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Professional Development Meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

**Hosted by:
Accellent Orthopaedic**

Where:	149 South Johnson Road Houston, PA 15342
When:	Wednesday, January 11, 2012
RSVP	Required by Friday, January 6, 2012. Reservations: 1 866 MYAPICS or (866-692- 7427) Ext 105 or e-mail to: APICS-pgh- PDM@hotmail.com Reservations received after January 6, 2012 will be assessed a \$5 late fee. No show reservations will be invoiced for the full cost. Please leave your name, daytime telephone number, and affiliation.
Cost:	\$12 for APICS student chapter members, \$25 for APICS members and \$30 for Visitors.
Agenda	5:30-6:00 P.M. Registration 6:00-7:30 P.M. Presentation and Tour 7:30-8:30 P.M. Dinner, Networking, Social Conversation, and great door prizes!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Edward T. Giacchino, CPIM

I want to send a whole hearted thank you to all the companies and employees that gave up time out of their busy schedules to provide outstanding tours to the many participants of the APICS International Conference. I believe the fact that we had such a broad spectrum of supply chain companies willing to show what they do and why they are the best, contributed to making the Pittsburgh International Conference one of the highest attended conferences thus far.

The following companies went above and beyond providing educational opportunities for participants who work in all aspects of the supply chain field along with the students who have not had the opportunity to be exposed to supply chain in action.

The following companies along with their contacts and support staff participated in the tours provided during the International Conference.

All-Clad Metal Crafters LLC - Don Schmuhl, **Bombardier Transportation**- Kathleen Kalp, **Eaton Corporation** – Daniel J Carnovale & Daniel J Rodriguez, **Giant Eagle** - Robert Paholich, **Pennsylvania Brewing Company** - Nick Rosich, **Kennywood Amusement Park** - Andy Quinn, **MEDRAD Inc.** – Oda Bolden, Jr., **Philips Respironics** – Eric Kulikowski & Stefanie Lozito, **Elliott Group** - M. Timothy Martin & John Russo, **Heinz History Center** - Robert O. Stakeley, **Westinghouse** - Juan Molina.

The coordination of these tours was the results of the effort of the Local Arrangements Committee Paul Kwiecinski, Tom Brown, Jim Chisholm, Kevin Kilmer, Ed Giacchino, C.J. Connelly, Sam DeStephano, and Jenny DeStephano.

Also, we cannot forget Seat Planners, the bus company that provided transportation to safely transport the participants to and from the tours.

Again, thanks for helping make the Pittsburgh International Conference a success.

As always, thank you for being part of the APICS chapter. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 1-866 MY APICS X 100 or ed.giacchino@timet.com

“Advancing Productivity, Innovation and Competitive Success”

APICS Pittsburgh’s January Professional Development Meeting –hosted by Accellent

Accellent develops, manufactures and assembles implants and instruments for the reconstructive, trauma, extremities, spinal, orthobiologic and sports medicine segments. Utilizing their proprietary robotic forging facility and proprietary CHEMTEX® surface treatment, Accellent prides itself on providing the resources necessary to simplify its customers’ supply chains. Accellent brings a vast amount of expertise in the production of a vast array of orthopaedic solutions, including hip stems, acetabular shells and liners, tibial trays and inserts, and shoulder systems.



Hip stems and sleeves are used in reconstructive and revision hip surgery to restore patient mobility and reduce pain. Likewise, acetabular shells and liners are used in reconstructive and revision hip surgery to restore patient mobility and reduce pain. Tibial trays and inserts are implants used in reconstructive and revision knee surgeries to restore patient mobility and reduce pain. Accellent has 25 years of experience producing tibial trays and inserts.

Shoulder systems are used to repair degenerative or damaged shoulders. They are designed to restore a patient's active lifestyle and reduce pain. Accellent applies more than 20 years of experience to the machining of ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene (UHMWPE) materials for the manufacture of shoulder systems. Upper and lower extremity devices include small joint implants for wrists and toes. They are designed to restore mobility and reduce pain for the patient. Accellent has the capability to achieve excellent surface finishes on a repeatable basis while maintaining the desired geometry of these devices.

