

# THE BEACON

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## Employee Success Story

### **Lisa Fangmann, Sr. Business Analyst**

I grew up in Milwaukee with an older brother and parents who were both teachers. With summers off, our family did a fair amount of road trips often in conjunction with my dad's fastpitch softball tournaments. Like my dad, I too, became a fastpitch softball pitcher. I attended UW Madison majoring in Political Science and Behavioral Science & Law. After college, I also got a paralegal certificate. I've worked as an Operations Manager at a local area bank and a software trainer before starting my IT consulting career, the last 20+ years with Smart Solutions.

### **Favorite Project**

My one and only consulting gig has been with the State of WI District Attorney IT Program where I currently work as a Senior Internal Business Systems Analyst. For the last 24 years, I worked to implement and support a custom case management software, PROTECT, in each county's DA office. This system interfaces with many other justice partners: courts, law enforcement, DOJ, DOC. Now I'm devoted full time to the PROTECT modernization project. It's very fulfilling to support customers - the prosecutors and victim/witness staff, who are doing such important yet difficult work for the citizens of WI.

*Lisa Fangmann,  
Sr. Business Analyst*



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## DID YOU KNOW?

Milwaukee, the largest city in Wisconsin, is known for wonderful breweries, but the first and oldest is still Pabst Brewery. The city is also famous for the oldest soccer team in continuous U.S. operation, the Milwaukee Wave.

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### Family

My husband Bruce Johnson and I have been together for 29 years. We recently celebrated our 18th wedding anniversary. We live in Middleton in a house we designed and built 15 years ago. We are fortunate to have my parents close by in Waunakee and my husband's sister and her family (five nieces/nephew and their kids) in the area as well.

### Hobbies & Interests

I enjoy daily walks in the neighborhood and Pope Farm Conservancy where I listen to audiobooks. I also enjoy golfing, attending Badger games, entertaining/hosting parties, and planning travel adventures with my husband and friends. Our latest travel in August took us to Norway and Iceland. The highlight of the trip was hiking Preikestolen (The Pulpit Rock) which towers 1981 feet above the Lysefjord. The trek to the rock is one of Norway's most famous mountain hikes. Preikestolen is very popular, with more than 300,000 nature-loving hikers visiting the renowned rock formation every year. We were fortunate to have a spectacular day as we ascended 1500 feet over boulders and rocks on the 5-mile round-trip hike. Our guide took us on an "alternate" path on the way up which meant fewer people on the trail, but also more elevation as we came into Pulpit Rock from the top (see photo), which few people do. Check that one off the bucket list!

### Interesting Fact

Beacon recently acquired Smart Solutions. In 1996, my brother, Joel Fangmann, co-founded Smart. Sadly, Joel passed away 20 years ago. My father, Jerry, also worked for Smart in sales after retiring from teaching and switching careers. So, I guess you can say IT consulting runs in the family!



## Reminders



### PMI Madison/South Central Wisconsin Professional Development Day 2024

October 2nd at Monona Terrace, Madison, WI [Register here!](#)



### Scrum Day 2024

October 23rd - Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI [Register here!](#)



### Open Enrollment

Open enrollment for Health, Dental, and Vision will be in February 2025 for a March 1 start. Look for more information at the start of the new year.



*Lisa and her husband Bruce on  
The Pulpit Rock in Norway*



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# HALLOWEEN PHOTO CONTEST

SNAP A PHOTO FOR  
YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A  
\$150, \$100 OR \$50  
AMAZON GIFT CARD!

Submit your photo by  
**NOVEMBER 8TH**

Whether it's a spooky display in  
your front yard, funny costumes  
(don't forget to include your pets!)  
or delightfully ghoulish home  
décor, we'd like to see it!

Send your entries to:  
**KSUTTLE-EBERT@BEACONTECHINC.COM**

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## Employee Anniversaries

### October

Jeffrey Charneski - 4 years  
 Steven Stein - 1 year  
 Bruce Schellinger - 3 years  
 Kyle Colden - 1 year  
 Xueming Huang - 7 years  
 Angela Brookman - 2 years

### November

Lynn Kenning - 1 year  
 Leslie Dobbratz - 4 years  
 Sherri Lawinger - 3 years  
 Anne Hein-Pullen - 1 year  
 Todd Meier - 26 years  
 Eric Smasal - 2 years  
 Patrick Brick - 1 year  
 Jay Velugubantla - 7 years

### December

Catherine Wilson - 1 year  
 Tom Brey - 9 years  
 Carl Galka - 4 years  
 Mohammed Alibaig - 3 years  
 Brady Potaczek - 1 year

# Upcoming Events - Things To Do

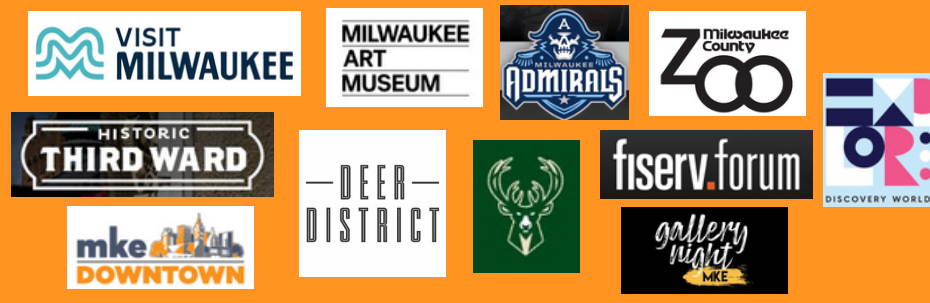


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## MADISON



## MILWAUKEE



## FOX CITIES



## STATEWIDE



## NATIONWIDE



The 19 Top Fall Festivals in the U.S. for 2024