

Cedar Valley Views

Build Your Business - Build Your Team - Build Your Career

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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.

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The Cedar Valley Chapter has achieved the Chapter Benchmarking and Reporting (C-BAR) Gold award level. The submission demonstrates the chapter's dedication to providing exemplary member services and professional development opportunities to APICS members and customers.

October Professional Development Meeting

Topic: Tour - Alpla, Inc

Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Location: Alpla, Inc
2258 Heinz Road
Iowa City, IA 52240

Time: 6:00 pm



Website: <http://www.alpla.com> (If the website is in German, click English in the top right corner)

RSVP Due Date: Friday, October 9, 2009, 5:00 pm

RSVP to: cedarvalleyapics@gmail.com

Cost (payable at check-in): No Charge for Members / \$10 Non-members

Questions: If you have any questions you would like to have addressed during the tour, please include them with your RSVP. The tour guides will try to address as many as they can throughout the course of the tour.

Safety Requirements:

- Safety glasses are required (If some people do not have safety glasses, Alpla will supply).
- Open-toed shoes are not allowed.
- All visitors will also be asked to remove any jewelry.
Wedding bands are allowed, but if a stone protrudes from the band, it must be covered.
- Hearing protection, hair and beard nets are also required, but Alpla will supply this PPE.

Directions from C.R.:

- I-380 South
- Continue on US 218 South
- Exit Highway 1, turn east
- Continue straight on US 6 at intersection of Highway 1 and Riverside Drive
- Continue for 4 miles and Turn Left (North) on Heinz Road
- At right-hand curve our facility is on your left marked by Alpla sign out front
- Driveway will be immediately after the first Alpla sign
- When entering driveway, continue to parking spots on left by Flagpole/Entrance
- Enter at visitor entrance (there are 2 sets of doors, visitor entrance is the set to the right)

2009-2010 PDM Schedule

Date	Company/Speaker	Topic
10/13/2009	Alpla, Inc	Tour
11/10/2009	Tom Schulte	FACILITATING SKILLS! The Art of Helping Teams Succeed
1/12/2010	Gale Mote	Implementing Successful Change
2/9/2010	TBA	TBA
3/9/2010	Sign Productions	Tour
4/13/2010	TBA	TBA

Special Note to Members Joining from the former Southeast Iowa Chapter

The CDVA Board encourages everyone to attend the PDM's. We realize the PDM's can be quite a distance to drive for members living in the Southeast portion of the district.

If we have a minimum of 5 people from the Southeast area sign up for the November PDM, the CDVA Chapter will arrange for transportation to pick-up and drop-off in Mount Pleasant, as well as cover the cost of the dinner.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please RSVP by **October 31, 2009**.

As with any other PDM, prospective members are always welcome.

2009-2010 Education Schedule

Workshop: 5S for the Office: #CBPR-14-SLI01

Tuesday, October 13, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Registration deadline is noon on Thursday, October 8

Workshop: Basics of Inventory Management and Distribution: #CBPR-205-SLI01

Tuesday, November 10, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Registration deadline is noon on Thursday, November 5

CSCP: Advanced Supply Chain Management: #CBPR-165-SLI01

Thursdays, January 14 - March 25 (11 sessions), 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Computer-based exam dates: March 13 - April 10

Registration deadline is Friday, January 8

Note that the Advanced Supply Chain Management classes are open enrollment; however, to qualify for the CSCP exam, the candidate must meet one of the following criteria:

- BS or BA plus two years of related business experience
- CPIM, CFPIM, CIRM or CPM designation plus two years of related business experience
- Five years related business experience

CPIM: Basics of Supply Chain Management: #CBPR-170-SLI01

Thursdays, January 21 - March 25 (10 sessions), 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Exam: Saturday, April 10

Registration deadline is Friday, January 15

CPIM: Detailed Scheduling and Planning: #CBPR-155-SLI01

Thursdays, April 15 - June 10 (9 sessions), 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Exam: Saturday, June 12

Registration deadline is Friday, April 9

Workshop: Global Sourcing Workshop: #CBPR-

Thursdays, April 15 - June 3 (8 sessions), 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Registration deadline is Friday, April 9

