



2017 Meeting Schedule

Employee Driven Success: Hosts: Costco Packaging Plant & Global Optical Lab

February 22-24, 2017 - San Diego, CA

Costco will share how they have transformed their packaging and optical lab through continuous improvement. Costco employees have been empowered and are driving the movement utilizing small kaizen events.

Costco Wholesale Packaging is the packaging center for half of the world – using lean methods, the team has brought significant improvements to safety, quality and productivity in the last four years. In 2016, the packaging plant processed 51,999,500 lbs of Kirkland Signature nuts and mixes and 38,500,000 of Kirkland Signature candies.

Costco Wholesale Optical Lab is the largest Optical Lab in the USA and has the latest technology in Optics. The lab started their lean journey in 2014 with outstanding results. They have seen great improvements reducing lead-time and improving quality. With 700 employees, the lab ships an average of 8,500 jobs a day to Costco stores in the USA.

Continuing Success: Hosted by Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Texas, Inc.

May 10-13, 2017 - San Antonio, TX

We will have the opportunity to explore the Toyota Production System (TPS) used to build the Tundra, as well as other Toyota and Lexus vehicles. You will learn about the “Toyota Way” which champions respect for team members and their pursuit for continuous improvement or kaizen. We will also spend time with their senior management team in discussion of how it has provided “continuing success” for the award winning facility.

It's About Leadership: Hosted by US Naval Academy

August 16-18, 2017 - Annapolis, MD

Learn the steps the Navy has taken to prepare for the new Plebe class coming in the week of our meeting. They are also going to discuss their plans that will ensure the leadership in the Navy is at the high standards needed to handle the next 10 years. We will be joined by a group of senior Naval leaders to detail other aspects of leadership training that is and will be taking place within the Navy.

AME Boston 2017 International Conference: Get Engaged

October 9-12, 2017 - Boston, MA

We will explore the most successful best practices used by practitioners for increasing engagement at all levels of the organization. With the theme *Get Engaged*, the AME 2017 International Conference will explore ways to increase engagement among your team members, help you develop a thriving culture, and uncover ways to empower your team members to contribute in ways you never thought possible.

