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**Basics Coming in
January!**

Cedar Valley Chapter will be offering Basics of Supply Chain Management in January. See inside for details.

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Coming in November:

Sue Gorsch, Rockwell Collins, will tell us the ins and outs of 5S Principles and the Visual Workplace at the November PDM.

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Lean Series-Kaizen-A New Way of Thinking

This month's PDM speaker is Jim Black, CIRUS, from Iowa State University and the topic is Kaizen. Please join us in welcoming Jim as he informs us of this process-oriented way of thinking introduced by the Japanese. Kaizen means "process improvement" in Japanese and contrasts with the innovative and results-oriented thinking of the West.

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CPIM Recognition

Last month's PDM brought recognition for this terrific accomplishment. See who it was on **Page 3.**

Going for Gold!

*We got the Gold! Find out what for on **Page 3.***

Region V News

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*More thoughts from Julie Stull, your Chapter President. **Page 6.***

CPIM Re-Certification!

Need to CPIM re-certify? Not sure if you do? List and info on **Page 3.**

Books for Lean!

*Your Cedar Valley Chapter recently donated books to the CR Library. See which ones and guess what the theme is! **Page 7.***

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Special thanks to Cedar Valley Company Coordinators, our behind-the-scenes recruiters of new members, PDM attendees, and Certification students:

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Cedar Valley APICS, a nonprofit educational organization and the local chapter of APICS International, has been serving its members and the Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, and surrounding business community since 1972. Our mission is to develop, promote, and recognize the professional management of resources by individuals and enterprises.

Cedar Valley Views, the chapter's monthly newsletter, is available to members by postal mail or email. Interested nonmembers may request inclusion on our "Friends of CDVA" email distribution by contacting dacrowle@rockwellcollins.com. The newsletter may be forwarded to interested parties; articles may be reprinted with permission from Cedar Valley APICS, PO Box 10483, Cedar Rapids, IA 52410-0483.

We welcome your inquiries regarding articles, submissions, advertising, address changes, etc. The deadline for each monthly issue is the 15th of the preceding month. Please contact the editor, Dave Crowley at (319)295-8164 or dacrowle@rockwellcollins.com. for more information.

APICS Certification Maintenance Reminder

The following certified chapter members need to collect the necessary documentation to maintain their prestigious Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM) or Certified Fellow in Production and Inventory Management designations:

Jerry Schneekloth	Greg Stark	Rodney Bartlett
James Milden	Steven Rose	Gary Thompson
Francis Cummings	Philip Pfister	Mark Botkin
Gale Mote	David Riley	Cindy Hathaway
Terry Brende	Dennis Bruns	Doug White
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Dan Grobe	Steven Schmitz	Bob Kemmerer
Mike Felton	Steve Schmuecker	Sandra Tuttle
Chris Hanzelka	Joe Mauss	Cheri Manternach
Marty Novak	Todd Hutcheson	Dan Dye
Melissa Williams		

All the above need to complete the APICS Certification Maintenance Application and submit this form to Society in 2003 during the same month that initial certification was received. The documentation required for re-certification should be kept in a professional development journal (see APICS Certification Maintenance Bulletin #09033).

Your 75 points may be earned through participation in the PDMs, serving on the chapter's board of directors, attending a CPIM review class, retaking a CPIM module exam, instructing a review class, maintaining your APICS membership, giving a presentation, or independent study and training.

If you have questions about certification maintenance, please call APICS Customer Service at 800-444-2742 or Julie Stull at (319)295-6191.

Cedar Valley Gets the Gold!

Our Cedar Valley Chapter was the proud recipient of the Gold Award for the Passport program for 2002. Congrats to all who contributed!

- Enhances chapter performance through comparison and evaluation to international resource management standards and ongoing innovation.
- Provides a standardized exercise that promotes action and innovation and includes a checklist of chapter performance elements, documented by chapter leadership, reviewed and evaluated by veteran APICS volunteers and regional leadership.
- Offers objective guidance through instructional feedback. Encourages strong organizational management practices, including solid strategic planning, continuity among leadership, and recruiting and retaining members. Benefits individual members by improving management skills, which translate to on-the-job success.
- Develops stronger communication techniques, enhanced writing abilities, expanded leadership acumen, and sound financial practices.