Register Through Kirkwood Community College using one of the following convenient options:

- Follow the easy phone registration instructions in the latest issue of the Kirkwood Catalog
- Phone 398-1022 or 1 (800) 332-8833 for assistance
- Register online at www.foryourlifetime.com

Payment options include:

- company billing
- credit card
- check

- Details on the upcoming educational offerings can be found beginning on the following page -

Educational Offerings

APICS Courses at Kirkwood Community College: Fall 2009 Catalog

Workshop: 5S for the Office: #CBPR-14-SLI01

Dramatically reduce the costs and time of doing office work through examples and interactive exercises. This workshop will train office workers on the LEAN principles of sort, set in order, shine, standardize, and sustain. Eliminate wasteful activities in the office through the use of 5S.

Additional Workshop Information:

This workshop will help you develop an exceptional 5S office kaizen program in an office environment that puts your organizational development ahead of your competition. 5S Workplace Organization and other lean principles in the production area can be effectively applied in the office. Whether you are providing a manufactured product or a service, an organized office can make a competitive difference.

This workshop will not only train knowledge to workers on the techniques of 5S, but also empower them to take ownership from implementation through to maintaining their office area and office spaces...

Applied effectively to your office, 5S will operate more efficiently, because:

- the most frequently used items and information are the easiest to access
- personnel are focusing upon completion of work instead of searching for things they need
- fewer problems arise since less chaos and confusion exists in the workplace
- less time and money is spent on replacement of lost/damaged items

Tuesday, October 13, 1-4 PM

Instructor: Denny Larsen

Location: Continuing Education Building, Room 123

Fee: \$169

Registration deadline is noon on Thursday, October 8

Workshop: Basics of Inventory Management and Distribution: #CBPR-205-SLI01

Learn the fundamental concepts and strategies of good inventory management, inventory management- decision making and physical distribution. Explore how to effectively manage your company's largest asset. Tuition includes student workbooks

Tuesday, November 10, 8:00 – 5:00

Instructor: Dennis Teel

Location: Continuing Education Building, Room 123

Fee: \$199

Registration deadline is noon on Thursday, November 5

- Detailed Course Descriptions Continue on the following page -

APICS Courses at Kirkwood Community College: Winter 2010 Catalog

CSCP: Advanced Supply Chain Management: #CBPR-165-SLI01

Prepares students for the APICS Certified Supply Chain Professional program. Students will learn how to boost productivity, and integrate and effectively manage worldwide supply chain activities. Modules include: supply chain fundamentals, building competitive operations and logistics, managing supplier and customer relationships, and using IT to enable supply chain management. Prerequisite: APICS Certification or Bachelor's degree in appropriate field. Course fee includes text books and access to course Website. Fee does not include computer based test. Test dates: March 13 - April 10.

Thursdays, 6:00-9:00. 11 sessions, starting January 14.

Instructor: Milden

Location: Kirkwood Main Campus

Fee: \$1299.00

Registration deadline is Friday, January 8.

Note that the Advanced Supply Chain Management classes are open enrollment; however, to qualify for the CSCP exam, the candidate must meet one of the following criteria:

- BS or BA plus two years of related business experience
- CPIM, CFPIM, CIRM or CPM designation plus two years of related business experience
- Five years related business experience

CPIM: Basics of Supply Chain Management: #CBPR-170-SLI01

This class covers the fundamental concepts in managing the complete flow of materials, information, and financials in a supply chain. The class will focus on material flow, from internal and external suppliers, to and from your organization. The class is the entry level class for the APICS Certified in Production and Inventory Management Program. Course fee includes student workbook, additional readings, and the APICS certification exam.

Thursdays, 6:00 – 9:00. 10 sessions, starting January 21, exam on April 10.

Instructor: Chad Wilson

Location: Kirkwood Main Campus

Fee: \$489.00

Registration deadline is Friday, January 15

CPIM: Detailed Scheduling and Planning: #CBPR-155-SLI01

This class covers the techniques for material and capacity scheduling, the methods of inventory management, and supplier planning and relationships. The focus is on material and capacity requirements planning. Course fee includes student workbook, additional readings, and the APICS certification exam.

