

Cedar Valley Views

Celebrating 30 Years in the Cedar Valley!



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**Build Your Business—
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APICS and our Cedar Valley Chapter offer almost unlimited opportunities to improve your career, your work team, and your enterprise.

**Maximize your
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**CPIM & CIRM
Certification Programs**
are a great way to develop and motivate your resource management individuals or teams. Visit the Cedar Valley APICS website for more info on the programs and a schedule of local review courses and exams for 2004

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2004-05 Annual PDM Schedule!

Oct 12 th	Plant Tour - Shakespeare Chocolate Factory
Nov 9 th	John Ruth - Sales and Operations Planning
Jan 11 th	TBD
Feb 8 th	Harvey McChesney - Unfreeze your Thinking for Better Decision Making
Mar 8 th	Plant Tour - Kinze Manufacturing
Apr 12 th	Stephen J Timm - Life Cycle Value Stream Management / Lean
May TBD	Golf Outing

OCTOBER PDM – PLANT TOUR of SHAKESPEARE CHOCOLATE FACTORY See page 2 for details.

Great Prizes Planned for 2004-2005 PDM Participants

Perfect Attendance Awards and drawings for two terrific Grand Prizes scheduled for April 2005. See Page 6 for September Eligibility List.

2004 APICS International Conference and Exposition

The 2004 APICS International Conference and Exposition, October 10-13, 2004, is in San Diego, California. **Make the Most of Your Conference Experience**
With less than a month until the [2004 APICS International Conference and Exposition](#), now is a good time to review the [educational sessions](#) and select which sessions you plan to attend. See page 4 for more details and more!

Find your name and attend October PDM free!

Find your e-mail name (without the address; example cathy.bolton) in this newsletter and attend the October PDM for free. Notify Kavi Parupally on or before Friday October 8, 2004, to make your free reservation to attend the Shakespeare Chocolate Factory Tour if you find your email name in this newsletter.

CDVA Makes Book Donation

See page 3 for book list!

OCTOBER PDM

Topic: *PLANT TOUR - SHAKESPEARE CHOCOLATE FACTORY*

**When: Tuesday, October 12, 2004
5:30 PM Tour**

There will not be any formal dinner arrangements after the tour.

**Where: SHAKESPEARE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
830 33rd Ave, Cedar Rapids, Iowa**



Shakespeare's Chocolate started business in 1990 in Fairfax, Iowa and relocated to Cedar Rapids in 2000. Their current operations consist of 12,000 square feet at this facility and 20,000 square feet at an off site warehouse.

Shakespeare's had a rapid growth in the last few years and their customers include Costco, Wal-Mart, Target, Home shopping network etc.

Reservations are due by Friday, October 8, 2004. No Charge for tour. No formal dinner arrangements have been made, but there are many restaurants nearby for an informal gathering for anyone wishing to do so.

Contact Cedar Valley APICS Director of Programs Kavi Parupally,
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Chapter Makes Book Donation

In our efforts to promote the continuing education of our members, the Cedar Valley Chapter has made a significant contribution of business books to the Cedar Rapids Public Library. These books include all the reference books currently used in the CPIM program.

We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to improve your skills and keep up on the latest trends in the profession. If you live outside the Cedar Rapids Metro area, the books are available through Inter-Library Loan. The donation includes the following references:

- J.R.Tony Arnold, *Introduction to Materials Management*
- David Ross, *Distribution Planning and Control*
- Thomas Wallace, *Sales and Operations Planning*
- Thomas Wallace and Robert Stahl, *Sales Forecasting*
- Paul Schonsleben, *Integral Logistics Management*
- John Blackstone, *Capacity Management*
- William Sandras, *Just in Time: Making It Happen*
- J.M.Juran and Frank Gryna, *Quality Planning and Analysis*
- Ray Garrison and Eric Noreen, *Managerial Accounting*
- Jack Meredith and Samuel Mantel, *Project Management*
- Charles Poirier and Stephen Reiter, *Supply Chain Optimization*

Other books recently donated by the chapter include:

- *Gemba Kaizen: A Commonsense, Low-Cost Approach to Management* by Masaaki Imai.
- *Becoming Lean: Inside Stories of US Manufacturers* edited by Jeffrey Liker.
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Don't miss this dy.e.dr educational opportunity! Read a book!

October Solutions

Register on Site for Certification Exams and Overview Sessions at the APICS conference

Seats for certification overview sessions and testing at the APICS conference are still available. Register on site at the Certification Booth located in the APICS Resource Center. Move closer to obtaining your CPIM or CIRM designation by taking advantage of this convenient testing opportunity at the conference. Visit the [APICS Web site](#) for details and schedules.

Implement Strategy in Your Organization

APICS' Strategic Management of Resources workshop will explore the relationship of existing and emerging processes and technologies to manufacturing strategy and supply chain-related functions. This workshop addresses three main topics: aligning resources with the strategic plan, configuring and integrating operating processes to support the strategic plan, and implementing change. Find out more about APICS' [Strategic Management of Resources workshop](#), October 19-21, 2004, in Alexandria, Virginia.

Incredible Savings Still Available at the APICS Bookstore

You can still save 30 percent on hundreds of business management titles at the APICS Bookstore. Many popular books are still in stock, but visit today for the best selection. Please reference code **SAVE\$\$** to receive 30 percent off your purchase. Place your order today at the [APICS Bookstore](#).

