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From the President:

As we end the year, it's a time of reflection and thanksgiving. I would first like to thank you for being a part of our chapter and membership. We have so much to be thankful for in St. Louis. We have a diverse chapter which is the second largest in our district. We have student members, professional members, retired members, and even a life time member! So, we have a wealth of knowledge and experience available within our chapter.

We are thankful for our new members:

Stuart Walton
Greg Plank
Ryan Byrd
David Hance

Thank you for joining our St. Louis chapter and welcome aboard!

Reflecting on some of our objectives and goals for this year, we have achieved some and are behind on some. We wanted to offer some different learning and growth opportunities to our membership. For years we have focused on Operations Management topics, so we wanted to take a different approach and develop some of the professional skills all of us need and use in our careers. We have one such opportunity scheduled for our March meeting.

Here are the 2012 activities we have planned so far:

February 4th - Lean Manufacturing Workshop at St. Charles Community College. Sign up now by calling 1-636-922-8474.

February 16th - St Louis Blues night. Come mingle with your fellow APICS St Louis members and enjoy the Blues take on the New York Islanders. [Registration is now available](#), so sign up for your ticket now!

March 13th 6 pm (annual joint meeting with ISM) - Building the Human Performance Tool Box - Speaker Doug Pearson. Please join us as we dig into communication style and change management.

April 10th 6 pm - Virtual Pull Systems - Speaker Don Guild. Please join us as we learn ideas and ways to reduce inventory and improve inventory velocity.

April 11th - Spring Seminar - MRP and Kanban: Together again for the first time! Speaker Don Guild. Learn how lean manufacturing works in an MRP driven system.

May 8th 6 pm - Come learn about transportation and governance. More details to follow!

Education continues to be one of the areas of greatest demand and value to our membership. We have several new CPIM members within our chapter - Congratulations to you on such an incredible achievement! APICS St. Louis offers CPIM, CSCP, and workshop classes on Lean Manufacturing, Principles of Inventory Management, and Cycle Counting. We are thankful to our support members and companies for investing in APICS education!

One of the areas that we are behind on as a chapter is membership. I announced at the start of my term that our focus was on retention and recruitment. Unfortunately, we have not seen growth in our chapter. We are holding steady, but not growing. So, renewed focus in this area will be on the agenda for 2012. As I write this letter, our membership is 281 members strong.

In looking ahead to 2012, we will have openings on our board of directors. We need your help. If you are interested in paying it forward and supporting the APICS St. Louis chapter in a board member position, please contact me and I would love to discuss with you the opportunities we have.

Finally, I hope you have a safe and wonderful holiday season with your friends, family, and loved ones. I pray the joy and happiness of this season of miracles gives us renewed energy and hope as we begin 2012. Let's all be thankful for the opportunities we have and look forward to the challenges ahead of us. Happy Holidays!

In your service,
Theresa

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