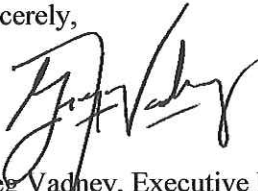
Mayor Nickels:

I want to endorse this STAR Recognition of Ralph Kracht. Ralph has indeed served the Rahr-West Art Museum with great care. Adjustments he made months ago to our HVAC unit have resulted in marked improvements in stabilizing relative humidity of our collections storage spaces. A recent visit by a Milwaukee conservator underscored the great job that he did – the conservator was very positive about our storage environment.

Ralph has also been helpful in troubleshooting security and fire prevention electronic systems issues over the past month. He is hardworking, courteous, and above all shows an interest in preserving our cultural treasures for the greater good of the City of Manitowoc.

I believe Ralph is a deserving candidate for STAR recognition.

Sincerely,



Greg Vadhey, Executive Director  
Rahr-West Art Museum