Blands

TIMELINE



1851
Conrad Blommer is born, and by 1877 is an established Milwaukee confectioner. He trained at Ziegler Candy Company.

1902

Oscar Boldemann starts Boldemann Chocolate in San Francisco. It is later sold to Blommer Chocolate.





1926
Henry Blom

Henry Blommer graduates from Georgetown University.



1927

After working at his family's ice cream business, William Blommer buys into Milwaukee's Ambrosia Chocolate and later becomes Vice President.



Henry Blommer, along with his two brothers, Al and Bernard, found Blommer Chocolate in Chicago.





1948

Blommer purchases Bishop Chocolate in Los Angeles.





1904

1904Henry Blommer is born to William and Marie Blommer.



1909

Conrad Blommer and his wife, Frances, open Blommer Ice Cream. It's situated at Fifteenth Street and W. North Avenue, the site of an old Blommer farm, the first residence of the family when it settled in Milwaukee County.



1929

Conrad forms the conglomerate Wisconsin Creameries, which is later sold to National Dairy.







1940

Blommer makes their first delivery of liquid chocolate in a tanker truck. Blommer introduces chocolate pricing based on New York Cocoa Exchange quotes.



Blommer purchases Boldemann Chocolate in San Francisco.

1956

Henry Blommer is appointed cocoa advisor in Nigeria.



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1957 After a tour of duty with the U.S. Navy, Hank Blommer begins working full-time at Blommer Chocolate.

1959-1964

Henry Blommer serves on the National Confectioners Association board as a liaison between the industry organizations Chocolate Manufacturer Association and the NCA.



1972 Joe Blommer starts working at Blommer Chocolate in Chicago.



1972 Henry is elected Chairman of NCA cocoa advisory board.

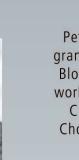




1980

Joe Blommer, along with Marty Kruger, breaks ground at Blommer's East Greenville, Pennsylvania factory. That same year, Henry is elected Chairman of CMA and receives the NCA Distinguished Service Award.







1991

Peter Blommer. grandson of Henry Blommer, begins work at the Union City Blommer Chocolate plant.



Henry Blommer dies at 88. At the same time Cargill Corporation attempts a takeover of Blommer Chocolate Company.



1961

Henry Blommer co-chairs the 78th Annual National Confectioners Association Convention in Chicago.





1965 Bernard Blommer dies (1905-1965).



With Hank Blommer at the helm, Blommer Chocolate opens a plant in Union City, California.





1978

Blommer donates funds to the Reiss Science Library building at Georgetown University.



Peter Drake, grandson of Henry Blommer, begins working for Blommer Chocolate in Chicago.





1986

Candy Industry magazine's prestigious Kettle Award goes to a supplier for the first time. Henry Blommer accepts the honor.



Marlene Stauffer, now the Director of Quality Assurance & New Product Development at Blommer wins PMCA Candy

Queen Title.

1987



1993

Rick Blommer, grandson of Henry Blommer, begins working for Blommer Chocolate in Chicago.





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1995 Blommer processes 100,000 metric tons of cocoa beans.

1996

Tori Blommer-O'Malley, granddaughter of Henry Blommer, begins working for Blommer Chocolate in Union City, at the same plant her father started.



1998

Literally raising the bar, Blommer introduces its premium collection Signature Line Chocolate and Specialty Cocoas.

SIGNATURE LINE

2000

Blommer joins with six other companies to develop the World Cocoa Foundation.

2002

Dick Funk, a longtime Blommer salesman, wins the Retail Confectioners Association's Henry J. Bornhofft Award for his contributions to the confectionery industry.



2006

The Blommer Chocolate Company announces its purchase of World's Finest Chocolate plant in Ontario, Canada.



2007

With the success of a farm program in Indonesia, Blommer announces the expansion of the company's sustainable farming initiatives program in West Africa.



2008

Hank Blommer is awarded the Western Candy Member of the Year.



1995

Steve Blommer, grandson of Henry, starts working for Blommer Chocolate in East Greenville, Pennsylvania.

1997

Blommer produces 275 million pounds of chocolate products, and processes 5% of world's cocoa beans.



2001

Blommer donates \$250,000 for the Pennsylvania State Food Science Building while breaking ground on a new 90,000-square-foot warehouse, in Pennsylvania. Henry Blommer is posthumously awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from the NCA. Marlene Stauffer wins the PMCA Marie Kelso Award.



Blommer employees number 450, and sales reach a half billion dollars. Bill Dyer, Vice President of Technical Sales and Services, wins the PMCA Marie Kelso award.



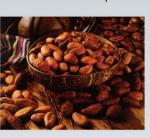
2007

With the success of an extensive farmer training program in Indonesia, the World Cocoa Foundation elects Karl "Kip" Walk as chairman. He is Director of Cocoa Department for Blommer Chocolate Company.



2008

With the addition of new roasters in all three facilities, Blommer officially grinds 50% of all U.S. cocoa imports.



2009 Blommer Chocolate Company

turns 70.