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(Full day)

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7:00-7:50AM
Breakfast and
Announcements

MWS-01
Lean Sigma business
simulation
*Patrick Lucansky and
Bob Burke*

MWS-07
Lean office simulation
*Patrick Lucansky and
Willie Carter*

MWS-13
Superior product design
for high customer value
Kai Yang

MWS-21
From great to greater
*John Bicheno and Christian O.
Hansen*

MWS-29
Fire your safety
manager
Rodney Grieve

7:00-7:50AM
Breakfast and
Announcements

FWS-01
Putting Lean
enterprise to work
Steve Frech

FWS-09
Winning customer
loyalty
*DeVerl Austin and
Eric Pettes*

12:00-1:00PM
LUNCH

MWS-02
Sustaining continuous
improvement
Joe Booth

MWS-08
Experiential learning
Ralph Woodhead

MWS-14
Building a dream
team for maximum
performance
*Joe Barto and
Karl Buchanan*

MWS-22
The Toyota Produc-
tion System
Mike Kobashi

MWS-30
Lean office tools
Drew Locher

FWS-02
Lean and Clean
assessment
Bruce Taylor

FWS-10
Postponement planning
Tom Wallace

8:00-5:00PM
Practitioner Idea
Exchange Cafe
Open all day for coffee
and networking

MWS-03
Toyota's purchaing phi-
losophy and practices
Patrick Muller

MWS-09
High octane teamwork
Wayne Thiessen

MWS-15
Integrated Enterprise
Excellence - a Manage-
ment System for the
21st Century
Forrest W. Breyfogle III

MWS-23
Product development
for a Lean enterprise
*Michael Gnam and
Michael Kennedy*

MWS-31
Approaching zero
equipment stoppages
John Kravontka

FWS-03
Simulations 'U' can use
*Marnie Allen, Angela Shrum
and Lean Champs*

FWS-11
Essential ergonomic
design
Meredith Wayantt

MWS-04
Essential skills for
supervisors in a lean
environment
*Robert Wrona and
Patrick Graupp*

MWS-10
Creating and sustaining
a Lean culture
Sammy Obara

MWS-16
Putting Lean
enterprise to work
Roy Piciacchia and Steve Frech

MWS-24
The true secret of
Toyota strategy revealed
David Chao and John Chaput

FWS-04
Self-balancing — true
continuous flow
Gordon Ghirann

MWS-05
The S&OP Lean
connection
Bob Stahl and Bill Kerber

MWS-11
Lean design for green
products
Paul Chalmer

MWS-17
Virtual pull systems
Don Guild

MWS-25
White Collar Kaizen
*Karen Martin and
Mike Osterling*

FWS-05
The complete Lean
enterprise
Drew Locher

MWS-06
LEANership
Carla Geddes

MWS-12
OCL — Optimized
Cell Loading
Art Hau

MWS-18
Personal sustainability
*Catherine Greener
and Tim Griffin*

MWS-26
Seeing all the wastes
*Laura Pyzik and
Judy Wlodarczyk*

FWS-06
Green Intentions
Bret Wills

MWS-19
Powering the Lean/
Sigma workplace
Barry Rubin and Tim Pettry

MWS-27
Finding your way to
enterprise excellence
*Michael Bremer and
Brian McKibben*

FWS-07
Lean transformations
in high-mix industries
Tom Knight

MWS-20
Slashing time-to-market
Ron Mascitelli

MWS-28
Lean accounting for
Lean manufacturing
Brian Maskell

FWS-08
Achieving and
sustaining Lean/Six
Sigma objectives
John Oskin

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4:30-5:30PM

6:30-9:00PM

VS1
Developing People



Jay Myers,
President and Chief Economist,
Canadian Manufacturers
& Exporters

“Sustaining a
Competitive Future
– Why Good is no
longer Good Enough”

VS2
Sustainable Results
Through People

VS3
Problem Solving and
Lean Transformation

VS4
Innovation
and Creativity

VS5
Execution and Con-
tinuous Improvement

VS6
Sustainable/Lean &
Green Processes

VS7
Supply Chain
Excellence

**Idea
Exchange
Cafe**



Dan Jones,
Chairman of the Lean
Enterprise Academy,
United Kingdom

“Realizing the Poten-
tial of Lean – How
great organizations
can change the world”



