

April 11, 2001 - Plant Tour with the Janesville Chapter

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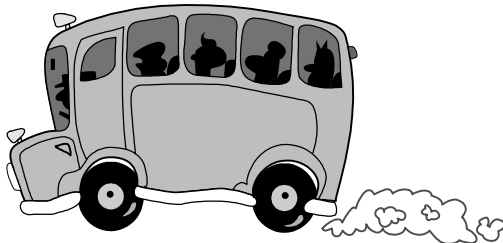
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**Wednesday,
April 11, 2001
11:45 AM - 6:00 PM**

We have chartered a bus that will pick us up on the JC Penney end of East Towne Mall. Registration will begin at 11:45 AM. Space is limited to the first 35 people, so reserve your spot early. If more than 35 are interested in the tour, we will start a waiting list. Depending on the amount of people the Janesville Chapter has, we may be able to use some of their spots.

The bus will leave at 11:55 AM. We will be at GM before 1:00 PM.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

1:00 PM tour. We will divide into two groups. Group 1 will go on the tram through the plant and Group 2 will watch a film that takes about 45 minutes. When the tram returns, the groups will switch places.

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. We have reserved a local catering facility and will provide hors'doerves. A cash bar will be available for those interested.

Cost is \$20 per person and \$15 for students. The cost includes both the tour and the social event. No discount will be given if someone opts not to attend the social function.

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President's Message

John Weisenberger, CPIM

Many of you missed a really valuable introduction to Six Sigma, the thought process. Six Sigma comes from the principle that we should always stay well within the design envelope. In order to do that, we must know exactly what the limits are and how what we do will affect them.

When there are problems, diagnosing them is a major challenge. One of the primary tenants of diagnosis is to change a perception statement to an action statement. For example, "When I move it this way, it makes a funny noise" becomes a grading of the noise on a scale of 1 to 10. As soon as we make it an action statement, we can begin the process of evaluating just what we are paying attention to.

To make this point just a bit clearer, we can relate it to our personal lives as well as our work lives: "We get what we pay attention to." (Other ways of saying the same thing are: "As you believe, so shall it be done unto you."; "Seek and you shall find, ask and it shall be given unto you, knock and it shall be opened."; and "You become what you think about."). Paying attention to something means that you apply focus whenever you can. The most effective approach for me is to have flag elements in normal processes that cause me to pay attention to the important things I want to accomplish.

My brother once went to a three day class on time management. He was taught how to analyze all his projects and activities into A, B, and C categories based on need and value. The next process was to break each category down into 1, 2, and 3 again based on priority. The process continues until all items are in their right position in the list. Shortly after he finished the class, he noticed he was playing

with his dog one afternoon. This was an activity that did not appear in any category. He has now decided, based on what he learned in the class and observations of his own behavior, the best way to determine his true top priorities is by observing what he is doing at any given time. While he still maintains his list of goals and objectives, he now tries to observe his activities each hour of the day, just to take the pulse of his current desires.

One question comes up when we start talking about what we want to pay attention to, do we just talk about it or do we do something? One of my personal statements to the people I work with is "Let's do something, anything, even if it is wrong!" Tom Peters talks about the folks that get stuck in the sequence "Ready, Aim, Fire". They use the sequence "Ready, Aim ...Aim ...Aim ...Aim". He suggests that the sequence should be "Ready, Fire, Aim", the objective being to learn by doing quickly, then try it again.

There is a group of people who believe that it is our mistakes that make us what we become. Only by failing do we ever learn to ride a bicycle. Our failures are the small steps to value, so go do something!

Live long, add value and prosper

John

Course Registration

- Strategic Management of Resources, course # 182-104-001, \$250.00
MATC Commercial Avenue Campus, Room A266
April 28, May 5, 12 & 19, 2001, 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Name: _____
Position: _____
Company/Institution: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Social Security #: _____

Fax registration to Barbara Birkholz @ (608) 223-2484. Make check or money order payable to APICS. Mail payment with a copy of this registration form to be received no later than April 20, 2001.

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For questions regarding confirmation of receipt or payment call Kyle Whitcomb at (608) 286-6924.

For questions regarding the course itself, call Barbara Birkholz at (608) 221-1551, ext. 3718.

If you have a disability and desire accommodations, please advise us ahead of time. Requests are confidential.

