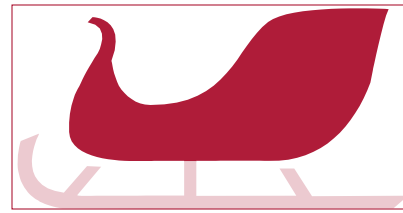




BLUEGRASS CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



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The PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are in the middle of February and the middle of winter. I have had several people comment in the past couple of weeks that they were anxious for spring to arrive. Winter is too dark and too cold. While I am looking forward to spring that will not be what determines whether I am in a good mood or whether I am happy. There is much to enjoy about the winter. Falling snow is both beautiful and peaceful. The cold temperature gives me an excuse to build a fire in the fireplace and read a good book or just watch the fire. When I lived up north, I took up cross-country skiing so that I had an outdoor activity for the winter. I also learned how to dress for running in winter.

I am talking about several things here such as maintaining a positive attitude in the face of adversity. There is also the matter of accepting those things you cannot change and working on those that you do have control over. Steven Covey refers to this concept as the first habit of highly effective people – be proactive. Don't worry about things you cannot affect, because that is a waste of time and energy and only leads to frustration and worse. This concept has a biblical precedent and is certainly not a new idea. Instead, focus your energy and efforts on those things which you can impact.

Let's apply this concept to our jobs and careers. Most of us have about as much control over the economy as we do the weather. Therefore, we learn to appreciate the cycles as a necessary part of life and learn to adapt. We learn to change more quickly because the competitive environment requires it. We can choose how we interact with co-workers, customers and suppliers. We prepare ourselves for change by furthering our education through coursework and training.

APICS has many opportunities to prepare for and learn to change. Classes, monthly meetings and seminars all help members prepare and adapt to change. On February 21, we have a one day seminar on Operational Excellence followed by a panel discussion that evening. There is still plenty of time to register for both events and you can do that on-line at www.bluegrassapics.org. We also have outstanding events scheduled for March, April and May which can also be registered for on-line.

Those who cannot adapt are destined to become dinosaurs. Don't be a dinosaur. I look forward to seeing you and these events and other events in the coming months.

-Dave Magee, CPIM CIRM CSCP President, APICS Bluegrass Chapter President

**Welcome!
New Members:**

Lela Duff
Dennis McClenahan
John Nachtigal
Paul Slater

February 21st PDM... Joint Meeting

(Professional Development Meeting)

Panel Discussion... "Operational Excellence"

Networking Door Prizes

Still Time to Plan to Attend! February 21, 2008

Operational Excellence Workshop...

Presented in partnership with LeanCor, LLC

See flyer and website for details

Don't miss this opportunity be a part of this dynamic interactive learning program!

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Professional Development Meeting

ASQ NAPM APICS

TOPIC: Joint Meeting: **APICS ASQ NAPM**
Panel Discussion— “Operational Excellence”
(1 Certification Maintenance Point)

Guest Panel: Thomas Goldsby, Ph.D., University of Kentucky, Phil Wright, Lexmark
Steve Gran, Blueprint 57, Derek Browning and Mark Wheeler, LeanCor

DATE: **February 21, 2008**

LOCATION: **Embassy Suites Hotel**, 1801 Newtown Rd., Lexington Kentucky (859/455-5000)

FEE: \$20.00 (Note: If you make a dinner reservation and do not attend you will be billed)

AGENDA:

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| 5:30 — 6:00 p.m. | Registration/Networking |
| 6:00 — 6:45 p.m. | Dinner (Chicken Dijon, Fresh Market Salad, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Chocolate Cake, etc.) |
| 6:45 — 7:15 p.m. | Business Meeting (Announcements, Awards, and Door Prizes) |
| 7:15 — 8:00 p.m. | Panel Discussion: OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE |
| 8:00 — 8:10 p.m. | Evaluations and Adjournment |
| 8:15 — 9:00 p.m. | APICS Board of Directors Meeting (all welcome!) |

APICS Bluegrass Chapter is now accepting MasterCard and VISA for PDM and Class charges.

Reservations: Required by noon Monday, February 18th, 2008
On-line at bluegrassapics.org by email to **Donna NeSmith at 859/ 737-2306 ext. 140** or by email to **donnan@univanceinc.com**. Make sure your reservation is verified. (*If you can't come to the meal, please come for the program!*)

Upcoming APICS Meetings:

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| Workshop: | February 21, 2008 | 9AM-5PM | Operational Excellence | Embassy Suites |
| PDM: | February 21, 2008 | 5PM-8PM | Operational Excellence | Embassy Suites |
| Plant Tour : | March 13, 2008 | | Sherwin-Williams | Richmond, KY |

Beat the APICS membership dues increase March 31st!

Some Membership Benefits:

1. [Certification Programs](#)
2. [APICS Magazine](#)
3. [Local Chapters](#)
4. [APICS Learning Communities](#)
5. [APICS Career Center](#)
6. [Aberdeen Research](#)
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APICS Bluegrass Chapter Presents on February 21st...

In a Special Joint Meeting with APICS, ASQ and NAPM

“Operational Excellence” Discussion Panel Members...

Derek Browning, (Panel Facilitator) LeanCor: Manager of Training and Education for LeanCor LLC. LeanCor delivers Third Party Logistics and Supply Chain Management services to organizations embracing Lean and Six Sigma principles.

Dr. Thomas J. Goldsby: Associate Professor of Supply Chain Management at the **University of Kentucky**. He is co-author of *Lean Six Sigma Logistics: Strategic Development to Operational Success*.

Phil Wright, Lexmark, Director Product and Process Quality Assurance. Operational Excellence effort Leader. 24 years with IBM/Lexmark.

Steve Gran, Blueprint 57: Principal of Blueprint 57, located in Dublin, Ohio. Blueprint 57 is a consulting and coaching company that specializes in performance improvement, including lean and six sigma, with specialty in the areas of supply chain management and lean logistics.

Mark Wheeler, LeanCor: Throughout his career, Mark has been a results-oriented leader with a proven track record of creating value through the development of people and operating cultures. He is a student and practitioner of Lean, driven by significant experience with world-class production systems and Lean tools application.

APICS Bluegrass Chapter Membership Profile:

...What do you value most about your membership with APICS?

“Being a member of APICS has allowed me to grow in my position in many ways, to think outside the box, and network with others in different manufacturing environments.”

-Mary Atwell

Congratulations to Mary on earning her CPIM certification in January 2008!!

Visit the APICS Bluegrass Chapter website at www.bluegrassapics.org for more information on Board of Directors, contacts, current Educational Schedule with pricing and policies and links to other information.

OUR MISSION:

To provide the business community with high quality resource management education and to meet the challenge of individual professional growth.