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APICS Fun Fact



**"I warned you not to
make fun of the technology."**

Message from the Board of Directors

Hello Supply Chain Professionals,

Your APICS Shoreline Chapter has begun another successful year! Our efforts last year were again recognized by APICS with the performance level of Gold. This means that we have maintained a Platinum status with APICS which is the highest rating a chapter can receive from APICS. Take great pride in this accomplishment! We are one of the smallest APICS Chapters, but our performance is the envy of many of the larger chapters.

THINKING ABOUT GETTING CERTIFIED? As a general practice, employers require continuing education as part of their performance evaluations. A great vehicle for continuing education is our CPIM review classes and obtaining CPIM Certification. In case you have not heard, APICS

reduced the number of modules from five to two and thus reducing the number of exams to take. We have seasoned instructors, not only in the classroom, but in the workplace. They share many of their own experiences as well as the technical basics of Supply Chain Management. The classes can also be a refresher that provides CPIM recertification points.

Our CPIM review program is underway for the 2019-2020 program year. With the start of a new program year, we need to think of what we can do to enhance, or possibly jump start our careers. Soon, employers may mandate certification, in order to be considered for employment. We at Shoreline Chapter offer a comprehensive and reasonably priced method to gain the knowledge necessary to pass the certification exams in our CPIM Review classes.

DID YOU KNOW? We offer a scholarship to full-time students in the Supply Chain program; the scholarship is awarded based on participation in APICS activities (*membership and attendance is free to full-time students*) as well as academic achievement. So, if you know of a student looking for a scholarship, please submit their information to newsletter@shorelineapics.org.

Following are a few suggestions to help get the most out of your affiliation with the APICS Shoreline Chapter.

- Watch for updates from APICS or check www.apics.org.
- Watch for updates from your local APICS Shoreline Chapter or check www.shorelineapics.org.
- Read the monthly newsletters from the APICS Shoreline Chapter.
- Attend PDMs; this is a great networking tool.
- Volunteer; we need your assistance keeping this chapter moving forward into the future.
- Spread the word; there is nothing better than personal advertising.

Please continue to support your local chapter (www.shorelineapics.org) and consider how you can get even more involved. We are always looking for volunteers to join our Board of Directors or help at our PDMs. Feel free to contact any Board of Director Member with how you can help or to share your thoughts, ideas and/or concerns. At a minimum, maintain your profile with APICS and make sure that you follow us on LinkedIn and Facebook. Company donations to support our PDMs are always appreciated.

Thank YOU for YOUR continued support and feedback!

Steve Rasmussen, VP Student Chapter & Membership

Lori Justinger, VP of Certification & Marketing

Current PDM Information

October PDM – Tour Plymouth Foam

Chris & Sue's Place

W3820 County Road C, Plymouth, WI

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019

Tour Time: 3:00 – 5:00 pm

PDM Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm



Speaker: Mark Schuh, Vice President/General Manager

Topic: The Culture and ERP Journey at Plymouth Foam

Mark has been employed with Plymouth Foam for eleven years. He is currently the Vice President/General Manager, but prior he served as Operations Leader where he was responsible for all elements of Manufacturing, Maintenance, Supply Chain, and Quality Control. Prior to joining Plymouth Foam, Mark worked for eight years at Bemis Manufacturing in various Operations roles.

Mark earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Management degree. He enjoys spending time with his family (two girls) and coaching youth basketball in his spare time. Mark enjoys helping people become better versions of themselves and grow to achieve their goals and dreams. He believes that everybody matters and as leaders it our job to make sure that all associates feel Safety, Mattering, and Belonging at work and in their personal lives.

About the Presentation:

Mark will provide a general Production overview on the tour:

- ERP System Implementation (Plex)
- Barcoded Inventory System and Benefits
- Quality System - Prevention vs Reaction
- Automation Focus
- Visual Scheduling Boards
- Metrics Reporting

At the dinner venue, Mark will highlight the culture and ERP System journey of Plymouth Foam. The discussion will cover:

1. Our Culture - Everybody matters and how to create a Smart Tribe. During this time, I will focus on how we have created a culture in which everyone matters within the organization. How we have created Safety within our teams giving our associates the courage to speak freely and give ideas without fear. How we have given all associates a sense of belonging to something special and feeling like they matter every day. In its basic sense making decision in our business based on what is right for our team and holding true to be a people centric organization. It is not always easy to be people centric, but it is the right thing to do. How has this culture benefited us?