October PDM Details

Topic: "Kaizen-A New Way of Thinking"

Presenter: Jim Black, CIRUS, Iowa State University

When: October 8, 2002

5:30 PM	Networking
6:30	Chapter Business
6:45	Dinner
7:30	Program

Where: Longbranch Hotel & Restaurant
 90 Twixt Town Rd NE, Cedar Rapids, IA

PLEASE REMEMBER!

Reservations are due by Friday, October 4. Cost is \$20.00

(No-shows are billed.)

Contact your APICS Company Coordinator:

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Presenter: Jim Black, CIRUS, Iowa State University

Jim has more than 28 years of engineering and operations management experience implementing focused factory and teams, automation and robotics, project management, preventive maintenance and productivity improvement. Areas of specialty include Strategic Planning, Kaizen, Set-Up Reduction and Constraint Management. Jim has been employed by such firms as Frigidaire Company at Webster City and Jefferson; Kohler Company, Kohler, Wis.; and Rockwell International, Rockford, Ill.

Jim, as a manufacturing engineer and business consultant, introduces this philosophy of perfection, together with several case studies of Iowa companies who implemented this idea that problems are really opportunities for improvement. Look further in the newsletter for more details and the sign up information! Please join us for Jim's insight at the October PDM.

Latest CPIM Certifications Recognized

At the September PDN, seven of our fellow Chapter members were recognized for their recent CPIM certification achievement. Congrats to those for a commendable accomplishment!

Pictured below from left to right are Gordon Baker(Alliant Energy), David Capouch(PMX), Dan Pollack(PMX), Brenda King(Svedala), Shawn Phillips(Rockwell Collins), and Marilyn Kies(Genecor). Not pictured Lori Miller(Apache Hose and Belting).

Region V News

What a success! Your host, the Midlands Chapter, and your Region V staff want to thank everyone for the record breaking attendance at the Fall 2002 Region Meeting that was held in Omaha on September 13, 2002. You also provided us with very valuable feedback on how to improve future meetings and ways to improve the overall organization. We have collected your feedback and will be publishing it within the next few weeks. If you missed the meeting, do not forget to get the details from your chapter representatives or contact your chapter liaison.

Have you heard about the APICS Scholars Program? Check out Chapter Management section for more information. 2002 APICS International Conference is October 27-30, 2002, in Nashville, TN. Mark your calendar to attend.

If you have any questions, go to the Region V website at <http://www.apics5.org/> or contact Jerry Lowry, Director of Administration for CDVA and Region V Director of Chapter Management at (319295-1022).

Help For Our “Downsized” APICS Members

“Seeking Employment” advertisement in our Cedar Valley Views newsletter—Quarter-page ad FREE to unemployed Cedar Valley APICS members. Copy due 15th of the month. Contact Dave Crowley.
APICS Career Center—All candidates may search jobs, but only APICS members receive the added benefits of posting resumes and receiving email alerts when new positions are listed. Visit the APICS Career Center at www.apics.org, phone (800)444-2742, or email jobs@apicshq.org.

Benefits Extension for Unemployed Members Program—a six-month extension of membership benefits without cost. Contact Julie Stull for more info and an application.

Julie’s Jabber

I can’t tell you all what a great PDM we had in September! Denny Larson, from Larson Lean Consulting shared his views of the 6 S’s(Bet you thought it was 5, didn’t you?) As always, Denny’s presentation was informative and humorous. The entire year of PDMs are based on Lean Electronics. If you couldn’t make Denny’s presentation, that’s okay, because the rest of the year is filled with everything you ever wanted to know about Lean.

Kirk Schroeder and I attended the Region 5 meeting in Omaha, Nebraska, September 13-14. I must say the Omaha Chapter did an excellent job hosting the event and I can not say enough good things about the Omaha chapter. The hotel we stayed at was beautiful and the staff was very courteous. Best of all no APICS chicken was served! The Cedar Valley Chapter also received the GOLD award for our Passport Book (See page3 for details).