Ken Goodson,
Executive VP Operations,
Herman Miller

“The Will to Win:
How the Toyota
Production System is
Transforming Manu-
facturing at Herman
Miller”

VS1-01
McCoy Corporation
Banking on Lean
Jim Rakiewicz

VS2-01
Procor
**People Performance
in Procor’s Lean**
David Thorpe

VS3-01
Herman Miller
What was I thinking?
Matt Long

VS4-01
Watlow
Bringing it all together
Tom Lamantia

VS5-01
Ventana, Inc
**Lean transformation
in a culture of accountability**
Aseem Bansal and
Adriana Bury

VS6-01
PortionPac
A road paved in green
Burt Klein, COO

VS7-01
Barrick
**Becoming the
preferred customer**
David Young and Rishi Ghuldu

Open Mic #1
5S and Visual Factory
Example Sharing/Q&A

**Special
Networking
Luncheon**

VS1-02
United Services
**Discovering Your In-
House Lean Disciples**
George Wojtowicz, and
Larry Reece

VS2-02
Miller Coors Brewing
Company
**Leading and Managing
Change**
Peter Ducci, Alan Gasvoda

VS3-02
Hotel du Grace
**How Lean Can Save
Healthcare**
Nicki Schmidt

VS4-02
Rockwell Collins
Reducing Cycle Times
Linda Snow

VS5-02
Catalent Pharma Solutions
**Creating a culture for
Lean sustainability**
Kent Payne

(1:50-4:10PM)
Special Interest Sessions-01
facilitated by Doc Hall - AME Merging Lean and Green
Dave Gustashaw, Paul Chalmer and Doc Hall

VS7-02
Canada Post
**Canada Post’s Lean
Sigma journey**
Steven Withers

Open Mic #2
Lean in the Office
Example Sharing/Q&A

VS1-03
Continental Airline
**Enhancing your
people’s capability with
a Lean environment**
Jjeoma Anadu

VS2-03
Steelcase & ESCO
**Managing and
Improving the Process**
Elizabeth King (Esco) and
David Mann (Steelcase)

VS3-03
Novelis Corporation
Lean-ing to Six Sigma
Rich Hirsh

VS4-03
Rio Tinto Alcan
**From the classroom
to the shop floor**
Marc DuVernet

VS5-03
Card-Monroe Corp
**Making Lean work,
where it’s not sup-
posed to**
Jim Joyner

VS7-03
GE Healthcare
Clinical System
**Listen fast and
breathe easier**
Tom Laack and Paul Pejso

Open Mic #3
Work Instructions/
Standard Work Docu-
ment Sharing/Q&A)



**Brigadier General,
Taco Gilbert,**
United States Air Force,
Air Mobility Command

“Initiating the Largest
Continuous Improve-
ment Process Ever
Attempted – Tools used
and lessons learned”

“Lean Leader’s
Night”
By Invitation to CEO’s,
Presidents, Top Leaders

“The Culture to Win”
Gary Stewart
Aisin (Australia) Pty. Ltd
Leading Supplier to Toyota

Moderator:
George Koenigsaecker

**ALE (Accelerated
Learning Experiences)**

(7:30-5:00PM)

**It’s Not Easy Getting Green
Beginning the Lean/Green
transformation in an SME**
Spec Furniture Inc.

**Accelerating Lean
with Software Tools**

(9:00-11:30AM, 1:30-4:00PM)

Value Stream Mapping & Analysis
Session Leader: Frank Kapper
Six Sigma Project Tracking
Session Leader: Ross Gillanders



Wednesday, October 22 Presentations

7:30-8:30AM

8:50-9:50AM

10:10-11:10AM

11:45-1:15PM

1:35-2:35PM

2:55-3:55PM

4:15-5:30PM

6:00-10:00PM

VS1
Developing People

AME Awards of Excellence
Regional & Lifetime Award Winners

VS1-04
Kolbe & Kolbe Millwork Co., Inc.
Jump into the raging river of change
Mike Salsieder, Jeffrey De Lonay

