



Event: End of Year Event Lean Learnings

Speakers: Mark Krebs, Cindy Seaver, Dan Vermeesch and Chris Schmidt

Date: December 4, 2015

Location: Automation Alley in Troy, MI

We want to thank Automation Alley

For their generosity for sponsoring this fantastic event!

The Michigan Lean Consortium (MLC) partnered with Automation Alley for an event called "Lean Learnings" with several speakers and their stories on December 4, 2015.

At the 2015 year end event, you had the opportunity to hear the stories told from 3 unique companies. At the end of the event, we had the guest speakers available for a Question and Answer panel so you could dig deeper and ask questions that will help your journey move forward.

Some attendees went to the networking holiday party at Clubhouse BFD in Rochester Hills after the event.

Speaker Bios:



Mark Krebs, ASQCSSBB, is an ASQ Certified Lean Black Belt practitioner that has been transforming business processes and implementing software solutions for over 25 years. As Chemical Engineering graduate from Michigan State University, Mark began his career in 1990 as a manufacturing process engineer. Since moving over to the Service sector in 1995, Mark has led numerous process improvement and IT systems implementations and has facilitated over 500 hours of rapid improvement events and has trained over 300 people on practical applications of process improvement techniques.



Dan Vermeesch is the plant manager, lean champion and 2nd kata coach at Micron Mfg Co, a family-owned precision machining company in Grand Rapids, MI. Dan has a BSEE from Michigan Tech and a Lean Champion Certification from Grand Rapids Community College but feels that his real education took place in the potato patch on the family farm.



Chris Schmidt is a team captain and 1st kata coach at Micron. Chris has over 30 years of experience as a machinist and a lifetime of helping others achieve more than they thought they could whether it's at work or in the woods. Do not make the mistake of asking him about his "turkey gobble".



Cynthia Seaver is Director of Process Excellence, and a member of the senior leadership team at Mercy Health Muskegon and is currently leading them on their journey of becoming lean. Cynthia has over 25 years' experience as a Six Sigma Black Belt and Lean Expert being a facilitator, trainer and leader of initiatives throughout the country. She has worked for Honeywell Specialty Chemicals Division, as an adjunct faculty member of Baker College and previously a senior process engineer at Spectrum Health for over 6 years. She has published numerous articles about various lean projects in healthcare, including a summary of a 5-year project utilizing 3P (production, preparation, process) to consolidate and design a new hospital laboratory.



Approximately 44 people attended this event in Troy.

The mission of the MLC is to offer a diverse network of knowledgeable lean professionals who come together to share innovative practices. The organization aims to create a lean culture in Michigan to ensure sustainable competitive advantage, which could translate into healthier businesses that offer more job opportunities leading to economic growth in the state.