Thursdays, 6:00-9:00. 9 sessions, starting April 15, exam June 12th

Instructor: Milden

Location: Kirkwood Main Campus

Fee: \$489.00

Registration deadline is Friday, April 9

- Detailed Course Descriptions Continue on the following page -

Workshop: Global Sourcing Workshop: #CBPR-

Navigate the complex landscape of sourcing and procurement internationally. This workshop will equip you with the skills to prepare for international procurement, evaluate potential markets, source suppliers strategically, choose logistics partners carefully, and address important cultural differences. Topics covered: global suppliers, cultural relationships, and logistics requirements. Course fee includes student workbooks.

Additional Workshop Information:

Global sourcing offers the greatest opportunity for cutting sourcing costs. While the value proposition for global sourcing has never been stronger, many businesses still don't know how and where to start.

To help companies determine their needs and underlying problems APICS is introducing the new Global Sourcing Workshop Series. This workshop is tailored for participants to understand the key issues and complexities of sourcing activities in the international environment. The workshop highlights the various opportunities where companies can leverage international capital to enhance their competitive strength.

There are four workshops and one stand-alone Executive Overview in the series:

Introduction: Gain information on the advantages and disadvantages of global sourcing. Discover how to select logistics partners, address supplier qualifications, and determine supply chain stability.

Global Suppliers: Learn how to locate and research international suppliers and evaluate potential markets in other countries.

Cultural Relationships: Recognize the challenges presented by global supply chains. Learn how to maintain productive international supplier communications.

Logistics Requirements: Discover how to construct a global logistics strategy. Find out how to apply contract terminology, navigate paperwork compliance requirements and manage cash flow.

Bring global sourcing world-class practices and thinking to your organization by joining our Global Sourcing Workshop Series.

Thursdays, 6:00-8:30. 8 sessions, starting April 15,
Instructor: Jim Mildren
Location: Kirkwood Main Campus
Fee: \$575.00

Registration deadline is Friday, April 9

The most up-to-date course descriptions can be viewed at the following locations:

- Kirkwood Website: www.kirkwood.edu/ce
- Cedar Valley APICS chapter website: www.cedarvalleyapics.org/Education/education.htm

For More Info, Contact:

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Upcoming APICS Online Events

The National chapter regularly offers webinars covering issues and topics pertinent to members of the organization. The following upcoming Webinars are currently posted on the APICS website (www.apics.org)

Emerge as a Supply Chain Leader

Presented by Bob Collins, CFPIM, CIRM, CSCP, Director of Professional Development, APICS and Vicky Vander Woude, Director of Business Development, Holmes Corporation

October 13, 2009

1:00–2:00 p.m. CT

The APICS CSCP program provides you with an in-depth understanding of the core concepts of supply chain management, planning and logistics that you can implement in your everyday working processes to improve efficiencies, solve logistical problems, and identify opportunities.

Participate in this APICS Webinar to find out about the benefits of earning the APICS CSCP designation to you and your company, what the program covers, and the best way to prepare for the APICS CSCP exam.

[Register Now.](#)

APICS Extra Live: Contingency Theory—Fit the Solution to the Problem

Presented by Richard Crandall

October 21, 2009

1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. CT

[Register now.](#)

Learn how to evaluate and overcome change-management challenges during this complimentary APICS online event. Webinar participants will consider three critical elements to successful change management, including the environment in which a company operates, capabilities, and the strategies employed in matching capabilities with the environment.

Attend APICS Extra Live to better understand how to

- manage change in a business climate where change is inevitable
- select and prioritize initiatives with limited resources
- reevaluate and modify best practices to reflect changing business conditions
- cultivate agility when dealing with disruptive changes
- understand and respond to outside influences that often affect business decisions.

For updated details on the webinars, or to view up-to-the-minute webinar opportunities, visit the APICS Online Events section of the APICS website:

http://www.apics.org/Education/Online_Events.htm

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Company Coordinators

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

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Member / Company Profile

Each month, the CDVA Board of Directors would like to profile a member, or a company that sponsors one or more members.

