



We had a great end of year, Combined Lean Leaders meeting at the JEA building, T-19 on December 5th. A total of 57 people attended and a total of 15 awards were given out.

A special thanks goes to Steve and Roger Williams at Quality Sign, who have donated two executive desks and credenzas, along with two four-drawer file cabinets to the Consortium. In addition to the Consortium now having some fine furniture, this donation will result in a savings of \$1,200 per year, as the Consortium was spending \$100 per month to rent furniture from the landlord at 4110 Southpoint Blvd.

- by Joe Rizzo



Outstanding Contribution:
CARDINAL UNIJAX

Freshman Member, Cardinal Unijax earned The Most Outstanding Contribution Award, and was accepted by owner, Mike Houle.

The award was given for his many contributions to the Consortium. In this first year with the Consortium, Cardinal Unijax has hosted events, has sponsored lunches and workshops, and Mike Houle has twice filled the role of a Mentor for 5S Facilitator Training. Mike is taking full advantage of all that the Consortium offers by sending one or more of his people to every training event, and several of his people to each workshop. In addition he has attended all but one of the Lean Leader Meetings in 2008. As a result of his efforts, Cardinal Unijax has already realized significant improvements in their operation.



January 2009				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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			Happy New Year!!!	
5	6	7	8	9
			8:00 AM - 4:00 PM EST: Intro to CI - Location TBD	
12	13	14	15	16
	12:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST: Lean Tuesday Lean Leader Meeting - Location TBD	12:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST: Lean Machine Lean Leaders Meeting - Location TBD	12:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST: The Blitz Lean Leaders Meeting @ PSS World	
19	20	21	22	23
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM EST: Martin Luther King Day		8:00 AM - 4:00 PM EST: Intro to VSM @ Medtronic	8:00 AM - 12:30 PM EST: Lean for Office - Location TBD	
26	27	28	29	30
	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM EST: Michael Hoseus: Building and Sustaining a Lean Culture	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST: Kaizen Facilitator Report Out Breakfast @ UNF University Center		

Mark your calendars

for the following events & sign up early to secure your place for these opportunities to make the most of your business!

Kindly RSVP no later than 2 business days prior to the event (unless otherwise noted).

8-Jan-09

8:00 AM

JLC

Intro to Continuous Improvement - Location TBD

Intro to continuous Improvement provides the student with the basic Lean concepts, principles and tools and includes a hands-on waste-finding exercise for the shop or office as well as a hands-on simulation demonstrating the power of one-piece flow (vs. batch production). Throughout the day, discussions will take place around topics that focus on the participants' situation to demonstrate how Lean works in their environment and how the thinking and tools adapt to their situation.

13-Jan-09

12:00 PM

JLC

Lean Tuesday Meeting - Location TBD

The monthly meeting is an invaluable opportunity to glean from and network with other successful businesses in the area and continue to see proven ways in which to improve your operation.

14-Jan-09

12:00 PM

JLC

Lean Machine Meeting - Location TBD

The monthly meeting is an invaluable opportunity to glean from and network with other successful businesses in the area and continue to see proven ways in which to improve your operation.

15-Jan-09

12:00 PM

JLC

The Blitz Lean Meeting @ PSS World

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21-Jan-09

8:00 AM

JLC

Intro to Value Stream Mapping @ Medtronic

VSM is one of the most important elements of LEAN. You will find it to be an essential communication tool, a strategic planning tool, and a change management tool. The goal of VSM is to identify, demonstrate and eliminate waste (activities that do not add value to the final product) in the process. VSM can be used to assist management, production associates, suppliers, and customers how to recognize waste and identify its causes. Prerequisite to Kaizen Facilitator Certification.

22-Jan-09

8:00 AM

JLC

Lean for Office - Location TBD

This is an introductory, overview course for LEAN in an office or non-manufacturing environment. The students will learn the five principles of LEAN, the Seven Wastes and the LEAN tools that are used to minimize or eliminate waste. These Concepts are introduced using both presentation and simulations.

27-Jan-09

8:00 AM

JLC

Michael Hoseus: Lean Culture

Mike Hoseus joins us to share his experience in developing the Toyota culture over thirteen years in Georgetown, Kentucky at the first fully owned Toyota assembly plant in the U.S. The Toyota culture builds on the respect for people and their development for continuous improvement. A process orientation depends upon managers who understand that the right process will get the right results. Far too often, lean programs target specific results with any process that works regarded as equally good without building a foundation on people and process. A Lean Culture can only be effective by fully connecting a value stream concentrating on the continuous development of personnel with the product value stream

28-Jan-09

8:00 AM

JLC

Kaizen Facilitator Report-Out Breakfast @ UNF University Center

By Invitation Only