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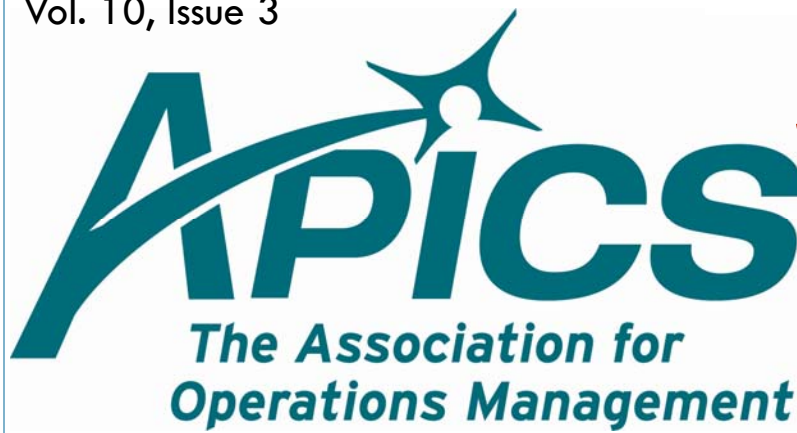
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St. Louis Chapter

November Plant Tour

Federal Express



The next PDM is a plant tour of the FedEx Ground Facility in Overland, MO on November 10, 2010. The tour is limited to no more than 40 people. So, register early before all the spots are taken!!!

Tour Summary

FedEx Ground opened a fully automated local facility in Overland, MO in April of 2003. It is equipped

with the most advanced package-sortation technology, including high-speed, camera-based scanners that "read" all sides of a package to capture digital images of each bar code. The 163,000-square-foot facility has the capacity to support the more than 160 pickup and delivery vans in serving the 13-county St. Louis metropolitan area. APICS members will receive a guided tour of the sorting room and various other areas within the facility.

Date:

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

Schedule:

6:00—6:15 p.m. Registration

6:15—7:45 p.m. Tour

Cost:

\$25 (Members)

\$30 (Non-members)

Location:

1525 Woodson Rd.
Overland, MO 63114

Reservations:

e-mail:

reservations@apics-stlouis.com

or call Karen at 636-343-8877

Reservations due by 5:00 pm on Thursday November 5.

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Directions:

I-170 to the Page Ave Exit
 Go West on Page to Woodson Rd (2nd Stoplight)
 Turn Left on Woodson Rd
 Follow Woodson Rd to Pennell
 Turn Right on Pennell and the FedEx Ground Facility is on your right.
 Go to the Guard Shack and you will be directed to the meeting location

Attention:

- Participants are advised to wear comfortable clothing because they will be going up and down stairs and they will be walking on open grating.
- No Tennis shoes, sandals, high heels are allowed. Loose clothing and loose jewelry are also prohibited for safety reasons. Participants will walk up/down stairs and over open grating.
- Participants will have to go through our security station upon entering and exiting. Their bags may be subject to search.
- Car pooling, if at all possible, is encouraged due to limited parking.

About FedEx Ground

FedEx Ground specializes in cost-effective, small-package shipping, offering dependable business-to-business delivery or convenient residential service through [FedEx Home Delivery](#) and FedEx SmartPost. FedEx Ground provides 100-percent coverage to every business address in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico, with small-package delivery in three to seven business days.

About FedEx Corp

FedEx Corp. (NYSE: FDX) provides customers and businesses worldwide with a broad portfolio of transportation, e-commerce and business services. With annual revenues of \$36 billion, the company offers integrated business applications through operating companies competing collectively and managed collaboratively, under the respected FedEx brand. Consistently ranked among the world's most admired and trusted employers, FedEx inspires its more than 290,000 employees and contractors to remain "absolutely, positively" focused on safety, the highest ethical and professional standards and the needs of their customers and communities.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Covidien

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TENTATIVE 2009—2010 Calendar of Events