VS1-05
Honey Bee Manufacturing Ltd.
Destination 971
Jamie Pegg, Dale Hughes



Luncheon Keynote
Lorenzo Simonelli,
President and CEO, General Electric Transportation

VS1-06
Barrick Gold
Lean lessons learned
Trevor Krawchyk, David Elliot

VS1-07
Columbia Plastics
Getting the horse to drink
Brian Holmes

Visit the Exhibits ~ A Networking Activity

Next Years Conference ~ Gala Kentucky Night



VS2
Sustainable Results Through People

VS2-04
Caterpillar, Inc., Plant Ramos Arizpe, Mexico
Achieving the End in Mind
Arturo De Stefano, Gustavo Lopez, Edoardo Aldrete

VS2-05
Barry Wehmiller
Achieving Principled Results On Purpose
Rhonda Spencer, Brian Willinghoff

VS2-06
COM DEV Ltd
Continuous Improvement Teams
Glen Cantwell, Debbie McGrath, Jeanette Gallant

VS2-07
General Electric
Learning to Lead in a Lean Environment
Stephen Harris

VS3
Problem Solving and Lean Transformation

VS3-04
Medtronic
A disciplined approach to excellence
Jon Swanson

VS3-05
Watlow Electric
The Lean way
Peter Desloge

“21st Century Manufacturing Excellence ~ How to build a sustainable culture to win today and tomorrow”

VS3-06
Cogent Power
Don't leave improvement to chance
Ron Harper & Greg MacDougall

VS3-07
Custom Foam Systems
Hoshin Kanri planning as a template for cultural change
Bob Germann

VS4
Innovation and Creativity

VS4-04
DJC
Never stop getting better
Rich Gildersleeve

VS4-05
Red River Army Depot
From Doing Lean to Being Lean
Michael Lockard and James Bethel

VS4-06
Hofstra University/The Hofstra String Quartet
The Paradox of Creativity
Benjamin Wolff

VS4-07
The Boeing Company
Lean in the Office
David O Toole, Willard Martinez, Tom Brown

VS5
Execution and Continuous Improvement

VS5-04
Batesville Casket Company
Kaizen never rests
Mike Wroblewski

VS5-06
Thomas & Betts Corp
Ready, aim, change
Herb Bradshaw

VS5-07
Alcoa
Successful Lean implementation
Martin Nazareth and Mark Keneipp

VS6
Sustainable/Lean & Green Processes

VS6-02
M'g. Best Practice Program ~ Australia
Lean and green
Ian Young

VS6-03
Powersmiths
Green in action
Brett Wills, Philip Ling

VS6-04
Steelcase
The green suppliers approach
Mary Ellen Mika, Steve Beurken

VS6-05
All Weather Windows
Creating meaningful change
James Simon and Roger Coker

VS7
Supply Chain Excellence

VS7-04
Acuity Windows
Looking forward through the windshield
Mark Preston and Kirk Eaton

VS7-05
Seagate Technology
Leveraging the best from Lean and Six Sigma
YC Lee

VS7-06
Gorton's Seafood
Lean Supply Chain Transformations
Jeffrey Whiteacre

VS7-07
Underwriters Laboratories
The Science (Lean) behind Transactional Process Flow
Juan Amador

Special Interest Sessions

(8:50-11:10AM)
SIS-02
Benchmarking Community of Practice
facilitated by Bill Baker, Ron Webb, Bill Sacherek, Glenn Marshall, Mark Palla

(1:35-2:55PM)
SIS-03
Building gender diversity in leadership
facilitated by Maria Elena Stopher and Sherrie Ford

Idea Exchange Cafe

Open Mic #4
Employee CI Ideas Generation (e.g. suggestion programs) Document Sharing/Q&A

Open Mic #5
Annual Employee Review Process Document Sharing/Q&A

Open Mic #6
Reward Systems (linking rewards to expected “lean” behaviours) Document/Outline Sharing/Q&A

Open Mic #7
Safety – Use Safety to Drive Lean or Lean to Drive Safety. Case study sharing and an opportunity to “Ask an Ergonomist” /Q&A

ALE (Accelerated Learning Experiences)

(7:30-5:00PM)

Value Improvement Through the Elimination of Waste Initiating a proven Lean CI process in Small Medium size companies
Grosnor Industries Inc.

