



#### An Overview of Employee Ownership

An Alternative for Business Transition, Economic Growth, & Prosperity

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Pennsylvania Center for Employee Ownership

#### WE THE OWNERS





#### **Silver Tsunami**

## 4 million companies will transact in the next 10 years\*



<sup>\*</sup> Exit Planning Institute/NCEO



#### By the Numbers\*

- ☐ Every day, 10,000 Americans turn 65
- Over ½ of US small businesses are owned by people over the age of 55
- □ 70% of business owners over the age of 55 have no plan for succession
- ☐ 30% of those over 55 y.o. have \$0 savings
- □ 56% of those over 55 have less than \$50,000 in savings



Simple Purpose –
Raise Awareness
about the benefits
of Employee
Ownership





#### **Non Profit Volunteer Organization**

- CEOs
- Industry Experts
- Foundations, Universities





#### **Succession Planning**

### What are your Goals?

- Financial?
- Family?
- Employees?
- Legacy?





# What are we doing here?

- Creating Value for Owners - Legacy
- Keeping Businesses here in PA
- Saving Jobs
- Creating jobs

- Creating a REAL
   Future for Employees
- Bolstering the local community
- Creating a Rational Business Economy





#### So What is Employee Ownership?

## Co-Op - Cooperative

#### Worker Co-Op

Equally owned
One person/One vote
Can be Democratically Managed

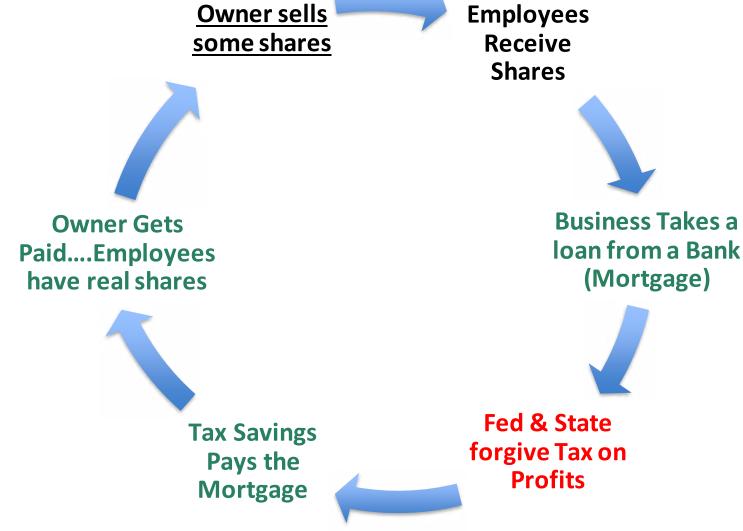














#### And nobody knows about it.....





☐ Employee Owned Companies are 8-12% more productive than non-Employee Owned Companies.	
☐ Employee Owned Companies keep businesses and jobs in the US.	THE CHARLES CO.
☐ Employee Owners have 2.5 times more retirement savings than non Employee Owners.	
☐ ESOPs reward Owners, create real retirement, create jobs, stimulate the economy and reduce the burden on Government	

<sup>\*</sup> NCEO/ESCA White Paper



#### **PA Employee Owned Companies**

















#### National Employee Ownership













#### The Perfect Exit

The importance of a good company succession plan and how it can provide wonderful benefits for the company, employees and greater profits - a real life case study

> Ken Baker CEO













#### Is an ESOP right for every owner or business?

No!

There has to be a certain type of owner and size of business











#### Case Study

Company succession, transforming the company culture, providing a no cost retirement for employees, company paying no federal or state taxes











- 280 Employees
- 2021 sales \$185Million
- 66 years in business
- Family Business Ken Baker 2<sup>nd</sup> generation
- Start businesses from scratch "Green Field"
- 20% of sales are exported to 54 countries
- ESOP Employee Stock Ownership Plan 100%
  - 2006 sold 30%, 2012 sold 10%, 2016 sold 9%, 2019 sold 51%



### NEWAGE NOUSTRIES















































#### Manufacturing





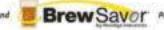




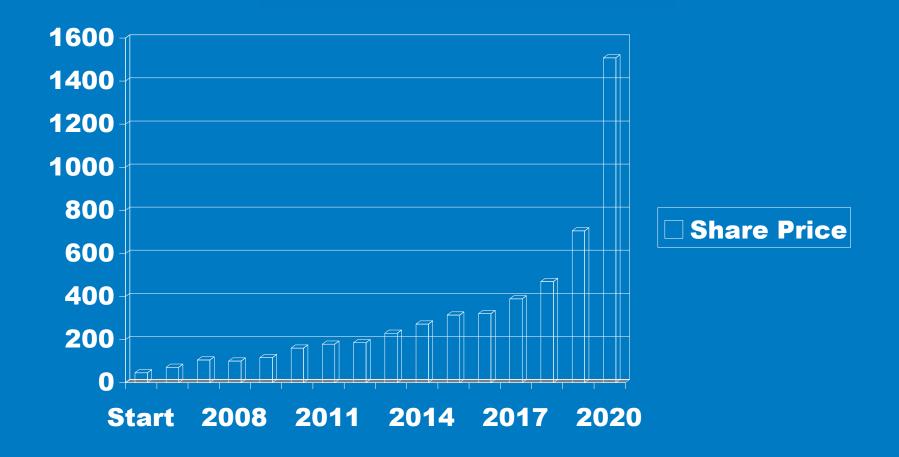








#### NewAge Industries Share Price Up 1400% from 2006











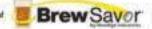


### Employees do not pay for the shares, they are free.











## The secret sauce of Sub S Corporation ESOPs

The tax dollars which would have been paid to the IRS is paid to the ESOP trust and then is used to pay back the bank loan.

