



Fueling the Fire of Kaizen throughout the Lean Enterprise

Kaizen can be like a virus that spreads from the inside out when people are engaged and see the results.

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Vice President of Supplier Development and Operations Excellence -Acuity Brands Lighting

A culture of continuous improvement is contagious and sustainable if deployed correctly and this presentation will define ways of eliminating waste through Kaizen Events that are fun, structured and repeatable. The focus of manufacturing today is the continuous improvement of Safety, Quality, Productivity, Delivery, Morale, Cost and Inventory. The presentation will show exactly how you can address these focal points by using lean tools, creative employee thinking and a defined Kaizen structure.



Mark Preston is the VP of Supplier Development and Operations Excellence for Acuity Brands Lighting. He has spent most of his career in manufacturing and sales environments promoting continuous improvement - lean initiatives. Mark was the Production Manager for TDK Electronics for eleven years where he managed the production of 5 million video tapes and 5 million CD-R each month. Mark studied Kaizen manufacturing techniques in Japan during TDK executive management training. Mark left TDK and became the Manufacturing Manager for the Respiroics Georgia facility. He implemented Demand Flow Technology and worked with the corporate management team to set up a new global purchasing organization. He formalized the Respiroics Supplier Development Program as a resource for the Key suppliers of Respiroics. He has completed 11 lean supplier development programs for Respiroics yielding in significant cost savings. Mark was promoted to the Director of Operations for the Asthma and Allergy Division of Respiroics where he teamed with suppliers and engineers using Design for Manufacturing techniques to launch the Mini Elite portable Nebulizer.

Mark was hired as the Director of ABS (Lean Deployment) in 2006. Mark is a member of the Association of Manufacturing Excellence (AME) Lean Champions Club and lives with his wife, 2 kids and 2 miniature dachshunds in Peachtree City, Georgia.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 21, 2012

WHERE: Villa Christina – 4000 Summit Blvd, Atlanta, GA 30319

SCHEDULE: Pre-Dinner Job Seekers Workshop at 4:30; Happy Hour & Networkings at 5:30pm;
6:15 Dinner is Served; 7:00 Guest Speaker Presentation

Pre-Dinner Job Seekers Workshop begins at 4:30- Led by Jon Harvill, CPC, Director of APICS Atlanta Career Center. Career Center Workshop Questions - Please call Jon Harvill at 770 952-0009.

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