

# THE KELCO WAY

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Welcome to the 1st edition of **THE KELCO WAY**. This name is the slogan for our LEAN program and I thought it would make an appropriate title for the newsletter.

One of the great things about LEAN is that it is a common language that allows us to communicate across companies, countries and even continents. It's processes are proven over the past 100 years, even though it has not always been called LEAN.

In this 1st issue, we will take a look back at some of our accomplishments this past year. Each issue will also contain fun facts about lean in general and some interesting history on its development.

I hope you enjoy reading this. I also hope it helps you understand the process and why it is so important to our company. — *Dave Sanders*

*"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."*  
HENRY FORD

## What is "THE KELCO WAY"?

This is the set of guidelines we use to adapt standardized LEAN principles to our individual processes within KELCO. Toyota learned from Henry Ford, US mathematicians and our grocery system in the United States. To help get better suppliers, they shared this knowledge. It was eventually published in a book called THE TOYOTA WAY and became a best seller. Their success and the book created a new awareness in the United States that we need to step up our game in order to compete world wide. We at Kelco have adopted a similar name to help us focus on our renewed Lean Journey. You will be getting more familiar with THE KELCO WAY in the coming calendar year.

Did You Know?.....Henry Ford is widely recognized as introducing LEAN to manufacturing in the early 1900's....  
.....Toyota did not start until after WWII.

## Kaizen Forever!

We did 8 week long Kaizens and 31 Simple Kaizens in 2019.

- Finish Mold Mapping
- PTFE Rings Mapping
- AMT Mapping
- AMT Pull System
- COLLET KAIZEN secondary
- Flex-weld Inventory
- Pay for skill
- VS/TIB boards in 7 of 8 product lines
- Simple Kaizens— Too many to list here. Awesome!!

The Secondary Department at WCT has completed several Simple Kaizens this past year. This is their latest that saves hours of lost time looking for tooling.



BEFORE



AFTER