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### **2005-06 Annual PDM Schedule!**

The Board of Directors is still finalizing the PDM schedule. Below are the topics and speakers that have been confirmed.

Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	Roger Weiss - Supply Chain Management
Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>	Plant Tour - TBA
Feb 14 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
Mar 14 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
Apr 11 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
May TBD	Golf Outing

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND 2005-2006 CDVA PDM's -----WIN PRIZES**

Dear CDVA APICS Members and Friends,

Welcome back to another year of interesting and educational Professional Development Meetings. 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 at our Grand Prize drawing at the PDM in April 2006 (must be present for drawing at April PDM to win)

**OCTOBER PDM PLANT TOUR - ALLSTEEL OPERATIONS**

Allsteel Operations is a division of HON, a leading manufacturer of Office Equipment. Make your reservation today to join us for a tour of their Muscatine facility on Tuesday, October 11!

**When: Tuesday, October 11, 2005**

- 4:00 P.M. – Bus departs from Westdale Mall in Cedar Rapids**
- 4:40 P.M. – Bus departs from Coral Ridge Mall in Coralville**
- 5:45 P.M. – Arrive at Allsteel**
- 6:00 P.M. – Plant Tour starts**
- 7:00 P.M. – Plant Tour ends**
- 7:30 P.M. – Dinner Begins - \$20.00 per person**
- 9:00 P.M. – Bus departs for Coralville and Cedar Rapids**

**Where: Allsteel Seating and Storage Plant**  
3000 North Highway 61  
Muscatine, IA 52761

**Click here and press space bar for map:**



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Operations.ppt

**TAKE THE BUS!**

CDVA is chartering a bus to travel to Muscatine for the plant tour.

There is room for only 45 people on the bus so.....

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY! FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!**

All bus reservations must pay \$20.00 per person dinner fee.

**Reservations are due by Friday, October 7. \$20.00 payable at check in (No-shows are billed.)**

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# Connect with Success at APICS 2005 NATIONAL CONVENTION IN KANSAS CITY

**Dates:** October 16-18, 2005

**Location:** Kansas City Convention Center, Kansas City, Missouri

The 2005 APICS International Conference and Exposition is the educational and networking event of choice for operations management professionals. The conference is the premier source for operations management education with a concentration on production, inventory, supply chain, materials management, purchasing, and logistics.

| [Register for Conference Today](#) | [Visit My Planner for Schedules and Session Information](#) |  
| [Reserve Your Exhibit Space Today](#) |

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## Conference Update, September 23, 2005

The APICS 2005 International Conference and Exposition has been relocated to [Kansas City, Missouri](#), for the same dates of October 16-18. As always, APICS is dedicated to bringing you a quality conference—no matter what city it's in. We continue to be excited about APICS 2005 and hope to see you there.

### Registration

[Regular registration](#) for APICS 2005 has been extended through **September 30, 2005**. Conference attendees who have already registered will automatically be registered in our new location. For registered attendees who can not attend at the new location, please send your cancellation in writing via e-mail to [API051.attendee@expoexchange.com](mailto:API051.attendee@expoexchange.com), or by mail to APICS, PO Box 590, Frederick, MD 21705-0590 by **September 16, 2005** for a full refund.

### Housing

At this time the APICS room blocks are sold out. However, travel Web sites such as [Travelocity](#), [Expedia.com](#), [Hotwire](#), and [Orbitz](#) have hotel rooms available in the area. You can also check back periodically with [ITS](#) as cancellations do occur.

### Travel

Many airlines are offering changes to existing reservations at no cost. If you have already made your plane reservations to New Orleans, please work with the airline directly or a travel agent if you used one to secure the reservation. The dates of the conference are the same, so you can purchase your tickets for Kansas City anytime. Visit the [Housing and Travel](#) page for additional information.

### Convention Center Area Map

A map of the Kansas City Convention Center area is available on the [Housing and Travel](#) page.

### Plant Tours

Full refunds of the plant tour registration fees will be provided to registrants scheduled to attend plant tours in the New Orleans area. APICS is working diligently to secure new plant tours in Kansas City, Missouri. Registration for the new plant tours will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Updates will be posted to the Web site as soon as they are available.

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It is our intention to make the transition as simple as possible for those registered and those who have yet to register for the conference. We understand that you have many questions and we are working diligently to tie up all of the necessary details for this relocation.

We will continue to update the Web site with information as it becomes available.

We appreciate your patience and hope to see you at APICS 2005.

**KEUN MAN LEE RECEIVES SIX SIGMA BLACK BELT CERTIFICATE**

Keun Lee, a senior manufacturing planner in Operations at Rockwell Collins was recently nominated for employee recognition by his co-worker, Travis Gossman, an electrical engineer.

According to Gossman's nomination, Lee recently obtained a Six Sigma Black Belt Certification, a difficult and prestigious honor given by the American Society for Quality. A process that goes hand in hand with the Lean Electronics program, Six Sigma is a rigorous methodology that uses a near-perfect measure of quality to improve processes and reduce variation, commonly defined as 3.4 defects in one million opportunities.



