

MIDLANDS APICS and ASQ joint Professional Development Meeting

“Balancing Quality, Supply Chain and Lean in the Valmont Operating System”

Presented by: Steve LeGrand

Thursday, April 16, 2009

Please **sign up** by **Noon, Monday April 13**

Register by using the email below ray.hogan@firstdata.com

Location: DAVE & BUSTERS, 2502 S. 133rd Plz Ste 111 Omaha, NE 68144, phone 402-778-3915

Cost: \$25.00

Dress: Business Casual

Agenda:

5:30 pm - Networking

6:00 pm - Dinner

6:50 pm - Short Business Meeting

7:00 pm – Presentation

Menu: Buffet

REGISTRATION (Required):

Reservations are required for PDMs. We on the Midlands BOD appreciate the fact your schedule is very fluid and that plans change. It would help us immensely if you put your reservation in by the deadline and if plans change, please let us know. The unfortunate fact is that many caterers require a firm commitment on the number of meals 3 days in advance and we are billed for that amount no matter what. So, please keep us in mind if your plans change. It will help us hold down our PDM costs.

Monday, April 13, 2009.

Ray will confirm your reservation. Send your reservations to:

Ray Hogan, FDR

Email: ray.hogan@firstdata.com

Phone: (402) 222-6093

To make a reservation and Pay for your registration via PayPal -

The April PDM is a Buffet at Dave And Busters.

Click the "Add to Cart" Button below.

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Pick up your receipt at the PDM.

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SteveLeGrand, Vice President of Operations, Irrigation Division, Valley, Nebraska

Stephen LeGrand joined the Valmont Company on November 5 as the VP of Operations for Irrigations. Prior to coming to Valmont, he was with the Kohler Company, serving as the Director of Operations Worldwide for Power Systems division, producing small and large industrial grade generators for the standby power generations market. In this position, Stephen led a growing global operations team in Singapore China, Mexico, India and the US. He was responsible for managing, integrating and capturing worldwide operational synergies in all operational disciplines.

Stephen has a strong background in lean manufacturing, quality, customer service, cost management and safety. Stephen has been an Operations professional for more than 20 years with experience in managing manufacturing change, supply chain management and the recruitment and development of professional associates. Before joining Kohler Power Systems, Stephen served as the Operations Manager for a division of Newell Rubbermaid in Janesville, WI. Prior to his 8 years of service with Newell Rubbermaid, Stephen acquired significant experience in the defense industry from Rockwell International and Hughes Aircraft Company (a division of General Motors) where he held positions in engineering, production, materials and quality producing the F/A 14, F/A 15, and F/A 18 radar systems for military jets and global positioning systems (GPS).

Stephen holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Northern Iowa, an MBA from the University of Iowa, a certification in Integrated Supply Chain Management from the University of Tennessee CPIM certification from the American Production & Inventory Control Society and a certification in Technology from the Society of Manufacturing Engineering.

Stephen has been married for 22 years to his wife Cathy, both from Dubuque, Iowa. He has three great kids, Ashley 22, Alex 17 and Anakin 8. His oldest daughter graduated this year from Lewis University in Biology, Chemistry with a minor in Bio-Chemistry achieving a 3.91 while being a fulltime scholarship athlete in softball. Ashley will continue her education with Des Moines University Medical School where she is under way to become a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. His son Alex will be attending Elkhorn High School with interest in soccer, history and tech educational classes. He is a very accomplished third degree black belt in Tia Kwon Do and has competed nationally in sparring competitions taking several first places. His son Anakin although small is already a very accomplished soccer player and is a gifted student.

Stephen has held several community positions in youth organizations to help foster athletic development, sportsmanship and positive management of young athletes. In addition, he has been involved with school fund raising, education and neighborhood management. Stephen hobbies include golf, exercising, hunting and reading.

Important Dates

May 8, 2009 - Seminar – Mike Osterling – Metric –Based Process Mapping: Tactical Tools to Improve Office Processes - Mahoney State Park

June 13, 2009 - Golf Outing – Pacific Spring