Much of this manufacturing is performed within a cellular environment and combined with Kanban or Vendor Managed Inventory (VMI) programs. Production goals include quick change systems to allow rapid product changeover.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about a strong member of Pittsburgh's growing medical device industry. The facility tour will be followed by dinner and networking nearby (location to be determined). We hope to see you there!

Membership Directory

Dear Members,

The first attempt to reduce printing cost by requesting members to e-mail their desire to receive a printed 'Membership Directory' and only print and mail to those who requested a directory, was not as successful as I had hoped. However, as a result of printing that opt-in request, we received an offer to print the directory for free (we will still pay for postage) if we will allow advertising. The board voted and agreed to the offer with one stipulation. We need to know who, if any, do not want their name included in the directory. Therefore, we are offering the opportunity to Opt-Out.

If you do not want to have your name, address and phone number included in the 2012 Membership Directory send an e-mail to Member-OptOut@Hotmail.com. Include your name and membership number. We will then remove your information from the data base prior to sending the file to the printer.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation,

CJ Connelly
VP Membership
Pittsburgh Chapter

Membership Report

I have been asked to do a little research on membership in the Pittsburgh Chapter and I am very happy to report our membership numbers, although not constant, the saw-tooth graph has been trending up over the last 24 months. For example; in November 2009 we had 437 members, in November 2010 it was 435 members and last month membership grew to 451 members.

There are a couple reasons for this; first the biggest is the effects of the economy have put many in jeopardy. Either they have lost their job or worry that their job may be lost if things don't change. The second reason, I think, is APICS has expanded the number of membership types allowing a better fit for individuals with different needs or requirements. The APICS website - www.APICS.org/membership/ has a complete list of all the membership types.

If you have any questions please call me with a detailed message include a phone number and time to call.
Thank you.

CJ Connelly
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New Members:

Joe Fidago
Amit A Pawar
Shan Shao

John Yurechko
Mpitulo Kala-Lufulwabo
Neil Gillen

Laura Herbeck
Jesse Serena

Membership Renewals:

Earl F Moynihan CSCP
Stephen Balombini CPIM CIRM
Loretta K Corrigan
Dianne Bloomer CPIM
Jennifer Garcia CPIM CSCP
Eric D Stump CSCP

Matthew J Dugan
Michael J Berta CSCP
CJ Connelly
Gary L Hershberger CPIM
Scott T McCann
Dennis Artley

Charlie Baker
John Blough
Joe Lahm
Sharon R Petrocelli
Amanda M Petrovich

APICS Certification Kits

For Sale: Two used CSCP Instructor Kits, 2011 Edition - \$300. Suitable for self study. These kits include 1) workbooks for all four modules (with new material underlined), 2) PowerPoint slides for each module on CD, 3) sample final exam with answers and rationale, 4) instructor notes which includes answers and rationale for all the discussion questions in the modules and 5) an overview of the upgrade, detailing the changes from the previous edition. This kit does not include the online component of the CSCP Learning System. The workbooks are marked with instructor's highlights and notes as the kit was used to deliver two CSCP Exam Prep classes. For more information, please contact Jack Martis at jfm2620@comcast.net or 724-331-0866.

Student Chapter Update

2011 has been a very successful year for the student outreach efforts of the APICS Pittsburgh Chapter. The Pittsburgh Chapter sponsors the most student chapters in the APICS Mid-Atlantic District and has the third-most student members. In addition to inviting students to attend each of the monthly PDMs, the Pittsburgh Chapter sponsored 27 local students to attend the APICS International Conference & Expo in October where they had access to networking and job search events along with the educational sessions. The Pittsburgh Chapter also awarded two scholarships in 2011, one cash award and one set of CPIM review courses. The students wrote essays about current issues in supply chain management, and the winners were chosen from these submissions.

The student chapters themselves have been active as well. There is now an official APICS student chapter at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and a student chapter is close to being approved at West Virginia University. The student chapter at the Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh has been active at the local PDMs as well as by inviting speakers on campus. The Duquesne University student chapter was awarded a Bronze Award from APICS for its activities and programs in the 2010-2011 academic year.

We are looking forward to another successful year of student outreach in 2012!
--Matt Drake

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