

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 19, 2004
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sheraton Madison

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Concepts of 5S

Presented by Dawn Thistle

Please join us for an overview of the concepts of the 5S System. The concepts of the 5S System were introduced to Springs Window Fashions in 2000 by Mike Cienian, VP of Quality and Engineering. Mike had extensive experience with 5S through his time with Nissan Motor Manufacturing. Springs Window Fashions also utilized the expertise of WMEP (Wisconsin Manufacturing Extension Partners) to initially implement the concepts. This led to the need for a formal in-house program which Dawn Thistle helped develop and continues to coordinate. The presentation depicts Springs Window Fashions steadily implementing 5S in two of its manufacturing facilities over the last three years and the current pilot efforts at implementation in an office environment.

The speaker, Dawn Thistle, has been with Springs Window Fashions since 1992 and has experience in manufacturing and supervision. She has been the Supervisor of Training and Development/HR Generalist since 2000. Dawn is responsible for developing and deploying training at all five of the Springs facilities related to team work, process improvement including 5S, project management, and leadership development.

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The menu on 2/19/04 is roast pork loin with herb roasted potatoes, vegetables, house salad, and apple crisp. The cost for both the speaker and lunch is \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members and \$15 for students. Walk-ins will be \$35. Please **RSVP by noon on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004 at www.madisonapics.org**. Please contact Don Peters (608.441.5916) with any questions.

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President's Message Kathy Smathers

Greetings!

This month, we will attend our region meeting and Student Case Competition in Downers Grove, IL. Students from nine universities will compete against each other for cash for their student chapters. I will report the winners and other chapter updates next month.

I would like to thank all the Madison board members for volunteering their time to keep our chapter running at it's best.

We are looking for additional volunteers to assist the board, whether it is serving on the board next year, or serving on a committee to help the existing board members. With your help, we can make our chapter even stronger. If you are interested, please contact me at ksmathers@fiskars.com.

Check out the redesigned, robust web site of apics.org. It offers visitors a user-friendly on-line experience to access the latest solutions for inventory and supply chain management professionals.

All visitors will be asked to create an on-line profile by registering a unique user name and password. Based on the user profile, relevant information can be easily identified and accessed.

Join us at the PDM luncheon, February 19th, to hear the presentation on 5S. It should be great, see you there!

Regards,

Kathy Smathers, CPIM

Madison APICS Student Paper Competition Congratulates the Winners

The Madison APICS chapter sponsors a local paper competition along with the Donald W. Fogarty International Student Paper Competition to actively encourage the professional development of students interested in the field of resource management. Full-time or part-time undergraduate and graduate students submit original, relevant, and timely research papers on any resource management topics including:

- Inventory management
- Just-in-Time
- Logistics
- Manufacturing processes
- Master planning
- Material and capacity requirements planning
- Production activity (shop floor) control
- Systems and technologies
- Supply chain management

Two UW-Madison students were winners this fall. Below are comments about their papers.

First place winner:

Supplier Performance Evaluation submitted by Anupam Singh

Anupam's paper was an excellent focused analysis of how to apply vendor supplier performance. Perhaps I could associate with it better because it was aimed at a manufacturing/assembly plant.

This paper stimulated additional thought and had some useful ideas that could be applied in the real world. It showed a reasonable level of work, understanding, and documentation. I have not used any calculus since 1968, so I have to trust the formulas were valid. The paper took the evaluation process through to implementing the program. It included details, explanations, and examples.

Second place winner:

Optimizing Inventory submitted by Rajat Moorjani

Rajat's paper was definitely aimed (as he said) to someone who had little experience. I thought that his approaches utilizing safety stock and the EOQ formula were simple to understand. It should reach the intended audience.

Calendar

February

- 19 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

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