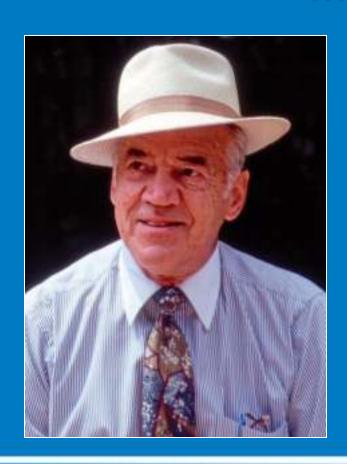








# What would happen to the legacy of Ray Baker if NewAge was sold to a competitor or multi-national?















#### When you have Highly Engaged Employees

- Less absenteeism
- higher gross margins
- Higher productivity
- Lower turnover







## How can the ESOP help with the development of the employees?

- Employees stay long at the company can invest in employees with deeper job training
- Because of the increase training company becomes more productive and then more profitable
- More profitability leads to higher wages and bonuses
- More profitability leads to higher share price and more dividends – long term wealth creation



#### Stockwell Rubber Company











Frederick E. Stockwell Founder 1919 - 1945 Frederick A. Stockwell 1946 - 1948 Elbridge F. Stockwell, Sr. 1948 - 1968 Elbridge F. Stockwell, Jr. 1966 - 1960 Wilam B. Stockwell 1960 v



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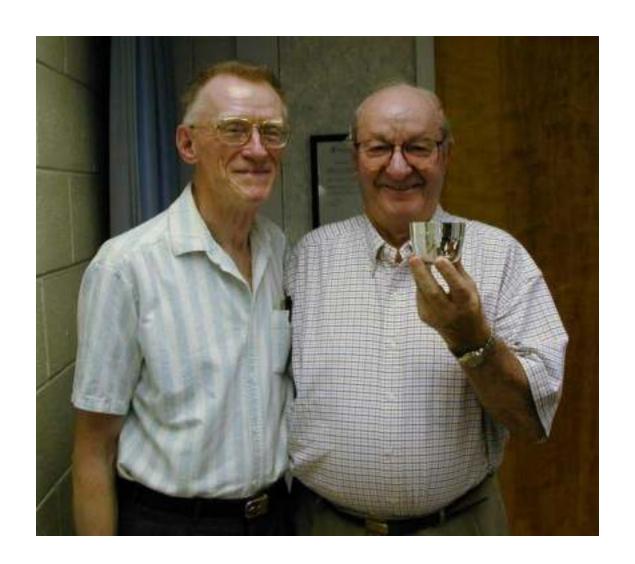
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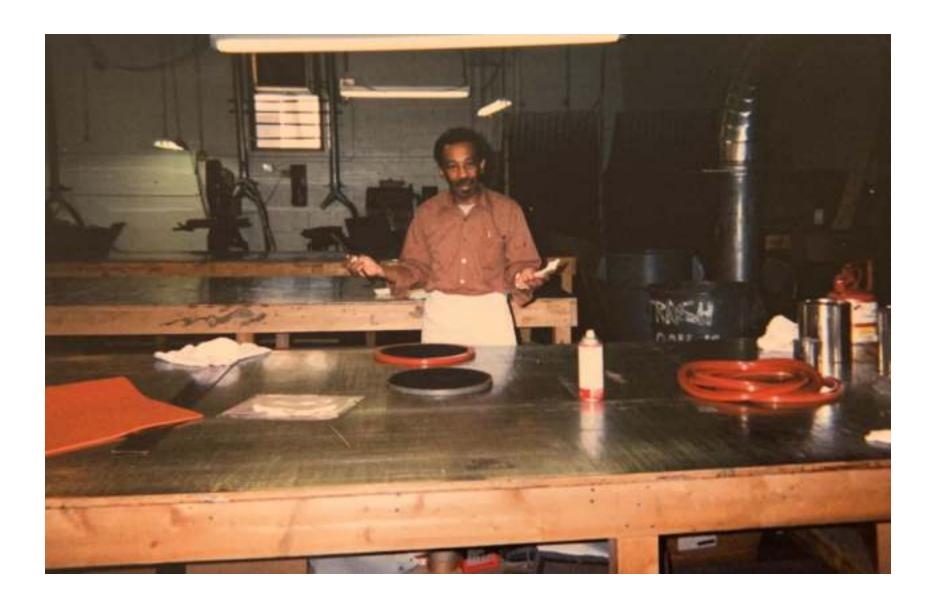
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