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**McDONALD'S<sup>®</sup> EMPLOYEE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF  
EMPLOYMENT AT A SOUTH COUNTY RESTAURANT**

**St. Louis, September 8, 2009** – On Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 9 a.m., a celebration will be held at the Crestwood McDonald's restaurant, located at 9915 Watson Road, to honor Leonard Rhomberg for 50 years of service as a McDonald's employee. Leonard's co-workers, regular customers, and Patrick Hillmeyer, owner of the Watson Road restaurant, will participate in the ceremony rewarding Leonard for all his hard work and dedication.

Mr. Rhomberg began working at the Crestwood restaurant in September of 1959. Now 68 years old, he continues to work Monday through Thursday, 5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. When Leonard was asked about his long career at the restaurant he simply said, "I still am enjoying it. I'm planning on going as long as I can."

Patrick Hillmeyer, owner of the restaurant and son of Tom Hillmeyer who also owns four McDonald's restaurants in the South County area, is excited to honor Leonard. "He has shown a lot of dedication in the last 50 years," said Patrick Hillmeyer, "his performance has contributed to the success of the restaurant in so many ways, it will be nice to honor him on Wednesday."

Ironically, Leonard's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary comes just one year after the restaurant's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Last year the Crestwood location, which was also the first McDonald's restaurant built in the state of Missouri, celebrated 50 years of service to the community.

If you are interested in attending the award ceremony this Wednesday, please contact Abigail Fahrig at 314.454.3455.

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