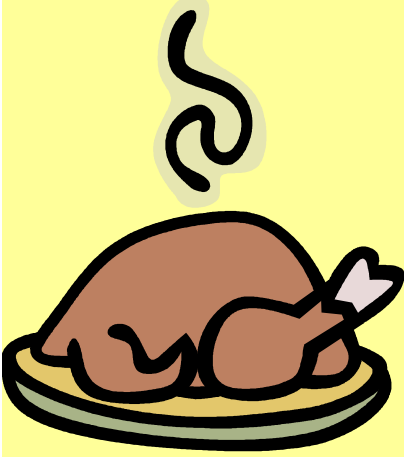
DATE	EVENT
November 10, 2009	PLANT TOUR
January 12, 2010	PDM: Round Table Discussion
February 16, 2010	PDM: "IT in the Supply Chain" Joint Meeting with ISM
March 9, 2010	PLANT TOUR
April 13, 2010	PDM
April 14, 2010	SEMINAR
May 11, 2010	PDM: "Leading without Authority"
June 15, 2010	PDM: Joint Meeting



St. Louis Chapter

Chapter Message

**By: Bob Bielecki, CPIM, CSCP, CPM
President**



First, I would like to wish all of our members and their families a Happy Thanksgiving! I am sure we are all looking forward to the upcoming Holidays. Next I would like to share an article that was passed on to me though one of our sister Chapters. It was written by **Laura Lee Winger** of Mesa, Arizona. I hope you find it informative:

The Value of the CPIM

The Certified in Production and Inventory Management designation, certified by APICS The Association for Operations Management, is a recognized certification in many manufacturing and supply chain-related industries in America and worldwide. CPIM, as it is most often referred to as, is required or desired on many job applications for positions in planning, buying, materials management, logistics and the like. For people interested in this field, it may be of greater value than you think.

First and foremost, CPIM is strength to have on your resume. Even if you are applying to positions that do not require it, having such a certification shows that you go above and beyond your prior education, and indicates that you are bright and ambitious. APICS exams are not easy, and passing them is a great

accomplishment. Five exams are currently required to earn a CPIM designation, so it takes quite a bit of time, energy and effort, and this is widely recognized by employers.

Second, a CPIM indicates credibility. As a working professional who has earned the designation, you can append your name with CPIM, and that alone can draw attention to you and make you appear to be an authority on the subject. This is especially important within the APICS organization, as most officers have at least one certification. CPIM is by far the most common APICS certification and considered the cornerstone of APICS. Outside of the organization, supply chain managers and professionals often see APICS as strong background, and may come to a CPIM for advice on a variety of topics.

Third, think continuing education. Many people go for their CPIM years after graduating college, if they went to college at all. A CPIM usually takes about a year to complete, but can be done as quickly as you are able to take the five exams. Many people study for the exams and either take online or in-person classes to prepare for the exams. The classes cover the materials in-depth, and are a great source of education on a broad range of topics within the supply chain field. Taking such classes looks good to your employer, who may even pay for some or all of it.

Fourth, and perhaps less significantly, CPIM is the basis of another APICS certification, CSCP, or Certified Supply Chain Professional. CPIM covers the inner workings of supply chain organizations, while CSCP broadens the scope to the whole chain of supply, womb to tomb as they say.

Class Schedule:

Master Planning of Resources

Explore the processes used to develop sales and operations plans and identify and assess internal and external demand forecasting requirements. The course focuses on the importance of producing achievable master schedules that are consistent with business policies, objectives and resource constraints.

8 Wednesdays

January 6—February 24, 2010

Time: 6:00—8:30 p.m.

Location: St. Louis Community College at Meramec

\$450 (includes materials)
(Non-members add \$125)

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St. Louis Chapter

C-BAR (Chapter Benchmarking and Reporting)

By: Karen S. Zumwalt, CPIM, CSCP
Vice President, Administration

What is a C-Bar and how high is it?

C-BAR is the acronym for Chapter Benchmarking and Reporting. It is utilized by your Chapter Board of Directors for three primary reasons:

- 1** Provide each chapter with a comprehensive set of activities recommended for a successful chapter.
- 2** Provide an objective process to recognize chapters that meet or exceed the accomplishment of recommended activities.
- 3** Provide districts, DMC, and association feedback on chapter strengths and weaknesses for the development and implementation of future programs and training needed to assist chapters to better support their customers.



In plain English, the C-BAR is the tool that your chapter Board of Directors uses to make sure that we are running the most informative, supportive and beneficial chapter we can to service our customers – you, the members of the St. Louis chapter of APICS. This tool includes planning and evaluation of areas such as Customer Expectations and Marketing, Communications, Professional Development, Education, and many others. By completing the C-BAR, the Board can determine if it is on track to achieve the level of success desired to fulfill the strategic plan for the chapter. Since the C-BAR is submitted to the District for evaluation, it also allows for direction and feedback from that higher level to help keep our chapter running smoothly and to continue to provide the most benefits for our members.

