

MIDLANDS APICS Professional Development Meeting

“Lean? Who Moved my Knees”

Presented by:

Tom Schulte

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Please sign up by **Noon, Monday October 15**

For your convenience register using the email link below..give your meal choice.

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Location: Lazlo's Brewery & Grill

2425 S 192nd Street, Omaha, NE 68130 (402) 289-5840

Cost: \$25

Dress: Business Casual

Agenda:

5:30 pm - Networking (cash bar)

6:00 pm - Dinner

6:50 pm - Short Business Meeting

7:10 pm – Presentation

Menu: Please select one when you make your reservation

1. **Fresh Salmon** – Served with baked potato, and your choice of Salad Lazlo, Caesar salad or a bowl of Soup, dessert, coffee or tea .

2. **Ribeye 12oz Steak** – Served with baked potato, and your choice of Salad Lazlo, Caesar salad or a bowl of Soup, dessert, coffee or tea.

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.

To make reservations for the dinner meeting (please include your meal choice) and (optional) your company. Please email (email is the preferred method) your PDM reservation and meal choice no later than

Monday, October 15.

Ray will confirm your reservation. Send your reservations to:

Ray Hogan, FDR

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LEAN? Who Moved My Knees?

It seems like you can't go anywhere in the business world these days without at least hearing someone talking about becoming "*Lean*". In fact, most businesses are making a concerted effort to learn and apply lean principles, practices and tools to increase customer value and produce product with higher quality while trimming time, space, human effort and capital. Just when most thought the positive gains from JIT and other strategies looked like businesses had improved enough – along comes more changes called *Lean*. What is it? – Where did it come from? – Where do we apply it? – And what are its advantages?

In this presentation we will:

- Take a historical journey of manufacturing improvements and changes up to the current improvements found in *Lean* practices
- Highlight reasons that *Teaming* is the foundation of *Lean*
- Define importance of understanding "*Value*" & "*Waste*"
- Describe how *Lean* focuses efforts on "7 Types of Waste"

Tom Schulte Bio



Tom Schulte spent most of his career working at a Fortune 100 manufacturing facility. His experience over the years includes serving as *Employee Involvement Coordinator & Team Facilitator, Manufacturing Supervisor, Senior Training Consultant, Change Management Facilitator* and *Development Facilitator for Business Excellence*.

Tom has delivered hundreds of motivating, interesting, content-rich presentations to associations, corporations, conferences and civic organizations throughout the U.S., Canada, South Africa and Australia. He has been an invited speaker at most of the APICS International Conferences the past 14 years and was the highest rated speaker at the Conference many times including 2002, 2003 & 2004. Tom also was awarded the best speaker award at the 2003 SAPICS conference in South Africa. His ability to weave his years of corporate experience, life experiences and sense of humor into common sense presentations, combined with his enthusiasm and energy make his presentations and workshops dynamic, meaningful, motivating and fun to attend.

Tom currently works as a private consultant utilizing his knowledge and skills to help businesses "reawaken" the involvement, leadership, teamwork and spirits of their managers and associates. His belief in the power of each person to contribute combined with his respect for workers at every level make him credible and effective in bringing change and positive results to the workplace.

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