If you are interested in being profiled, or would like to have your company profiled, submit answers to the questions below to cedarvalleyapics@gmail.com

For individuals, tell us:

- Your name
- Picture (optional)
- APICS certifications held
- Company Name and location
- Job Title
- Job responsibilities- 1 or 2 sentence overview
- Number of years you have been an APICS member
- Initial reason for joining APICS- 1 or 2 sentences
- Ways knowledge gained through involvement with APICS has helped in your career- 3-4 examples

For businesses, tell us:

- Company name and location
- Picture (optional)
- Number of total employees
- Number of APICS members in the company
- Industry/Field- 1 or 2 sentence overview of the companies products/services
- Number of years the company has sponsored APICS members
- Initial reason for becoming involved with APICS- 1 or 2 sentences
- Benefits gained from continuing support of employee membership in APICS- 3-4 examples

We'll choose 1-2 profiles each month to include in the Member / Company Profile section of the newsletter

Success Story

The CDVA Board of Directors would like to feature a local company or individual each month to showcase the benefits provided through involvement with APICS.

Do you know of a member of the CDVA chapter who has utilized knowledge gained from participation in APICS to bring about improvement in her/his company? Do you know of a local business that has supported employees involvement in APICS and embraced the Organization's philosophy in order to grow the business?

If so, submit these success stories, along with any applicable photographs or illustrations, to cedarvalleyapics@gmail.com.

We'll choose at least one story each month to include in the Success Stories section of the newsletter

Career Center

Job Postings:

Up-to-the minute job postings are available on the chapter website, www.cedarvalleyapics.org

If you have a job you want listed on the CDVA website, please contact the CDVA Board at cedarvalleyapics@gmail.com

APICS Career Center:

All candidates may search jobs in the APICS Career Center, but only APICS members receive the added benefits of posting resumes and receiving e-mail alerts when new positions are listed. Visit the APICS Career Center at www.apics.org, phone (800)444-2742, or e-mail jobs@apicshq.org.

Member Benefits

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.

Local Benefits:

The CDVA Board of Directors is actively looking into ways to provide added benefits to the local chapter members

- Discounted PDM rates were instituted this year- cost for current members has been cut in 1/2, to \$10 per PDM.
- Additional benefits are currently being planned and will be added to this section as they become available.

National Benefits:

APICS offers a number of membership options, with a number of benefits associated with each category of membership. Details on the benefits provided through membership in APICS can be found at the following link:

<http://www.apics.org/Membership/Categories/>

Useful Links / Resource Spotlight

This section will highlight links to articles and resources that are pertinent to issues being covered in recent and upcoming PDM's or in current educational offerings

This month's links:

<http://www.apics.org/Resources/Publications/article.asp?ID=493>

Summary:

"Continuous Improvement Trio" by Reza M Pirasteh, Ph.D., and Kimberly S. Farah, Ph.D.; May 2006, APICS magazine

Combining the theory of constraints, lean, and six sigma to form "TLS" is an innovative process improvement methodology with real-world results.

NOTE: This is the article that was referenced in the September PDM preview.

<http://www.alpla.com/index.php?lang=en>

Summary:

This is the corporate website for Apla, Inc., the company that will be hosting the plant tour for the October PDM. The site provides a great deal of information about the company, including its competences, initiatives, and markets.

Note: If the website is in German, click English in the top right corner

Surveys

From time to time, the CDVA board will post surveys to gather feedback from the CDVA members. Input from these surveys will be used to help ensure the decisions we are making and the directions we are taking are providing maximum value to the chapter membership.

- Simple surveys will be held in the newsletter with responses to be sent to the chapter e-mail address.
- Surveys with more questions will have links to a website so that these can be completed with the most ease and efficiency possible.

Feedback

Questions/Comments/Concerns/Ideas related to the newsletter or CDVA chapter are always welcome. Please send any correspondence to cedarvalleyapics@gmail.com, using the subject line "Feedback."