

Cedar Valley Views

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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.

Cedar Valley Website

www.cedarvalleyapics.org

2008-09 Annual PDM Schedule

February 10th	Whirlpool Plant Tour	Amana, Iowa
March 10 th	Rock Island Arsenal Plant Tour	Rock Island, IL
April 14 th	TBD	

Cedar Valley APICS Educational Offerings: 2009

NEW APICS Lean Enterprise Certificate (Milden)

- Thursday, Feb 5 – May 7, 6:00 – 8:30 PM

Strategic Management of Resources (CPIM) Course (Teel)

- Monday, Feb 2 – Mar 30, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Material Requirements Planning and Bills of Material Workshop (Wilson)

- Tuesday, Feb 10, 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Basics of Supply Chain Management (CPIM) Course (Wilson)

- Thursday, Apr 9 – Jun 11, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Physical Inventory and Cycle Counting Workshop (Wilson)

- Tuesday, Sep 9, 8:00 – 5:00 PM

Master Planning of Resources (CPIM) Course (Milden)

- Thursday, Oct 1 – Dec 10, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Basics of Inventory Management / Distribution Inv Workshop (Teel)

- Tuesday, Nov 10, 8:00 – 5:00 PM

Course Description/registration information at Kirkwood Website: www.kirkwood.edu/ce

Plant Tour – Whirlpool Appliances, Amana Refrigeration Products Amana, IA

Amana was founded in 1934, in Amana, Iowa, when a young entrepreneur named George Foerstner accepted a challenge from a local businessman to build a reliable beverage cooler. Foerstner drew from the community's supply of highly-skilled craftsmen and expert cabinet makers and their meticulous and time-consuming workmanship on each unit became the hallmark of the Amana brand.

Amana was acquired in 1965 by Raytheon, and then purchased by Goodman in 1997, who sold off the small appliances brand to Maytag Corporation in 2001. Whirlpool Corporation acquired Maytag in 2006. The plant is Whirlpool's sole producer of French door bottom-freezer refrigerators, one of the most popular refrigerators in Whirlpool's lineup.

The manufacturing plant in Amana continues to build on their heritage of quality craftsmanship and their research and development leads the industry in creating appliances that work hard and look good doing it.

The tour will be focusing on Whirlpool's demand level flow initiative which will give them greater flexibility in their manufacturing environment to provide better service to their customers.

Safety is first priority at Whirlpool. Safety glasses (with side shields) are required. If you have prescription safety glasses with side shields, feel free to bring them. Otherwise, some will be provided. High heels and open toe shoes are not allowed. Visitors must be aware of forklifts at all times.

Cameras are not allowed during the tour.

Reservations due by 5 PM Thursday, February 6th

Contact Cedar Valley APICS Director of Programs Joni Philips for reservations,

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Class & Workshop Offerings

Strategic Management of Resource CBPR-200-SLI01

Learn how to think and manage strategically. Be an expert at configuring resources in your organization for maximum productivity. This course helps you understand how market requirements drive the resources and processes of a business enterprise. Part of the APICS CPIM certification series. Fee includes textbook and exam.

Monday, February 20 to March 30, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Instructor: Teel

Location: Room 104 KTOS Center

Cost: \$ 450.00

Material Requirements Planning & Bills of Material Workshop: CBPR-210-SLI01

Learn how to structure and use bills of material in an MRP environment. Workshop covers bill of material principles that include pegging, product explosion and implosion, modularization, planning bills and kit bills. This course is designed for new engineers, production and inventory control personnel. Fee includes student workbook.

Tuesday, February 10, 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Instructor: Wilson

Location: Room 126 KTOS Center

Cost: \$159.00

APICS Lean Enterprise Series Certificate CBPR-156-SLI01

To help the most successful individuals map out and achieve their organizations goals, APICS has developed courseware on lean enterprise. When business leaders decide to go lean, they need a skilled team, a system-wide approach, and commitment from people at all levels of the company. With the new **APICS Lean Enterprise Series**, professionals can build skills and become an integral part in developing lean culture at your organization.

The courseware is organized to help you understand the systematic lean transformation process. Using hypothetical scenarios, you will be asked to find lean solutions amid myriad challenges. This method will provide the flexibility to immediately customize what you've learned and implement lean at your organization.

The series includes the following seven sessions:

- **Introduction:** Gain an overview of lean transformation and its implementation in your organization, and learn how to gauge readiness through a hands-on assessment.
- **Lean Culture:** Explore the effects of a lean implementation on employees and learn the importance of teams. The kaizen, a team-oriented continuous improvement event, also will be introduced in this section.
- **Value Stream Mapping:** Learn value stream mapping and its importance in viewing processes and determining potential areas of improvement. Exercises include drawing a current state map and learning about concepts to help you improve your position.
- **Stability and Process Improvements:** Discover how to improve process stability, achieve demand stability, and improve manufacturing process efficiencies.
- **Just-in-Time:** Determine demand, standard work, line balancing, and tools to meet customer expectations. Participants will explore the use of a heijunka system to meet customer demand through hands-on activity.
- **Measuring:** Evaluate the way a lean company measures and aligns measurements with objectives. Lean accounting, inventory costs, target costs, and lead time also will be reviewed.
- **Sustaining:** Find out how long-term changes can sustain the gains made. Topics include lean design, analyzing failures, and ensuring ongoing quality control and continuous improvement.

The lean enterprise courseware is only available through your local Cedar Valley chapter at Kirkwood Community College. Classes start Thursday, February 5 and continue through May 7. Fee is \$899.00 which includes 7 student workbooks.

Earn the APICS Lean Certificate Today.

Classes at Kirkwood Community College. To register, log on to www.kirkwood.edu/ce or call 800-332-8833.

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 the Director of Communications

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@apics.org.

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

Job Postings

Job Postings are available on the chapter website, www.cedarvallevapics.org

If you have a Job you would like distributed to this list, please contact Rick Held at rick.held@mchsi.com.

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