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## The Latest News



Michael Rothberg has joined A.Y. McDonald as Territory Manager for Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York City. Michael brings with him over 25 years experience in the industry in both wholesale distribution and sales. A.Y. McDonald continues to recruit the best and brightest to serve our customers!

## Did you know...



The city that A.Y. McDonald calls home, Dubuque, Iowa, was named the nation's "most livable" city in America for cities under 100,000 population. The award was presented by the U.S. Conference of Mayors at their annual meeting in June. Dubuque was also named an "All-America City" in 2007.

# A.Y. McDonald Mfg. Co. - A Principal 10 Best Company

A.Y. McDonald Mfg. Co. was recently honored for supporting our employees with innovative benefits despite challenging economic times. An independent panel of benefits experts selected A.Y. McDonald Mfg. Co. as one of The Principal 10 Best Companies for Employee Financial Security – 2008, in large part for finding ways to maintain and expand benefits. We have long believed that our employees are our most important asset. That is why we have made it a priority to provide our employees with an exceptional benefit program.



From left to right - Mary Carey, Jason Wahler & Kelly Prey of Principal Financial Group, Chad Huntington, Marty Chipps - Principal Financial Group, Mike McDonald, Mike Steele - Steele Financial Services, and Renee Schaaf - Principal Financial Group

The Principal 10 Best Companies is a national recognition program which honors growing businesses that offer excellent benefits that give employees an edge in achieving long-term financial security. The 2008 10 Best Award Winners were announced in a congratulatory advertisement in the August 20th issues of the Wall Street Journal and Inc. magazine. A.Y. McDonald was selected out of a field of about 200 entrants by a panel of respected industry experts.

Mike McDonald, President & CEO of A.Y. McDonald, shared the following remarks upon hearing of the 10 Best Award recognition, "We are very proud of this important recognition and extremely proud of our outstanding employees. You are the backbone of our success and we are very pleased to know that our efforts to invest in your financial futures have received national acclaim." During a presentation to the employees of A.Y. McDonald, Renee Schaaf, Vice President of Retirement Marketing and Strategy Development for The Principal Financial Group, stated, "At a time when many employers are challenged to maintain strong benefits, A.Y. McDonald is demonstrating a rock solid commitment to giving its employees an edge on their financial futures." Ms. Schaaf also shared a DVD with the group of employees, highlighting the rigorous process that the judges went through to determine and select the 10 Best winners. Together, Mike McDonald and Ms. Schaaf presented an oversized check in the amount of \$2,500 to Brian Meyer of the Boys and Grils Clubs of Greater Dubuque. The Principal Group makes a financial donation to the charity of choice of the 10 Best Award Winners and A.Y. McDonald selected the Boys and Girls Clubs to recognize our long ties and support their necessary programs.

***We hope you enjoy the Brass Banner!***  
**Give us your feedback at 800-292-2737 or**  
**sales@aymcdonald.com**

## New! Model 77 Adjustable or Stationary COMPLETE Meter Boxes



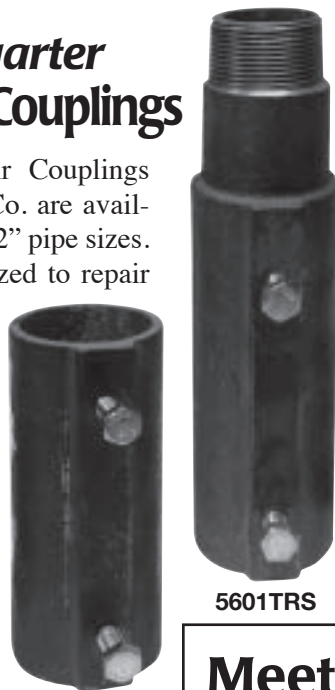
A.Y. McDonald 77-series meter box offers versatility in design and adaptability on service line connections. Adjust to unexpected grade changes and service line specifications. That is what the A.Y. McDonald 77-Series meter box is all about. A protective cast iron meter housing for water meters up to one inch and service line depths of 10" to 20". Options available include integral compression connections on 5/8" and 5/8" x 3/4" meter settings, non-locking lids, lids for radio and touch read technology and stationary or adjustable upper sections. Contact our Customer Service Department today for more information.

## Feature of the Quarter Curb Box Repair Couplings

The New Curb Box Repair Couplings from A.Y. McDonald Mfg. Co. are available to fit 1", 1 1/4", 1 1/2" and 2" pipe sizes. These couplings can be utilized to repair or extend existing curb box pipes without digging up the entire curb box. The body is made entirely of cast iron and utilizes stainless steel hex bolts for a secure and noncorrosive connection to existing pipe.

### Features

- All cast iron body
- Stainless steel hex bolts
- Top Repair Section "TRS" is threaded to accept existing or new lid.



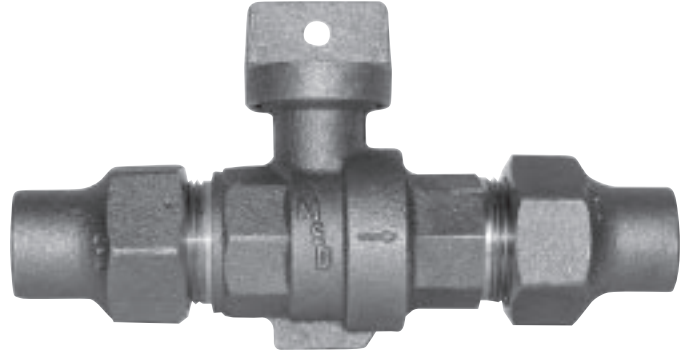
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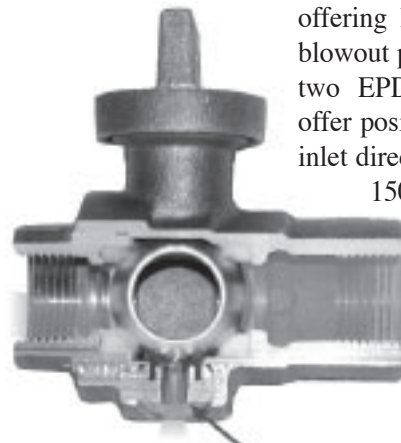
For more information about these and other products, visit our web site at [www.aymcdonald.com](http://www.aymcdonald.com)

Specify THIS...

## Stop & Drain (automatic waste) Ball Valves



A.Y. McDonald offers a complete size offering (3/4", 1", 1 1/4", 1 1/2" and 2") of our 6000 Series Stop and Drain shut off valves. End configurations include FNPT x FNPT, Flare x Flare, CTS Compression x CTS Compression (-22, Q or T) in either standard or Minneapolis body configuration. Valve body, ball and operating head are made from heavy cast brass. Brass ball is chrome plated and is supported by two Teflon port seals. Operating head



Valve in Closed Position

offering low turning torque is blowout proof and sealed using two EPDM o-rings. Valves offer positive shut-off from the inlet direction and are rated for 150 PSIG. We also offer these valves with a check valve on the drain to prevent contamination to the system.

## Meet Our Employees...

### George Gilson – Central Regional Sales Manager



George Gilson

George started with A.Y. McDonald in 2004 as Territory Manager covering Northern Illinois, Northern Indiana and Southern Wisconsin. George brought with him many years of previous experience in the industry including sales know-how on the manufacturing and distribution level. George was promoted to Central Regional Sales Manager in February 2007. George and his wife Chandelle have 3 young children, George III, Ty, and Savanna who keep them very busy. In the rare instance when George isn't working or spending time with his family, he likes to hunt and fish.