

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 21, 2002
11:30 - 1:00 pm, Sheraton Madison

A Six Sigma Introduction

Presented by Jeffrey Basch

Six Sigma is a learning experience about a global language, a methodology, a vision, and a goal. We will look at the cultural and knowledge challenges faced when implementing six sigma.

- A business perspective on Six Sigma
 - How GE Polymerland implemented Six Sigma
 - Lessons learned: How to avoid “Initiative of the Day” syndrome
- Introduction of the methodology phases
 - Define, measure, analyze, improve, control
- A brief overview of the 12 steps of Six Sigma
 - Why GE Polymerland added a 13th step: Step 0
- Multiple high level Six Sigma examples

You should attend if you have heard of Six Sigma and want to learn why it is being adopted across the business world.

Our speaker, Jeffrey Basch is a certified Six Sigma Black Belt at GE Polymerland. He has over 11 years of experience with GE Polymerland in a variety of roles within manufacturing, technology, marketing, and sales. His latest position is Six Sigma Customer Quality Leader for the midwest and north central regions. He is responsible for managing GE Polymerland’s field engineers and for consulting on the application of the Six Sigma methodology to commercial and customer processes. Jeffrey received his Bachelor’s degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Massachusetts and his Master’s degree in Business Administration from the University of Michigan.

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The menu on 3/21 is an italian market platter which includes an assortment of fine italian style deli meats and cheeses, roasted peppers, mild ginardinera served on fresh baked focaccia bread accompanied by pesto pasta salad with oven dried tomatoes. Cost is \$30. Please **RSVP by 3/18** to John Weisenberger at johnw@hi-techmachine.com or 608-845-3888.

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President's Message Harley Ringhand

Geetings!

Several events have taken place in the last month.

I would like to thank Metal Skills Plus, LLC and our Marketing Chairperson, John Vanden Heuvel for a wonderful evening last Wednesday. Metal Skills Plus has an immaculate plant that hosts a number of manufacturing processes. Their capabilities include: shearing, punching, breaking, welding, wet painting, powder coating, and assembly. After the tour, John Vanden

Heuvel had arranged for a presentation given by John Klus. John Klus spoke to us for about 20 minutes and in that time we were laughing uproariously and reflecting on important points that touched our hearts. He spoke about life, family, and work.

There were several amusing points made and one that serves well for Wisconsin is, "one of the things that I have pondered is....there are 24 hours in a day and 24 beers in a case." John Klus also offered some practical advice such as, do the unpleasant tasks first, strive to look for the positive, and look for what can be learned from any negative situation. We need to hear more from John Klus in the future.

Thanks to John Vanden Heuvel for arranging a very pleasant evening!

John Vanden Heuvel is in the news again. He is the proud father of a second son. Congratulations John!

Five board members traveled to the Milwaukee Regional Retreat. We proudly wore our new official Madison APICS Chapter 232 polo shirts. Many other event members were moved to begging upon the mere sight of the handsome logo emblazoned shirt in bright red. You too can own one of these fine garments. Look for them at our next PDM lunch meeting.

Our Chapter is inching ever closer to having its very own student chapter thanks to the persistent efforts by Cathy Martin. Cathy, with the help of Jeff Hodgeson and Jenny Gavin put together the kick-off meeting. It was a success! The meeting was attended by over 25 students. One student even attended the tour at Metal Skills Plus the following evening. We welcome all new student members.

Check out our new website at www.madisonapics.org! Jim Spellman, our membership chair, has set it up and it looks great!

See you at our March luncheon meeting!

Harley Ringhand, CPIM

Calendar

March

- 21 APICS Lunch Meeting
11:30 am at Sheraton Madison
A Six Sigma Introduction
- 26 April Newsletter Articles Due

April

- 18 APICS Tour at Sub Zero
- 22 May Newsletter Articles Due

May

- 16 APICS Election of Board for Next Year
Theory of Constraints

APICS Certification Review Courses

- Detailed Scheduling & Planning
March 2002
- Basics of Supply
March 2002 and September 2002
- Strategic Management of Resources
September 2002

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