Regulations require that MATC request this demographic information. Your voluntary response is appreciated. All responses will be kept confidential.

female male Birthdate: Month Day Year

Ethnic Origin: Amer Ind/Alaskan Native 1 Asian Amer/Pacific Islander 2 African American 3
 Hispanic 4 White 5 Other 6

Work Status: Employed full time 1 Employed part time 2 Underemployed 3
 Unemployed, seeking 4 Not in Labor Market 5 Dislocated Worker 6

Highest Grade Completed: _____

High School Attended: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Graduated: _____

Marital Status: (Check One): 1 Single 2 Married 3 Separated
 4 Legally Separated 5 Divorced 6 Widowed



**MATC and APICS Present
Strategic Management of Resources**

Saturdays, April 28 through May 19, 2001

8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

APICS is an international, not-for-profit educational organization and recognized leader in organizational education and integrated resource management. The Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM), introduced in 1973, is recognized as a standard of excellence in business and industry. CPIM provides professionals with in-depth, specialized knowledge of production and inventory control.

The course: *Strategic Management of Resources* explores the relationship of existing and emerging processes and technologies to manufacturing strategy and supply chain-related functions. The course addresses three main topics: aligning resources with the strategic plan, configuring and integrating operating processes to support the strategic plan, and implementing change.

Instructor: Robert A. Reynolds, CPIM, is a Project Manager - Materials Management for the Briggs & Stratton Corporation. His most recent project was the selection and implementation of SAP at Briggs & Stratton. He has been instrumental in the development and implementation of all the current materials management systems at Briggs & Stratton and previous employers. His manufacturing experience includes extensive involvement in the creation,

development, and improvement in cellular manufacturing, kanban, and other Just-In-Time efforts. He has extensive knowledge of the Toyota Production System and is or has been a manufacturing excellence instructor at Briggs & Stratton, Milwaukee Area Technical College, and the Milwaukee chapter of APICS. Additionally, Bob is an APICS certification instructor for the chapter and for local companies. Bob's current project is the development of strategic sourcing and e-procurement at Briggs & Stratton. He has an MBA from the Keller Graduate School of Management and is a management graduate of Northern Illinois University.

Credit: One associate degree credit will be awarded through credit-based continuing education.

Cost: The cost for the course is \$250, which includes the course fee, materials and parking. Additional readings and texts may be suggested to further prepare for the certification exams, but are not included or required in this course.

Confirmation of receipt of payment will be sent by mail and may be used for reimbursement purposes, if needed.

A minimum of 12 students is required to run this course - registrants will be notified in the event of cancellation.

Strategic Management of Resources

Strategic Management of Resources explores the relationship of existing and emerging processes and technologies to manufacturing strategy and supply chain-related functions.

Objectives

- Explain manufacturing, Just-in-Time (JIT), Total Quality Management (TQM), manufacturing strategy, organizational structure, human resource policies, and the overall business strategy
- Explain how global distribution, international issues, and information technology affect the supply chain and the strategic relationship of its members
- Identify requirements for the cost-management process, methods and benefits, and the advantages and limitations of using cost-management data for operational decision-making
- Describe the managerial considerations in project selection and assessment, including intangible and tangible considerations and process benefits
- Explain the organization and function of the project team, techniques and tools of project evaluation and justification, and project implementation issues and phases
- Describe the types, uses, and advantages of performance measurement and the characteristics of effective performance measurement systems.

Session Topics

- Aligning Resources with Strategic Plans
- Choices Affecting Structure
- Choices Affecting Infrastructure
- Supply Chain Management
- Configuring and Integrating Operating Processes
- Configuring and Integrating Design and Development and Cost-Management Processes
- Project Management
- Measurement Management
- Change Management

WISCONSIN SYMPOSIUM 2001



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Friday April 27, 2001

at the

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in

Oconomowoc, WI

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Information and Registration: dgunderson@lsol.net

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17 APICS Meeting; 11:30 at Sheraton Madison
Technical - Time Management; Bob Priester
19 February Newsletter Deadline
25 APICS Board Meeting

FEBRUARY

9-11 APICS Regional Conference at
Concourse Hotel in Madison
20 APICS Meeting; 5:30 at Sheraton Madison
Technical - Bill of Materials; Jim Zimmerlee;
Wendy Kremers, Benefits of APICS
16 March Newsletter Deadline

MARCH

15 APICS Board Meeting
15 APICS Meeting; 5:30 at Sheraton Madison
Technical; Six Sigma
16 April Newsletter Deadline

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27 Wisconsin Symposium

Upcoming Education Courses

Basics of Supply Chain Management	September 17 - November 5, 2001
Master Planning of Resources	September 17 - November 5, 2001
Strategic Management of Resources	April 1 - May 20, 2002

All of these classes will be held at the MATC Commercial Avenue facility. Contact Barbara Birkholz for more information.

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