2. Our ERP System Journey - Three years back, we decided to implement a new ERP system; I look back on this as a defining moment in our history. We made the decision to scrap an ERP system that did not work for our business and put the work into implementation of a system that did work for our business. This is never easy or cheap, but we put a year and a half of work into it and went live in Plex! We went from running blind to so much data we didn't know how to focus. A few key areas that have helped shape us: A true ERP and PRP system that works! A quality management system that helped us move from reaction to prevention! Inventory Control, and real time data collection and reporting. From the information that we now have, we have leaders that can make much better decisions and drive our business forward!

Shoreline APICS PDM Schedule

DAY	DATE	LOCATION	SPEAKER
Wednesday	9/11/2019	Meeting - Chris and Sue's Place W3820 County Road C, Plymouth, WI	Tom Allen, Director of Supply Chain
Wednesday	10/16/2019	Tour - Plymouth Foam, LLC 1800 Sunset Drive, Plymouth, WI 53073 Meeting - Chris and Sue's Place W3820 County road C, Plymouth, WI	Mark Schuh, vice President/General Manager at Plymouth Foam
Tuesday	1/12/2019	Joint with ISM Chapter of Neenah Meeting - Mackinaws Grill & Spirits 2925 Voyager Drive, Green Bay, WI 54311	Steve Elliott, Vice President Sales and Marketing at WSI (Warehouse Specialists, LLC)
<i>No December Meeting due to Holiday Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!</i>			
No January Meeting			
Wednesday	2/19/2020	Meeting - Holidays Pub & Grill 5533 Superior Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 53083	Eric Decker, Business Development Leader at WI Manufacturing Extension Partnership (WMEP)
Wednesday	3/18/2020	Tour - Masters Gallery 411 County Road PP, Plymouth, WI 53073 Meeting - Wilderness Roadside Bar & Grill N5575 WI-57, Plymouth, WI	Chris Schramm, Director of Supply Chain
Wednesday	4/15/2020	Award and Upper Management Night Meeting - Autumn Ridge Golf Course One Straight Drive, Valders, WI	Brian Galardo, Customer Logistics Manager at Epsom America Inc

Time

Cocktails:

Dinner:

Chapter Business:

Speaker:

5:00 PM to 5:30 PM

5:30 PM to 6:15 PM

6:15 PM to 6:30 PM

6:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Cost

Member: \$25.00

Guest: \$30.00

Student/Retiree: \$15.00

Upcoming APICS Shoreline Events

October Calendar

October 2 - Shoreline Chapter Board Meeting - 5:30 pm - LTC, Cleveland Rm L241

October 12 - Shoreline Chapter Road Clean up - 8:30 am - Fischer Creek Recreation Area, Cleveland (13391 Cty Rd LS) - *All hands welcome for this volunteer opportunity!!*

October 16 - Shoreline Chapter PDM - 5:00 pm - Chris & Sue's Place

CPIM Review Course Schedule

Schedule for 2019/2020

Part I - Basics of Supply Chain Management (BSCM)

September 11, 18, 25; October 2, 9

Part II - (Blended Modules)

October 23, 30; November 6, 13, 20

January 15, 22, 29; February 5, 12

Classes held Wednesdays 5pm - 9pm at the Kohler Learning Center (HR/Law Building) directly across the road from the Design Center.

Cost per class:

Part I - \$800 / APICS members; \$1,050 / non-APICS members

Part II - \$1,200 / APICS members; \$1,550 / non-APICS members

For enrollment, please email Lori Justinger at classes@shorelineapics.org

Chapter/APICS News

There are open positions on the Board of Directors for the Shoreline APICS chapter. If you are interested in understanding what each position does please reach out to a member of the board.

A position that will be opening up is the VP of Programs & Events. *Do you enjoy setting up events? Then this is the position for you!* The VP of Programs & Events is in charge of setting up all the PDM events for the Shoreline Chapter. If you would like more information please reach out to any member of the board listed below.

If you have any suggestions for improving the Chapter, feel free to reach out to a board member to share your idea. We are looking for ways to grow as a chapter and offer all we can to chapter members.

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Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

BOD meetings are planned for the first Wednesday of the month except as noted. Meetings are held at Lakeshore Technical College, in Sheboygan County Training Room (L241) at 5:30 PM. All members are welcome to attend any board meeting. Please let any current board member know if you would like to attend as we normally have a light meal preceding the meeting and it will help us to ensure we have enough for all.

Editor's Note

If you have an interest in any specific news item, have a question, or wish to see something added to the newsletter, please email your request to newsletter@shorelineapics.org.

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