



The Numbers for 2007

Member Companies
53

Individual Members
107

New Members
8

Percentage of Growth
7.5%

Event Attendance
256

Member Participation
at events
65%

Mission

To improve manufacturers' ability to meet their goals by creatively utilizing the Greater Louisville manufacturing environment.

Vision

To foster globally competitive manufacturing in the Greater Louisville region.

Highlights

The Manufacturing Network established a new program called the **Kaizen LIFT** (Learning and Improvement Focused Transformation). Members of the Manufacturing Network were offered three opportunities in 2007 to attend LIFT events at member company LINAK. LIFT event activities included:

- A brief lean overview.
- An overview of the three production areas targeted.
- An analysis of current state of the areas.
- Structured and unstructured problem solving/brainstorming.
- Development of future state vision and action plans.
- Hands-on implementation of action plan wherever possible.
- Presentation of activities and future state vision.

Attendees were thrilled with the opportunity and had only positive remarks when surveyed after the program. Teams were provided with updates on the progress after event completion.

"Our company is just starting lean and I learned a huge amount of information to take with me and help my company get off to a great start," said Jesse Barnes, Winston Industries. "I am definitely going to recommend that our managers attend a future Manufacturing Network event."

Fourth Annual Greater Louisville Manufacturing Awards of Excellence.

Quality Award

Large Business - LINAK U.S.

The Paradigm Engineers & Constructors Lean Manufacturing Award

Small Business - Anderson Hardwood Pellets - Large Business - Raytheon

The Higher Education Forum Workforce Award

Small Business - Idemitsu - Large Business - Cook Compression

The Rotunda Group Environmental Award

Small Business - Anderson Hardwood Pellets - Large Business - Zeon Chemicals

The Futurity Investments Vision Award

Large Business - Cook Compression

Manufacturing Leader of the Year Award

Doug Clark, Production Manager, LINAK U.S.

Executive Committee

Carol Mullen, Rauch Industries

Claude Leitzsey, American Synthetic Rubber Company

Doug Clark, LINAK U.S.

Ed Mitcham, Atlas Machine & Supply

Frank Finley, Paradigm Engineers and Constructors

Rod McNerney, National Products



Member Spotlight

“Becoming a member of the GLI Manufacturing Network has catapulted Paradigm Engineers and Constructors to the next graduating level of operations and marketing. My staff and I have been able to get to know the “who’s who” in manufacturing in the Greater Louisville area. This, by default, has led to us landing 15 large projects within the past 2 years. Such projects have ranged from lean consulting to design/build of plant expansions. The round table discussions have served as the means by which numerous industrial operations have been able to share best practice. We are proud to have been able to contribute to such venues. The plant tours serve as a first-hand way for GLI Manufacturing Network members to view other ways of conducting business, outside of their own “four walls”. Additionally, we have noticed that many companies have been able to foster B2B from meeting others during these tours. Membership in the GLI Manufacturing Network has been the best kept secret in launching manufacturing businesses throughout the area, including ours. Joining the Network was a priceless move.”



Frank A. Finley, II
Paradigm Engineers and Constructors

“The LIFT Kaizen Event at LINAK is a great way for small to midsize local companies to learn first hand all the benefits that can be derived from learning the simple techniques presented in this training exercise. I highly recommend all GLI members involved in manufacturing who do not have first-hand knowledge of what a Kaizen event consists of, and what advantages can be achieved through learning these techniques, to attend one of these events I am grateful to LINAK for hosting this learning experience.”

Mike Leis, operations manager
Whip Mix Corporation

Did you know...

- Manufacturing in Greater Louisville employs approximately 84,000 people.
- Kentucky is the world’s largest manufacturer of peanut butter and peanut butter products with Jif in Lexington and Algood Foods here in Louisville’s Riverport.
- That 70 percent of all pro baseball players use Louisville Slugger wood bats, which are manufactured only in Louisville. Among the more notable names currently using the bats are Major League Baseball All-Stars: Ken Griffey, Jr., Alex Rodriguez, Jeff Bagwell, Derek Jeter, Jim Thome and Jason Giambi.
- All radios on Harley Davidson motorcycles are manufactured by Radio Sound in Bluegrass Industrial Park here in Louisville.
- That the first Stretch Wrap Machine was developed and manufactured by LanTech here in Louisville.
- That the filtration systems designed to filter anthrax at postal sorting facilities is manufactured by Kelly Fabricators here in South Louisville.
- Raytheon’s Phalanx Close-In Weapon System is the most widely used ship self defense system in the world. Used by the navies of 22 allied nations, Phalanx combines radars, computers and a 20 millimeter Gatling gun to protect sailors, marines and ships against cruise missiles, fixed- and rotary-wing aircraft and floating threats in blue water and the littorals. Phalanx is on every combatant ship in the United States Navy. It is manufactured, overhauled and upgraded exclusively in Louisville, Kentucky.



Tours

- Rev-A-Shelf
- Jeffboat
- Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory
- C. Lee Cook
- Hexion Chemicals
- Brown Forman
- Nelco

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