

November 14, 2000 - Professional Development (Membership) Meeting

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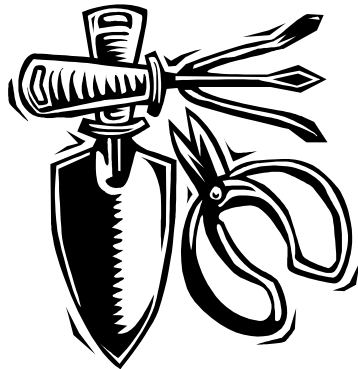
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November 14, 2000 4:30 - 8:45 PM

Topic: Tour of Fiskars, Inc. Garden Tool Division
780 Carolina Street, Sauk City

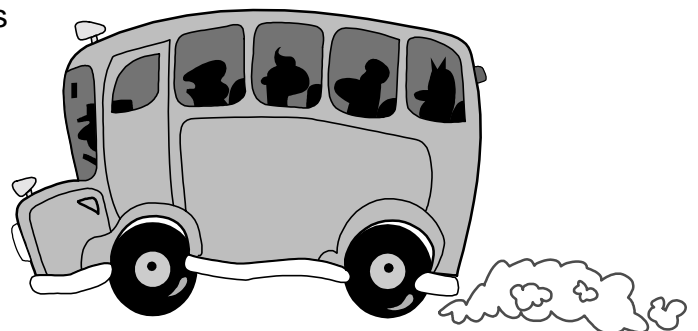
We have a chartered bus that will leave the West Towne parking lot at 4:30 PM. Meet at the south end of the parking lot near the Sears store.

The cost is \$15 which includes food, beverage, and transportation.

We will be stopping for food and beverages after the tour at a place to be voted on. Choices so far are Pizza Hut, Atlanta Bread Company, and the new Panera.

Please register for the tour by calling USA First reservation service at 608-257-8756 between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM by Friday, November 10.

4:35 Bus leaves West Towne
5:30 Tour at Fiskars
7:00 Bus leaves Fiskars
7:45 Stop for food and beverages
8:45 Return to West Towne



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President's Message

John Weisenberger, CPIM

Can you believe that I found this in the APICS dictionary?

INSTANT PUDDING - A term used to illustrate an obstacle to achieving quality; the supposition that quality and productivity improvement are achieved quickly through an affirmation of faith rather than through sufficient effort and education (page 39 of the APICS dictionary, 8th edition).

This term is new to me, although the concept it reflects (implementation by affirmation of faith) has been diligently practiced in several organizations I have witnessed. I am reminded of the story of the person who told their minister they had been praying for a garden for three years and still did not have one. The minister suggested to this person that adding some shovel action to their prayer action would produce a lot more in the way of results.

I must tell you that I am a firm believer in both affirmation and prayer. Each causes us to hold an idea before our mind as a picture of our vision: what we want and what we want to achieve. It sets our compass, so to speak, providing a path, destination, and focus - aimed directly at what we want. Now we have to walk the path. Unless we take steps along the chosen path we will certainly never get what we said we want. Always remember - if you do not decide where you are going, you will certainly end up somewhere else.

I just came up with a new term, "Manufacturing Couch Potato" defined as one who sits on their what-ever on the sidelines. I have this picture of very robust people watching the action on the shop floor while drinking fermented beverages, eating high caloric foodstuffs, and loudly

complaining about each and every action taken by any person on any team on the manufacturing playing field, but, of course, only after each quality-improvement play or value-add score. There is one valuable thing about our MCP, there would be no contact with the real action. In the real world, the actual MCP is usually in the middle of the play, increasing the degree of difficulty at each and every opportunity.

When it comes to the game of manufacturing played on the shop floor field, it is our mind set that makes all the difference. (We are told that this is also true in the world of sports.) We each are the one who decides what the play will be like. Yes, we are a part of a team, but it is our contribution that makes the difference, each one of us adds our unique bit to the play, the dance of value on the shop floor.

If you think that you don't make much difference to the dance, then consider for a moment that you are watching the shop floor from an overview position, high above the action (the blimp camera shot). Now, imagine that all the people on the shop floor were to suddenly disappear - now what does the level of production look like. How much value add is being contributed on the (empty) shop floor?

You can now come back down to earth, join the dance and-

Live long, add value and prosper

John

SEPTEMBER

- 5 APICS Board Meeting
- 18 8 Week MATC Classes Begin on Basics of Supply Chain Management & MRP Module
- 21 APICS Meeting; 5:30 at Sheraton Madison Technical; Class A Manufacturing
- 22 October Newsletter Deadline

OCTOBER

- 3 APICS Board Meeting
- 17 APICS Meeting; 5:30 at Sheraton Madison Technical; B2B Supply Chain Management
- 20 November Newsletter Deadline
- 22-25 APICS International Conference & Expo, Orlando, Florida

NOVEMBER

- 7 APICS Board Meeting
- 14 Plant Tour
- 24 December Newsletter Deadline

DECEMBER

- 5 APICS Board Meeting
- 13 APICS Meeting; 5:30 at Sheraton Madison Technical; UW Madison
- 22 January Newsletter Deadline

JANUARY

- 9 APICS Board Meeting
- 17 APICS Meeting; 11:30 at Sheraton Madison Time Management
- 19 February Newsletter Deadline

FEBRUARY

- 6 APICS Board Meeting
- 20 APICS Meeting; 5:30 at Sheraton Madison Technical; Ben Franklin
- 23 March Newsletter Deadline

MARCH

- 15 APICS Board Meeting
- 15 APICS Meeting; 5:30 at Sheraton Madison Technical; Six Sigma

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