



BOOTSTRAP



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Dave's Doodling

So how long were you without power? It was probably the most asked question this past couple weeks and it was very interesting to hear all the discussion around it. I heard stories of borrowed generators, ventless heaters, wood burning stoves, and wind generators on the farm. I heard of people using candles to keep the bedroom warm and others were all smiles because they got the last generator at the hardware store. There were wives who took the children and "left for civilization" if you can say your in-laws are civilized just because they have electricity. Everybody seemed happy when people announced they got their first hot shower after two days, those that got the shower and those who worked next to those who got the shower. I even heard of several kids who suffered because they had to listen to their iPods in the dark for the 2 hours while their family was without power. Being without power seemed to be a badge of honor.

Each day each one of us is faced with many challenges. Some days we succeed in our challenges and get to "take a hot shower". Other days we have to go to bed with a couple extra blankets and a flashlight. How we face our challenges is important. LMC is here to help us with our challenges by giving us opportunities to improve our leadership and management skills. Join us this month at our chapter meeting. John Ernat and Parke Adamson will provide two different topics but both will be relevant. John will help with the challenge this plant faces, the need for financial success and how a good Lean Manufacturing strategy will help. Parke will talk about the challenges of career growth. I am excited for the opportunities.

And don't worry if there is no electricity. The food will be hot. Barefoot-N-Billy uses wood in his BBQ.

*Thanks for reading,
David Hanson, LMC President*

Member Relations/Booster Committee

Honorary members are asked to contact Jerry Welch at 754-4323 by noon on March 19 if you are planning to attend the March meeting. The meeting will be in the Lennox Auditorium on Thursday, March 22. Lunch starts at 11:30am with the program starting at 12:00 noon.

Community Services Committee

Blood Drive

At just five-days old, Steve and Tammie Lang of Runnells IA, received news parents never want to hear. Their new baby, Tatum, was born with a severe congenital heart defect and surgery would be required immediately. A harrowing five-hour surgery turned into a twelve-hour lifesaving effort by several surgeons and medical professionals. Although the repairs to Tatum's heart were successful, she was losing blood as quickly as she was receiving it. By the end of the surgery, Tatum had used several different blood products in her battle to survive. "We never thought our family would be the recipient of someone else's goodwill. You just never think that you or someone you love will need blood to survive. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, for giving our precious daughter the gift of life." – Tammie Lang

What you can do: Become a Blood Donor! Or help with the drive by signing up to staple notes to pay checks or hand out drinks and snacks.

When, March 21st 2007

Where, Lennox Auditorium

Requirements:

Be in good general health

Weigh at least 120 lbs

Eat a good meal prior to donation

Be at least 16 years old with signed Blood Consent Form

Bike Path Clean-up

The Spring Bike Path Clean-up is scheduled for Friday, April 20th. We will be cleaning the Centennial Park and adjacent portions of the Bike Path. Meet in HR at 11:30 to get gloves and garbage bags. Food and drinks will be provided. If you have questions or would like to sign up please contact Jon Weber at ext 4380.

Bingo

The next Bingo activity at the Iowa Veterans Home will be Tuesday, April 10th. Members willing to help with the activity are asked to come to the Malloy Hall Resource Room at 6:15. The Quakerdale youth at New Providence will join us. If interested into helping with the Bingo activity, please contact Toby Brimmer at 752-2546 or Vicki Miller at 4216.

Program Committee

“In Case You Missed It”

James Autry, former CEO of Meredith Publishing Company, was the guest speaker at the February meeting of the Lennox Marshalltown Chapter of NMA. The title of his talk was “The Servant Leader.”

Mr. Autry was soft spoken but delivered a powerful message. Comments included: “A different approach that begs consideration”, “Best yet, could listen to him for hours”, and “Awesome.”

For those not in attendance: ... Get Involved, only a few meetings left!!!



LENNOX

March Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 22, 2007

Lunch: 11:30 a.m.

Program: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Place: Large Auditorium

RSVP by Noon on Monday, March 19, 2007

Speaker:

John Ernat

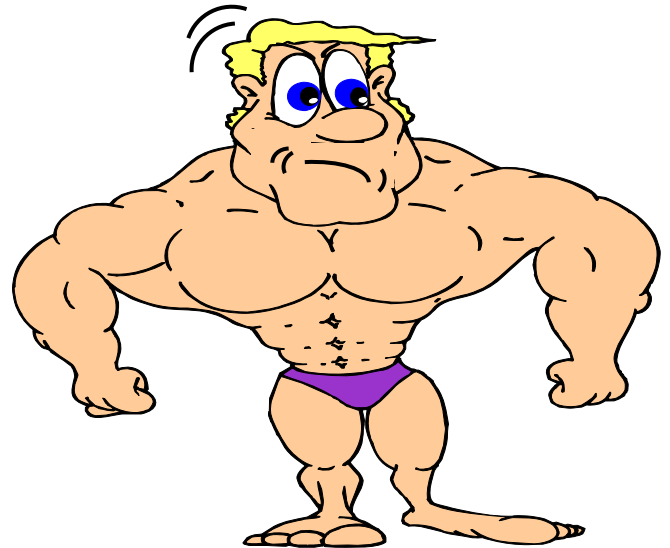
“Common Misunderstanding of Lean”



Skippy and Angry



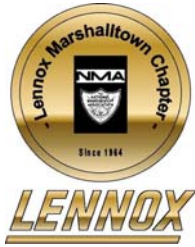
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Lean and Mean

Also joining us will be Interim Plant Manager Parke Adamson
“Career Development – It’s not what it use to be”

Lunch
BBQ
Beans
Potato Salad
Assorted Pies



Mission Statement

The mission of the NMA is to provide management and leadership development opportunities and related chapter activities, which meet the needs of members and contribute to the effectiveness of sponsoring organizations.

NMA Statement of Principles

We believe in the highest standards of personal and organizational integrity and respect for the individual.

We believe in lifelong learning, continuous improvement and the development of a workforce capable of sustaining a competitive posture in the global economy.

We believe management is a creative, dynamic and essential process enabling people to achieve personal and organizational objectives.

We believe that managerial responsibility is shared among all individuals at all levels of the organization and that leadership is critical to management success.

We believe that individuals and organizations have a community and civic responsibility.

NMA Code of Ethics

I will recognize that all individuals inherently desire to practice their occupations to the best of their ability. I will assume that all individuals want to do their best.

I will maintain a broad and balanced outlook and will recognize value in the ideas and opinions of others.

I will be guided in all my activities by truth, accuracy, fair dealing and good taste.

I will support efforts to strengthen the management profession through training and education.

I will help my associates reach personal and professional fulfillment.

I will earn and carefully guard my reputation for good moral character and good citizenship.

I will promote the principles of our American Enterprise System to others, by highlighting its accomplishments and displaying confidence in its future.

I will recognize that leadership is a call to service.