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Madison APICS KICK-OFF Professional Development Meeting Wednesday, September 24th 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Please join us for a presentation on Process Improvements: real-world examples of methods you can use in your organization to tackle time wasters, road blocks, or frustrators. You can make significant improvements within your own team and make a real difference in your work place. Speaker Mary Andrae will present the following:

- How to Identify Waste
- The Top 7 Wastes
- Discuss at a high-level a Six Sigma methodology and tool kit
- Kaizen steps
- Value Stream Mapping and much more

In addition, Mary will show you how to identify the most important areas to tackle first and outline best methods to use depending on the situation and desired outcomes. This is not just for the manufacturing floor, these are real-world examples of administrative improvements. These methods will work for your own teams, whether it is finance, materials, sales, or operations. Mary will show you some real-world examples of projects she has supported in her role as a Continuous Improvement Manager. Mary joined the Cummins Emissions Solutions group (CES) as the Global COS/Lean/CI Leader. She started her career with Cummins in 2000 taking a position in the Customer Assistance group in Stoughton, WI. Since then she has held the positions of Customer Assistance Supervisor, Operations Control Coordinator, and Six Sigma Black Belt. Most recently, Mary has been in the role of Continuous Improvement (CI) Leader for the Cummins Filtration

Exhaust Business. In this role, she has been successful in driving improvements in both manufacturing and administrative processes.

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

Location: Wolf Appliance/Sub Zero
2866 Bud's Drive
Fitchburg, WI 53719

Please RSVP by noon on 9/22/08 by registering on line at www.madisonapics.org.
Cost: Members: \$20, Non-members: \$30, and students: \$10.

President's Message

Greetings:

This certainly has been an interesting year so far here in Southern Wisconsin. We have experienced record snowfalls, record rainfall, flooding, soaring gas prices, history in the making with Presidential hopefuls and record-setting steel, copper, and gold market pricing. By contrast, consumer confidence is down as reflected by miles traveled in cars, travel abroad, home starts, and new car sales. It is precisely times such as these where one must consider the importance of continuous learning. Continuous learning keeps one current with the economic outlook, best practices, and future trends.

As current members, you realize the advantages and value of an APICCS membership and continuous learning. But how can you take that advantage a step further? One way is to commit to attending all PDMs and tours. Another is to recognize the benefits that come with getting involved with a committee or becoming a member of the Board of Directors. Each of our board and committee members have benefited professionally and personally from their involvement within APICS. All of them have moved on to new positions and new roles of ever increasing responsibility in their careers, and I am confident that they will continue to do so.

Education is a cornerstone to APICS and as such, your Madison Chapter is again offering 5 CPIM certification classes in the upcoming year.

The schedule is available on our website at www.madisonapics.org. If you are interested in scheduling classes at your facility, have questions, or want to become an instructor, please contact Kathy Smathers at ksmathers@fiskars.com.

Professional Development Meetings (PDMs) are scheduled once per month and may consist of a presentation or a tour at a noteworthy local business. The presentations are typically a brief overview of a special topic. The purpose of the PDMs is to introduce you to the latest trends and vocabulary that affect you in the business world.

Our Company Coordinator Chair for 2007-2008, Dawn Auby CPIM, met with her committee at the May PDM and was offered a number of ideas and suggestions. One of those was a roundtable discussion. Not one to let opportunities pass her by, Dawn set out to implement the suggestion. The first roundtable discussion will follow the September PDM and will cover "Tips for shipping product internationally, either export or import — what to know to be successful and the tools you should use to stay on top of your industry and the economy." The roundtable discussion will follow the PDM at Tony Roma's, 2965 Cahill Main, Fitchburg. I look forward to seeing you there!

Side note: does anyone read this message? If you do please send me an e-mail or let me know at the next meeting. Offer up suggestions to me in your email as to what it would take for you to become more involved — topics, committees, offerings, etc.

Best Regards,

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November 19

Location: TBD

Time: TBD

January 15

Location: TBD

Time: TBD

March 19

Location: TBD

Time: TBD

May 21

Location: TBD

Time: TBD

Brand New this Year!

Please join us for the Kick-off of our first roundtable discussion. Talk “shop” in a more relaxing environment or just gather with others to talk about Brewers, Packers, Badgers, Kaizens, RFID, etc.

After our official PDM, Dawn Auby will be facilitating a roundtable discussion.

- 1) Tips for shipping product internationally, either export or import and what to know to be successful in doing so.
- 2) What tools do you use to stay on top of your industry and the economy? What is most helpful, trade journals, websites, etc.

President Ringhand has promised to purchase a cool beverage for us. Hope you can join us for the kick-off event! We will gather at Tony Roma's following the PDM at Wolf/Sub Zero for casual discussions. So stop by on your your way home. Hope to see you there!

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