Upcoming Webinars

[Warehousing Best Practices](#) , Presented by Maryanne Ross, CFPIM, CIRM

October 6 at 2:00 p.m. ET

Level: Basic , Professional Development Points: 1

The duration of an APICS Webinar is 60 minutes. Train your entire staff for one low cost of only \$99 for APICS members and \$139 for nonmembers! Enter campaign code **YKBB4G** when [registering](#).

Today more than ever, our businesses need people with the skills and knowledge to meet ever-increasing challenges to the efficient and effective management of resources--to plan, schedule, coordinate, expedite, and optimize the flow of material, labor, services and information which creates value for our customers. Whether we compete in manufacturing, service, distribution, healthcare, utilities, communications, or any other business area, APICS education, reference materials, and involvement can help our team members excel in their resource management roles.

Timing is everything, and the time is now! Whether you are developing the professional skills of yourself, a valued employee, or your work team, the combination of Certified in Production & Inventory Management course content & certification is a powerful incentive. Contact Kirkwood to register today!

Execution & Control of Operations – In progress

This class focuses on the areas of prioritizing and sequencing of work, executing work plans and controls, reporting results, and providing feedback on performance. A large portion of the class deals with quality initiatives and continuous improvement plans.

Classes will be held Thursday evenings, 6:00—9:00 PM, Sept 9 through November 11. The ECO class has 16 participants.

Experienced Instructor

Jim Milden has 25 years experience in materials management in a variety of retail, wholesale, and manufacturing companies. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Mr. Milden is certified by APICS in both Production & Inventory Management (CPIM) and Integrated Resource Management (CIRM). He is currently the Materials Analyst with Apache Hose and Belting.



APICS CPIM Review Course Schedule: 2004-2005

COURSE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	KCC LOCATION	START DATE	END DATE	EXAM DATE
Execution & Control of Ops	Sep 6, 2004	Amana Room Iowa Hall	Sep 9	Nov 11	Nov 13
Strategic Mgmt of Resources	Jan 17, 2005	Amana Room Iowa Hall	Jan 20	Mar 24	Apr 9
Basics of Supply Chain Mgmt	Apr 4, 2005	Amana Room Iowa Hall	Apr 7	Jun 9	Jun 11

Certification Maintenance News

APICS is preparing to begin the suspension process for those CPIMs and CFPIMs with 2003 and 2004 deadlines who have not yet met the Certification Maintenance program requirements. Go to our website, www.cedarvalleyapics.org, for a letter from APICS with information on an amnesty period and the suspension schedule for Certification Maintenance candidates.

Contact any board member for information on service and leadership opportunities beginning in 2004.

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PLAN NOW TO ATTEND 2004-2005 CDVA PDM's -----WIN PRIZES

Dear CDVA APICS Members and Friends,

We have an excellent schedule planned for 2004-2005. Plan now to join us each month to share ideas, food, and fun.....**and an opportunity to win some great prizes.** At each PDM you may put your name in the hat for a chance to win one of the following Grand Prizes to be awarded at the PDM in April 2005.

2 TERRIFIC GRAND PRIZES!!

A NEW DESKTOP PC

A NEW PERSONAL DATA ASSISTANT (PDA)

Must be a member of CDVA Chapter of APCIS and present at April PDM to win.

SPECIAL PERFECT ATTENDANCE PRIZES!

WILL BE AWARDED TO THOSE WITH

PERFECT PDM ATTENDANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 2004 – APRIL 2005

Open to APICS Members and Friends.

GREAT DOOR PRIZES TO BE GIVEN AWAY AT EACH PDM!

Need only to be present at any PDM to win. Open to APICS Members and Friends.

Grand Prize eligibility List from September 14, 2004 PDM – (Those registered to attend.)

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| 1. | David Crowley | Rockwell Collins |
| 2. | Cathy Bolton | Lear Corp |
| 3. | Larry Bolton | Lear Corp |
| 4. | Mary J Knutson | Rockwell Collins |
| 5. | Gerald A Muench | Rockwell Collins |
| 6. | Rick Held | Maytag Corp |
| 7. | Julie Stull | Rockwell Collins |
| 8. | Steve Larson | Rockwell Collins |
| 9. | Steve Rose | C M Works |
| 10. | Kavi K Parupally | Rockwell Collins |
| 11. | Kirk A Schroeder | Rockwell Collins |
| 12. | Kay Pelusi | Rockwell Collins |
| 13. | Matthew Macnider | Rockwell Collins |

We're Cedar Valley APICS

APICS—the American Production and Inventory Control Society, an international organization with 70,000 members in 20,000 companies worldwide.

Locally, we're the Cedar Valley APICS Chapter - serving its members and the Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, and surrounding business community since 1972. We're a non-profit volunteer organization, dedicated to providing leading edge learning opportunities, professional certification, networking, and access to the education resources of APICS International.

Our mission is to develop, promote, and recognize the professional management of resources by individuals and enterprises.

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 Cathy Bolton.

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 Kirk Schroeder for more info and an application.

Job Postings

A separate e-mail distribution list has been set up for job postings. If you would like to receive these postings, please contact Rick Held at rick.held@mchsi.com and ask to be added to the job postings list. You can have the newsletter and these job postings sent to different email addresses if you like.

If you have a Job you would like distributed to this list, also email to the above address.

Job Postings will also be available on the chapter website, www.cedarvalleyapics.org

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