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APICS and our Cedar Valley Chapter offer almost unlimited opportunities to improve your career, your work team, and your enterprise.

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CPIM Courses Rolling.

Eighteen students enrolled in the two CPIM courses which started January 23. Next course, Strategic Management of Resources, starts April 10. Visit our website for more info on CPIM benefits.

Save, Save, Save!

Want to help save the Chapter paper and postage? Send an e-mail to Dave to get your newsletter sent via e-mail at:

dacrowle@rockwellcollins.com

**Coming in March:
More Lean! Kent Staler
will speak on Core
Process Optimization
and how it can help
your business.**

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www.cedarvalleyapics.org

Basic Training!

It's a Lean and Mean theme for the year and Nick Larson, Rockwell Collins, will show us how to get back to the basics with some Lean tools to tighten us up. Come to this month's PDM and he will pump you up! **Page 3.**

This Chapter has Class!

*Kirkwood and CDVA will offer another opportunity to expand your education and add to your knowledge base! **Page 4.***

Region V News

More stuff from your Award Winning Region! **Page 5.**

We are Absolutely Certifiable!

See who else has received their CPIM Certification!
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PDM Evaluations!

Your PDM evaluations are available. See how you think we are doing in this Year of Lean. **Page 6.**

A Note on the February Speaker:

Many of you will notice that we have been advertising Harry Gregory to speak on Customer Service and Lean. However, due to a scheduling conflict, Mr. Gregory is unable to attend and we have the opportunity to hear Nick Larson. We apologize for any confusion.

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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.

February PDM Details

Topic: **“Lean... Getting Back to Basics Can Produce Results You've Never Seen”**

Presenter: Nick Larson, Rockwell Collins

When:	February 11, 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, February 7, 2003. \$20.00 (No-shows are billed.)

Contact your APICS Company Coordinator:

Or contact Cedar Valley APICS Program Team Member Lori Miller,
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Lean...Getting Back to Basics Can Produce Results You've Never Seen!

Nick Larson is the Lean Transformation Manager for Rockwell Collins Government Systems Operations in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Prior to joining Rockwell Collins in 1996, Nick was a Research Assistant and Course Instructor for the University of Iowa, Department of Industrial Engineering. While at the University of Iowa, Nick led numerous consulting projects to improve information and material flow with companies such as Procter & Gamble, H.P. Smith, John Deere, NCS Corporation and Rockwell International. As a result, Nick has been published in various academic journals and conference proceedings.

Nick has taught numerous Industrial Engineering courses focusing on simulation modeling, principles of operations research and project management. His educational background includes a BA in Physics from Central College (Pella, Iowa) and a MS in Industrial Engineering from the Universtiy of Iowa. Before devoting 100% of his effort toward the implementation of Lean Principles, Nick enjoyed waste first-hand as and Industrial Engineer and Manager of various product lines at Rockwell Collins. His interest now lies with improving flow and brining the manufacturing process back to basics with Lean.

CDVA CHAPTER AND KIRKWOOD CC OFFER WORKSHOP ON THE FUNDAMENTALS OF INVENTORY MANAGEMENT

In these troubled economic times, are you getting a satisfactory return on your inventory investment? Do you understand the impact inventory has on the growth and development of your organization?

This workshop introduces essential vocabulary and skills needed to identify and apply the basic concepts of inventory management. It is aimed at people in the fields of operations and supply chain management or people working in positions that interface with these fields who need to learn and understand the basic tenets, techniques, and terminology of inventory management. Basic methods of planning and controlling inventory in manufacturing, wholesale distribution, and retail environments are covered.

Session I: 8:00-10:00

Topics: Purpose of inventory, inventory turnover ratios, inventory valuation, functions and classes of inventory

Break: 10:00-10:10

Session II: 10:10-12:00

Topics: ABC Analysis, SKUs, lot sizing techniques, inventory costs, reorder points

Lunch: 12:00-1:00 (on your own)

Session III: 1:00-3:00

Topics: Replenishment techniques, safety stocks and safety lead times, service levels

Break: 3:00-3:10

Session IV: 3:10-5:00

Topics: Target level inventories, time-phased order points, inventory record accuracy, periodic physical inventories, cycle counting, and wrap-up

Workshop includes a workbook with easy to apply examples to improve the bottom line of your business.

The workshop will held on Friday, March 28, 2003 from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

Cost is \$195.00. Class is limited to the first thirty registrants. Registration will be through Kirkwood's Continuing Education program. Phone 398-1022. Course #221447.

Region V News

It's Time....

**Mark your calendars for the Region 5 Winter Meeting
American Production & Inventory Control Society**

Details...

When: Friday, February 21
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM(Lean Manufacturing
Workshop – Cost \$150)
8:00 PM - Midnight(Region Hospitality)

Saturday, February 22, 2003
• Actual Region Meeting

Where: Four Points Sheraton, Des Moines Airport
1810 Army Post Road
Des Moines, IA 50315

Reservation: 515-287-6464

Room Cost: \$69 per night plus tax (Double or King)

Tentative Agenda For Saturday...

7:30 - 8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
8:00 - 8:30 AM	Leadership Eye Opener
8:30 - 9:00 AM	The New APICS-Tammy Williams, Region VP
9:00 - 10:30 AM	Strategic Planning Exercise-Denny Larsen
10:30 - 11:30 AM	President's Reports
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Working Lunch
12:30 - 1:00 PM	The Game of Membership
1:00 - 1:30 PM	President's Reports
1:30 - 1:45 PM	Next Region Meeting
1:45 - 2:00 PM	Conference Update
2:00 - 3:00 PM	Discussion Group

What Did You Think?

Below is your latest feedback to the PDMs. If you look at the high score, it is obvious everyone finds them interesting and informative. If you haven't been to a PDM, you should join us so you can give some high scores too!

CEDAR VALLEY APICS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVALUATIONS SUMMARY 2001 - 2002

AVERAGE RATINGS	SEPT	OCT	NOV	JAN	AVERAGE
SPEAKER TOPIC OR TOUR CONTENT	no data	4.4	4.09	3.8	4.10
SPEAKER PRESENTATION	no data	4.2	4.04	3.9	4.05
LOCATION AND FACILITIES	no data	4.2	4.09	3.7	4.00
QUALITY AND PRESENTATION OF FOOD	no data	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.43
CUR OVERALL AVERAGE	no data	4.33	4.13	3.98	4.14
LAST YR. OVERALL AVERAGE	no data	no data	no data	no data	4.33
CUR OVERALL AVERAGE GOAL	4	4	4	4	
CURRENT ATTENDANCE	40	38	35	51	41.00
LAST YEAR ATTENDANCE	24	53	30	32	38.71
CURRENT ATTENDANCE GOAL	40	40	40	40	40.00

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.

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.

Our Latest CPIM Certifications!



Janet Wietlispach, Rockwell Collins and Freida Aldrich, Rockwell Collins, are presented their Certifications by Lone Dykstra and Kirk Schroeder at last month's PDM.

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Open immediately for the latest info from your Cedar Valley APICS Chapter:

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