Certification Corner

By: Joe Witkowski, CPIM, CSCP
Vice President for Professional Development

“Live from the Conference Floor “ at APICS International Conference 2009

In addition to my employer sponsoring my participation in the Learning Dynamics for Instructors [LDI] workshop following the conference, I was privileged to attend the full conference proceedings thanks to the District’s summer membership drive award to our chapter. The theme of the conference was Global Ability, and the international flavor of the conference was evident from start to finish. The educational themes of Lean and lean Six Sigma are alive and well internationally, as demonstrated by a total of 12 papers on that topic delivered by academics, consultants, and practitioners. Lean was one of 6 learning paths that included: (2) Global Supply Chain; (3) Basics of Operations Management; (4) Demand Management and S&OP; (5) Professional Advancement; and (6) Special Interest Topics [including CPFR, Advanced Transportation Management, and Business Strategy in this difficult global recession].

On Saturday I attended the always-robust APICS Volunteer Leadership Workshop. Breakout sessions covered topics as timely and widely-varying as Instructor Best Practices, Instructional and Marketing Best Practices for CSCP, Demonstrating to corporations the bottom line value of APICS membership and certification, CSCP Computer-Based Testing [CBT] updates for domestic and international testing, CPIM Courseware updates, and creating and nurturing viable and vibrant student chapters. Finally, the theme of Global Ability resonated in my LDI Workshop with participants from 8 countries [US, Canada, France, New Zealand, China, South Africa, India, and the Netherlands] sharing diverse and experienced perspectives on teaching the APICS BOK, attracting students to instructor-led courses, and validating that the challenges of the economy on local chapters are far more common than disparate. After an action-packed week, even the rains stopped and the sun came out over Toronto – capping off a very enlightening experience for me!

FOR THE RECORD:	October, 2009 PDM Ratings & Attendees (Scale = 4.0)	Speaker	
		Subject	3.60
		Facilities	3.80
		Food	3.60
			3.75
KAYSE	ADKINS	SMSU	
WILLIAM	AUBUCHON	SMSU	
CHELEASA	BABBIT	SMSU	
MELISSA	BADE	SIGMA ALDRICH	
THOMAS	BARKLAGE	SMSU	
GREG	BENKEN	PLAZA FLEET	
MATT	BENZ		
NISHANT	BHARDWAI	SMSU	
BOB	BIELECKI	NORDYNE	
LINDA	BLACKBURN	SIGMA ALDRICH	
THOMAS	BLAIR		
BILL	BRIDENBAUGH	ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR	
BOB	CONNON	ARCH CHEMICALS	
MEGAN	CRIPPS	SMSU	
FLO	CURTIS	CAREFUSION	
AL	DOWNS	SUNNEN PRODUCTS CO	
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HEATHER	GALER	JACKMAN'S	
TONY	GRASS	MISSISSIPPI LIME	
LILLIAN	HOLDEN		
XUN	HU	SMSU	
JAMES	HUBBARD	SIGMA ALDRICH	
MONICA	JUNG	COOPER INDUSTRIES	
RIAN	KETTER	SMSU	
KELLY	KING	CAREFUSION	
JAMES	KIRKWOOD	CAREFUSION	
ADDIE	KORENAK	SMSU	
TOM	LADENDECKER		
ROBERT	MCQUIRK	SMSU	
PATRICK	MURPHY		
CHERYL	NELSON	CAREFUSION	
RICHARD	PHILLIPS		
JOE	REYES	CAREFUSION	
CHERYL	SAPP	CAREFUSION	
THERESA	SCULLY	ISC SURFACES	
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DR. RAJ	SOMARAJAN	SMSU	
GREG	TATE		
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ROD	THOMPSON	WATLOW	
JOHN	VERLAUTZ		
RON	WOOD	MISSISSIPPI LIME	
KAREN	ZUMWALT	JACKSON SAFETY	

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Solving Old Problems
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**Thunder comes from
lightning
Lightning is sparked by
ideas**

**Without new ideas,
We cannot survive in
this economy**

**If we do not change –
We will fail
If we wait to change –
We can only
follow others
If we embrace change –
We can
succeed and lead**

