

Madison APICS
Professional Development Meeting
Thursday, April 19th
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Wolf Appliance/Sub Zero

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Please join us for a presentation on Kanban Systems. Mr. Cimorelli will be discussing the physical side of Supplier Kanban, Production Kanban and Move Kanban with specific “how-tos” for each type.

Steve Cimorelli is the Director of Materials Functional Excellence with Cummins Filtration, a global manufacturer of diesel & gasoline engine filtration and exhaust products. He holds a BS degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Central Florida, and is certified at the fellow level by APICS in production and inventory management (CFPIM). He has over 25 years experience in manufacturing, materials, engineering and computer systems, in a variety of industries including aerospace and defense, industrial equipment and commercial products.

From 2001 to 2004 Steve consulted with numerous manufacturing plants in the U.S., Mexico, Canada and Europe, developing and implementing lean manufacturing and materials practices, especially in the areas of kanban, forecasting, line balancing and production stabilization.

Steve’s published works include his new book Kanban for the Supply Chain, published in October 2005 by Productivity Press. In addition, the February 2002 cover story in APICS - The Performance Advantage titled “Reduced Demand – Managing Inventory in a Period of Declining Sales” and a 70+ page chapter titled “Control of Production and Inventory” in the Handbook of Manufacturing Engineering, published in 1995 by Marcel Dekker.

Timeline: 5:30 - Meet & Greet
6:00 - Dinner
6:30 - 7:30 - Presentation

Location: Wolf Appliance LLC
2866 Bud’s Drive
Fitchburg, WI 53719

Please **RSVP by noon on 4/16/07** by contacting Carol Aspinwall at caspinwall@engr.wisc.edu or on line at www.madisonapics.org. Cost: \$20 for members and \$10 for students.

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Step Up and Jump In!

April showers bring May flowers. What do May flowers bring? (The answer we used to give is “pilgrims” with a play on the words “May-flowers”!). Often we think of April, spring and Easter all together. So what image does this conjure up for you? A fresh start? New growth? Sunshine and warmth, the return to getting outside and moving more, playing more, working more?

I like to think of spring as another chance for a fresh start. If you are spiritual, it might mean a time for reflection, sacrifice, and the ultimate miracle of renewed life. Maybe we should consider April as the beginning of a new year; a time to shake off the dust and darkness and begin again. Now is a great time to rejuvenate your new years resolution – especially if it was beginning something new like an exercise program. **Now** is the time to get outside and get moving!

So what else can you do in this season of sunshine, rejuvenation, new growth? Is there something you need to do to shake off the dust and darkness in your job? Is there an area where you need to grow? What roots can you sink and fruit can you harvest?

APICS can help with this. It has been awesome watching our student chapter grow and deepen its roots in some new events. They recently participated in the Region 14 Case Competition and came home with a contribution to help grow their chapter. Our education

offerings have grown tremendously as well. Soon we will see the fruits of these labors as more of your colleagues gain their CPIM certification. Our PDMs have had fantastic attendance and I hope we can finish the year with record breaking crowds and fruitful contacts being made.

One of my favorite sayings is – You don’t plant seeds when you are hungry. I think we have to look at what we want to achieve down the road and to do the little things that count RIGHT NOW. We can plant “seeds” of activity or contacts, water them, nurture them and soon we will have the fruits of our labors, the strength of our connections and the roots or knowledge to bear any challenge that comes along.

It starts with what you decide to do today so I urge you to get going and get growing!

Happy Spring!

Carol A. Aspinwall
Madison APICS President

PS. A new opportunity awaits me in the College of Engineering and I will be moving into that position as of April 2nd. My new contact information is: caspinwall@engr.wisc.edu; 608-890-1801.

2007 Calendar

April

19 APICS Meeting - Wolf/Sub Zero,
Fitchburg
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Speaker: Mr. Cimorelli
Topic: Kanban Systems

May

17 APICS Awards Night - Wolf/Sub Zero,
Fitchburg
Time: 5:30 p.m.

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