A Six Sigma Black Belt is a professional who can explain the Six Sigma method. A Black Belt also demonstrates team leadership, understands team dynamics and assigns team member roles and responsibilities while having a basic knowledge of Lean enterprise concepts. In order to obtain this certification, one must pass a written examination with 150 multiple choice questions, as well as pay the fee. As a result of this certification, Lee then studied to be certified as an Advanced Process Analysis (APA) Black Belt.

At an awards ceremony and in the "Rockwell Collins Operations" newsletter, Kent Statler, senior vice president of Operations, presented Lee with his APA Black Belt certificate and praised his accomplishments. According to the article, Lee will use his new knowledge to enhance Rockwell Collins' Lean Electronics approach and capabilities to improve performance.

Lee, who works in Cedar Rapids, also has received a number of other certifications including Certified Production and Inventory Management and Certified Integrated Resource Management, both awarded by the American Production and Inventory Control Society. According to Operations, Lee is the first Rockwell Collins employee to achieve the APA Black Belt status and the first Rockwell Collins employee to have achieved this many certifications.

When asked why he chose to pursue so many certifications, Lee said he is a "lifelong learner." He doesn't want to stop studying or learning. He wants to improve himself, society and the company.

"Thirty years is a long time to be in the same job. I like change," he says.

Eric Johns, Lee's supervisor and a production manager in Cedar Rapids, explains that Lee is "kind of a career student." "He's always trying to learn and educate himself. Keun is a very hard worker and he doesn't take 'no' for an answer," Johns says.

"He is relentless in his pursuit of being successful. He's a driver; he continually educates himself -- not only for his own success but to encourage the people around him to be better. He's the kind of worker every manager would love to have."

**Make CPIM a Part of Your Master Plan!!!**

Now is the time to begin advancing your career by earning your CPIM designation. The CPIM (certified in Production and Inventory Management) program was initiated by APICS over 25 years ago and remains the measure criterion for individual assessment in materials management.

The CPIM program is divided into three areas of progression:

- **Entry level:** Basics of Supply Chain Management --- to be offered in April 2006 --which covers the terminology and concepts related to the flow of information, money and materials from suppliers through customer fulfillment.
- **Mid-level:** Master Planning of Resources, Detailed Scheduling and Planning, and Execution and Control of Operations. The methods and techniques to plan and drive the flow process.
- **Capstone:** Strategic Management of Resources---configuring the supply chain and manufacturing/distribution environments to optimize use of resources.

The program is open to all Cedar Valley members regardless of background. The classes are held through Kirkwood Community College and include an exam to test candidates on the body of knowledge of each area.

For those already certified, these courses count for 30 points toward your Certification Maintenance.

**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.



**Cedar Valley APICS Member Seeks Employment**

Team-based, results-oriented leader with proven success in operations, production and supply chain management, customer service, logistics, purchasing, sales, and risk management. ASQ Certified Six Sigma Black Belt with expertise in Lean Manufacturing who focuses on continuous process improvement in all aspects of the business. Project manager who drives deliverables to completion.

Additional expertise includes:

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|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Strategic Planning   | Customer Relationship Management    | Safety      |
| Employee Development | Technology Selection/Implementation | Food Safety |
| Change Management    | Supplier Management                 | Start-Ups.  |

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## ***SEPTEMBER 5S SEMINAR A SUCCESS***

On September 13 the Cedar Valley chapter of APICS presented a seminar on Lean Manufacturing's Five S's. The seminar examined the visual workplace and effective use of visual controls to encourage employees to think about ways to improve their work environment.

The workshop, which was an open enrollment workshop through Kirkwood Community College, had nine attendees, which enabled the trainer to tailor his remarks to the individuals and their companies, giving the session a personal touch. Attendees were from several different company backgrounds, with about half from outside the APICS community.

Denny Larsen was the presenter of the 5S workshop. Denny has had numerous experiences implementing the 5S process. After working for John Deere in Waterloo for 30 years Denny has worked as a consultant for a number of other companies leading change and is currently the Continuous Improvement Manager for BT Prime Mover in Muscatine, Iowa.

This was the first of a Lean Manufacturing series that is being offered by Cedar Valley APICS chapter and will be followed in January by a one day seminar on 'Introduction to Lean Manufacturing'.

**5S MANUALS FOR SALE:** There are six extra 5S Workshop student manuals available for sale for \$20.00 each on a first come, first serve basis. Contact Jim Milden if interested at [jim.milden@apachehe.com](mailto:jim.milden@apachehe.com).

## **LEAN MANUFACTURING SERIES SCHEDULE**

### **Future courses planned for Spring of 2006**

Lean 101: Introduction to Lean Manufacturing, January 10, 2006, 8-5PM

CPIM: Detailed Scheduling and Planning, January – March, 2006

CPIM: Basics of Supply Chain Management, April – June, 2006

CSCP: Introductory Course, April – June, 2006

Lean Manufacturing: Lean Scheduling, April, 2006

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## **We're Cedar Valley APICS**

APICS— The Association for Operations Management is the global leader and premier source of the body of knowledge in operations management, including production, inventory, supply chain, materials management, purchasing, and logistics. Since 1957, individuals and companies have relied on APICS for its superior training, internationally recognized certifications, comprehensive resources, and worldwide network of accomplished industry professionals. To learn more about the APICS community, visit [www.apics.org](http://www.apics.org).

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.apics.org), phone (800)444-2742, or email [jobs@apicshq.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.cedarvalleyapics.org)

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