

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, January 15, 2004
5:30 p.m.
Fiskars Brands
Garden Tool Division

Tour of Fiskars Brands, Garden Tool Division

Fiskars Garden Tools is the number one global brand of garden tools. For years they have led the way in developing tools to help reduce the effort, fatigue and strain that's often associated with gardening. Their economic tools are designed for gardeners who want to pursue their passion with light-weight, high-quality, durable tools and accessories that make cutting and digging easier.

Tom Callahan, director of Supply Chain, will speak to the group about some of the supply chain activities used at Fiskars.

Please join us for a tour of the garden tool grinding and assembly operations. Immediately following the tour, pizza will be served.

DIRECTIONS:

Fiskars Brands Inc.
780 Carolina St
Sauk City, WI
608.643.2380

5:30 p.m. - Sign In
6:00 p.m. - Tour
7:00 p.m. - Dinner - Pizza

Take I90/94 toward Wisconsin Dells. Take the Hwy 19 exit toward Waunakee (left). Continue onto Hwy 12 into Sauk City, turn left onto Business Drive and then turn left onto Carolina St.

The cost for both the tour and dinner is \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members, and \$15 for students. The cost of the tour only is \$15 for members, \$25 for non-members, and \$5 for students. Please **RSVP by noon on Wednesday, January 14, 2004 at www.madisonapics.org**. Please contact Don Peters at 608.441.5916 with any questions.

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President's Message

Kathy Smathers

Greetings!

Are you ready to welcome in the New Year – 2004? This past year certainly did fly by. Well, now that the holidays are behind us it's time to settle in for the long winter.

Have you made your New Year's resolution for 2004? How about an APICS resolution this year? If you are not certified, why not make a resolution to get your certification this year? Our certification classes will start again in February. You can check out the information on the website.

If you have your certification, did you file for your maintenance certification? Why not make it a resolution to attend some of the remaining tours or monthly meetings?

This is a great opportunity to network with other members that have experienced situations and opportunities that we face each day. We have several lunches and a couple tours left this year.

A one-day Symposium is being held on February 27th in Appleton, WI. For more information please visit our website at www.madisonapics.org or give me a call. I would be happy to forward the information to you.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the next event!

Regards,

Kathy Smathers, CPIM

New to the Newsletter

Meet the Board!

We are currently featuring a board member of the month. We will introduce a new one each month until we have gone through all of them.

1. Name and where you are employed.

Carol A. Aspinwall and I work at UW-Madison in the School of Business. I am the assistant director for the Erdman Center that serves the MBA students enrolled in the Operations and Technology Management program.

2. What is your position on the board? How long have you held it?

My position is Student Liaison. Prior to this I was Education Chair from 2002-2003.

3. How long have you been a member of APICS?

I have been a member of APICS since 2001.

4. What was the last event you attended through APICS?

On a national level, I was fortunate enough to attend the APICS International Conference in Las Vegas last October. Locally I attended and presented at the December 2003 PDM in Madison.

5. What do you remember most about it? Or what did you gain from it?

I enjoyed the international conference because of the inspiring, entertaining, and controversial speakers. I had the chance to meet other region members and develop some connections to help grow the Madison Student APICS chapter. The sessions focused on success stories from a variety of industries, which I found valuable in learning more about companies and trends that my students may need to know about.

6. What benefits have you and/or your company seen from being a member of APICS?

I have utilized the APICS directory and on-line career center extensively for my students. I believe in the power of networking so if anyone has a question about a process, system, or trend, there is a ready group of experts to call upon through the APICS directory. Students benefit from direct contacts to employers in the industries and job functions they are pursuing through the APICS Career Center.

Leap into APICS Education

Wisconsin Symposium 2004

A one-day, multi-flighted event of resource management sessions with a variety of top-notch speakers offering ideas to apply within your own company that will allow you to improve performance and become more competitive.

Featuring keynote speaker:

Carol Ptak, CFPIM, CIRM
(past APICS Society President and author of several best selling supply chain books)

Date: Friday, February, 27, 2004

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: D.J. Bordini Center
Appleton, WI

Cost:

APICS/ISM member: \$245* / \$275

Non-member: \$295* / \$325

Student: \$75* / \$100

* Early bird rate, register by
Friday, January 30, 2004.

Register online at: www.fvtc.edu/ntng

For additional information:
<mailto:seminars@fvtc.edu>
seminars@fvtc.edu

Calendar

January

- 5 Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. - Coliseum Bar (Jingles)
- 15 APICS PDM Tour
5:30 p.m. Fiskars Brands Inc.-
Garden Tool Division
February newsletter article submission

February

- 3 Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. - Coliseum Bar (Jingles)
- 20 APICS Luncheon Meeting
11:30 a.m. Sheraton Madison
Topic: 5S
March newsletter article submission

March

- 2 Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. - Coliseum Bar (Jingles)
- 18 APICS Luncheon Meeting
11:30 a.m. Sheraton Madison
Topic: TBD
April newsletter article submission

April

- 6 Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. - Coliseum Bar (Jingles)
- 15 APICS Luncheon Meeting
11:30 a.m. Sheraton Madison
Topic: TBD
May newsletter article submission

May

- 4 Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. - Coliseum Bar (Jingles)
- 20 APICS PDM Awards Evening
5:30 p.m. Sheraton Madison
Topic: TBD
June newsletter article submission

June

- 4-5 Summer Retreat (TBD)
- 17 APICS PDM Tour
5:30 p.m. Tomotherapy
Topic: TBD
July newsletter article submission

Job Postings

New postings

Purchasing Manager - American Placement Services

Materials Manager - American Placement Services

Prior postings

Buyer/Planner (temp) - Datex-Ohmeda

Senior Buyer - American Placement Services

APICS Certification Information

Exams

Examination Preparation

Workshops

Certification Maintenance

Visit our website for job postings and more details on the APICS Certification at www.madisonapics.org