So many times we take our local chapter of APICS for granted. We forget that we are, above all other things, an education society. I would like to make a special thank-you to Jim Milden from APACHE Hose & Belting for the great job of instructing he does. Jim has been instructing CPIM classes for over 15 years. Jim, we thank you for all you have done over the years and your continued support in the future.

Finally, one of the Chapter's important goals is keeping our current membership and growing that membership by ten new members. If you know of anyone who could use what we have, bring them to a PDM or let us know and we'll contact them.

Until the next time,
Julie Stull, President

BACK TO THE BASICS

The Cedar Valley Chapter will be offering the introductory CPIM course, Basics of Supply Chain Management, in January 2003. This 30 hour, 10 week course designed to give students an overview of business-wide concepts for satisfying customer expectations, determining and managing customer demand, managing the transformation processes used in satisfying customer demand, and managing the supporting supply chain activities.

If you are thinking about being APICS certified, or need points for certification maintenance (30 points), or if you would like to increase your skills and knowledge, Basics is for you. The topics covered include:

- Value and Waste from a customer's perspective
- Forecasting and Master Planning
- Material Requirements Planning
- Capacity Requirements Planning and Shop Floor Control
- Inventory Management
- Distribution/Logistics of Goods and Services
- Quality Management and Purchasing
- Lean Manufacturing

Industry newcomers and those seeking to advance into management roles will benefit from this course. Registration will be available through Kirkwood's Continuing Education Program, starting in December 2001. Phone 319-398-1022. The cost is \$425.

The Cedar Valley Chapter Donates Lean Books to the Chapter Library.

Your Cedar Valley Chapter has donated the following books available for your use. In our year of Lean, the books will be available for anyone in the Chapter. Contact Jim Milden at (319)_____ or at jim.milden@apachehb.com

Below is a list of the books and a brief summary of each.

Gemba Kaizen: A Commonsense, Low-Cost Approach to Management by Masaaki Imai.

When it comes to making your business more profitable and successful, don't look to re-engineering for answers. A better way is to apply the concept of kaizen, which mean making simple, common sense improvements and refinements to critical business processes. The result: greater productivity, quality, and profits achieved with minimal cost, time, and effort invested. In this book, you discover how to maximize the results of kaizen by applying it to gemba--business processes involved in the manufacture of products and the rendering of services--the areas of your business where, as the author puts it, the "real action" takes place. 1999 Shingo Prize winner.

Today and Tomorrow by Henry Ford.

Yes, the original inventor of the automobile for the masses. In his younger days he was incredibly insightful and one of the most responsible business personalities of all time. Chock full of encouraging words for younger people - people who are not "thoroughly acquainted with the impossible." This book is absolutely worth reading.

Becoming Lean: Inside Stories of US Manufacturers edited by Jeffrey Liker.

But organizations have succeeded, and now you have a unique opportunity to benefit from their experience. In Becoming Lean, Jeffrey Liker has compiled a collection of stories from today's manufacturers already on the front line of the lean revolution. Here is the first book to go beyond descriptions of lean management to include powerful first-hand accounts of the complete process of change, its impact on the entire organization, and the rewards and benefits of becoming lean. Twelve American manufacturing companies tell their stories of successfully implementing lean methods. In their own words, the authors offer personalized accounts of their organization's lean transformation-including struggles, successes, and surprises. Many of the executives and managers who led the charge to lean in their own organizations tell their stories here for the first time. Some of the companies you'll read about include General Motors, Freudenberg-NOK, Gelman Sciences, Western Geophysical Exploration Products, Garden State Tanning, Donnely Corporation, and Cedarworks. The accounts provide not only a realistic view of what it takes to get lean, but evidence of the performance benefits of lean production systems. 1998 Shingo Prize Winner.

If you have ideas, stories or information you would like included in the newsletter, feel free to contact Dave Crowley at (319)295-8164 or (319)338-7891 by phone or at dacrowle@rockwellcollins.com.

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