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Accelerating Lean with SoftwareTools

(9:00-11:30AM, 1:30-4:00PM)

Value Stream Mapping & Analysis

Session Leader: Frank Kapper

Six Sigma Project Tracking

Session Leader: Ross Gillanders

Lean Inventory Assessment

Session Leader: Narayan Lakshamlenders

Thursday, October 23 Presentations

7:30-8:30AM

8:50-9:50AM

10:10-11:10AM

11:45-1:15PM

1:35-2:35PM

2:45-3:45PM

3:55-4:55PM

4:55-5:00PM

VS1
Developing People



Steven Spears,
Senior Lecturer, MIT and Fellow Institute for Healthcare Improvement

VS2
Sustainable Results Through People

VS3
Problem Solving and Lean Transformation

“Chasing the Rabbit - How market leaders outdistance the competition and how great companies can catch up and win.”

VS4
Innovation and Creativity

VS5
Execution and Continuous Improvement

VS6
Sustainable/Lean & Green Processes

VS7
Supply Chain Excellence

Special Interest Sessions

Idea Exchange Cafe

VS1-08
Polycon Industries
Lean Champs: Our catalyst to go from Good to Great
Marnie Allen, Angela Schrum and Team of 6, The Lean Champs Team

VS2-08
Abbott Labs
Creating High Performance Teams
Chris Mlynek, Diane Beno, Todd Reese, Ikbal Nehme

VS3-08
General Electric
Transforming a 130 year old culture
Tom Waterman

VS4-08
ThedaCare Inc.
Lean Innovations at ThedaCare
John Toussaint

VS5-08
JDSU
Self-Balancing
Gordon Ghirann

VS6-06
General Electric
Green is green
Gretchen Hancock

VS7-08
Honda of America Mfg., Inc.
Examining associate involvement
Brad Rechel & AY Manufacturing Hands of Quality Circle Team

SIS-04 (8:40-10:10AM)
Managing Your Talent: Keeping the Right People on the Bus
facilitated by Elizabeth King - ESCO Corp.
Mindy Harter, Patricia Annin

Open all day for coffee and networking

VS1-09
Pelco Products, Inc.
Freeing managers to manage
Mark Nash, Kevin Shook

VS2-09
Duha Color Services
Visual Communication
Rod Smith

VS3-09
Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding
A value stream management system
Dexter Lilley

VS4-09
US Marine Corporation
Lean This Way
Jeff Johnson and Steve Newhouse

VS5-09
Miller Brewery
World class manufacturing through Lean execution
Andrew Moschea

VS6-07
DTE Energy
Lean towards sustainability
Mike Sklar

VS7-09
Nypro Inc.
Applying Lean in China
Adam Gittler



Luncheon Keynote Captain Michael Abrashoff,
Former Commander, USS Benfold Naval Destroyer

“It’s Your Ship – Outstanding results through grass roots leadership”

VS1-10
Transcontinental Printing
Using effective metrics to drive results and sustainability
Flory Spina

VS2-10
Nordco Inc.
A Successful Lean Partnership
Jeff Cockerton

VS3-10
Owens Corning
Lean Transformation in the Large Enterprise
Dave Rabuano

VS4-10
Watlow
Lean - so far
Thomas Walker

VS5-10
Miliken & company
Tools are not enough
David Rowland and Phil McIntyre

VS6-08
Husky IMS Ltd.
The ROI of corporate responsibility
Ryan Fabi

VS7-10
Avnet Inc.
Supply chain migration
Mel Smith

(1:35-3:05PM)

SIS-05
Developing a Lean Culture
facilitated by David Mann - Steelcase
Dale Gehring, Mike Bruin, John Hall



Stan Askren,
Chairman, President and CEO, HNI Corporation

“Golden Lessons - from an American Lean Pioneer”



Marcus Buckingham,
World renowned author and authority on human productivity

“GO put your strengths to work”

Conference Conclusion - Hand off to 2009 Kentucky Team

ALE (Accelerated Learning Experiences)

(7:30-5:00PM)

Accelerating Warehouse Productivity
Achieving sustainable Process improvements
Gerrie Electric

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