



## Spotlight on our L<sup>3</sup> Journey...



### From a Lean Non-Believer to an L<sup>3</sup> Team Leader

When the FGWA Lean Journey was announced in January of 2007 **Myron Thompson** and I discussed his Lean experience with a previous employer. " *Lean is just a way to eliminate jobs. The last place I worked for went Lean and all they did was lay people off* " said Myron. Nothing I could say would change Myron's outlook.



7S Team leader Myron Thompson and his team including: Maureen Gilhooley, Luis Gomez, Antonio Martinez, Sadri Ozgul, Gustavo Rameriz, Ashley Sommers, and Jerry Svoboda

Six months later, Myron was the Team Leader for a 7S event in our Painting/Cleaning Department. Myron volunteered to be in this event after being on the Machine Shop 7S Team a few weeks earlier. **What Changed?**

" *I found out from being in the events that L3 and Lean is not only for the betterment of the company, it is also better for me.*

" Myron

### Key L3 Metrics and Event Updates!

- **PCMC** has initiated the **Random Acts of L3** program. Congratulations to Doug Steiner, Ben Aspatore, Glenn Maltais, Steve Tetzlaff, Tom Treml, Mel Jonas, and the Inventory Control Team for their outstanding displays of **Leadership**. They were all awarded the **Jaguar** to use for a week in recognition of their contributions.
- **Accraply** The newly created Trine value stream team was put to the test in June and responded by building and shipping a record tying 8 machines. **Great Job Trine team!**
- **PSC** The Seamer value stream team had a Kaizen event to improve the part flow from engineering release to final assembly. The new cell layout has improved overall part travel from **1.75 miles to 400 feet**, an improvement of **96%**.
- **Hayssen** focused a recent Kaizen Event on the Horizontal Die Assembly area. The entire team shared their improvements in a "Lunch and Learn" event. **56 team members** heard the results and asked how the L3 journey could impact them.
- **FGWA** Colorado completed a major Value Stream Mapping event for the Palletizer product line. Meanwhile **Carl, Jeremiah, and Joel** in Lynchburg took it upon themselves to 7S their Panel Shop area, earning "Lunch on Me" certificates.
- **MWU** In Phillips, the Panel Shop team initiated a

explained. Myron also shared that he talks about L3 and Lean often with his wife. - *Gene Cornelius, FGWA L3 Leader*

### MWU Graduates Their 2<sup>nd</sup> LEAN Certification Team

After many months of classes and capstone projects, Hunt Valley is proud to announce that 19 more associates have graduated from the "LEAN Certification Course". All participants applied what they learned-making significant improvements along the way.

*"A small group of people can make changes in a huge company"*



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number of improvements including color coding incoming orders and organizing components on rolling carts.

**"I have never been as excited about an L3 project as I am about this one."**



Terry McDonald

MWU Phillips

**Brian Wellinghoff**  
Director of the L3 Journey