



January 2010

# Newsletter

## President's Points

Greetings Everyone:

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. While we are recovering from all of the holiday activities, it is a good time to look ahead to the new year and get our priorities in order. Of course, one of our priorities should be continuous improvement, both of ourselves and our companies.

In this regard, we can all make a positive start to the new year by attending our first APICS Professional Development Meeting on January 12. We are pleased to have one of our own, Bill Monroe, as our speaker. Bill has been a member of the Bluegrass Chapter for 17 years, and has served on the Board of Directors for many years as well. Bill is an excellent presenter, and his topics are always well received. Make your plans now to attend this meeting.

As a Board of Directors, we are committed to promoting the APICS name to organizations in our area. One idea we have, to promote APICS to local companies, is to make personal visits to distribute introductory packets. We know that all companies are very busy, and everyone's time is valuable. We would like to make sure we can get the information into the right hands. If you would like for us to get information to your company, or if you know of a company who could benefit from APICS, please let us know a person we could contact in the organization. We would also be happy to do a brief presentation if there is an interest in this. We are concerned that there are companies who have not heard of APICS, or may not be aware of the benefits we can offer to their employees.

For those of you who missed the December meeting, we had a great plant tour at Mallinckrodt Baker in Paris. Our thanks to the Mallinckrodt employees who made that happen.

Happy New Year to all, and we hope to see everyone on January 12.

Regards,

Donna NeSmith  
President

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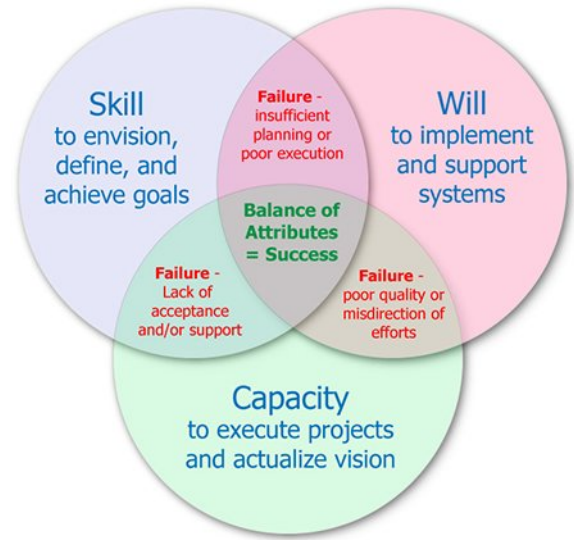




# Project Portfolio Excellence - Bill Monroe

“The causes of project failure are easy to diagnose and simple to understand. The reason they’re hard to prevent is because they stand in direct opposition to how we’d like the world to work.”

Project Portfolio Excellence is a new model for the evaluation, selection, prioritization, and management of enterprise software and software-related projects. Bill will present the tools, strategy, and methodology of Project Portfolio Excellence, some of which were featured in the May/June 2009 issue of APICS Magazine.



## Location

Embassy Suites Hotel  
1801 Newtown Pike  
Lexington, KY 40511

## Agenda

- 5:30 – 6:00pm - Registration – Networking
- 6:00 – 6:45pm - Dinner
- 6:45 – 7:00pm - Business Meeting – Door Prizes
- 7:00 – 8:00pm - Speaker Presentation
- 8:00 – 8:10pm - Announcements & Adjournment
- 8:15 – 9:00pm - Chapter Board Meeting

## Menu

- Caesar Salad with Croutons
- Parmesan Crusted Chicken Alfredo
- Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Country Style Green Beans
- Sister Shubert’s Warm Rolls and Butter
- Coffee/Iced Tea/Water
- Turtle Cheesecake for dessert

Cost \$26.00

VISA and Mastercard accepted

Registrations must be made no later than 5 pm Thursday, January 7th.

Contact Monty Northcutt - Phone: (859) 285-7620

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You can now register online at [www.bluegrassapics.org](http://www.bluegrassapics.org)





## Upcoming Meetings

### February 18, 2010 - Joint meeting with ASQ and NAPMCK.

The Feb. 18 joint meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn, Lexington from 6:00-8:30 PM.

The speaker will be Will LaFollette of Humana, Louisville who will discuss Humana's improvement journey utilizing the Disney model.

The title of the presentation is "Humana - a Perfect Service journey"

Will will speak at a high level as to what his team does and how Humana drives operational excellence.

### March 9, 2010 - Plant Tour.

We're finalizing the plans for a plant tour for the March meeting.

Look for more details in next month's newsletter.

## Chapter Profiles

### Bluegrass Chapter Student Member: Carlin Wainscott

Carlin is attending the University of Kentucky, where he's pursuing his MBA.

He has worked as an Operations Manager and Consultant to Operations for FedEx Express.

Of his Supply Chain/Operations Interests, Carlin says, "These functions most tangibly move the levers of business that truly impact the company's health. These are not support functions that deal with the ancillary aspects of business but are indeed the true revenue generators through their ingenuity, adaptability and action."

His personal interests include History, Politics, & Strategy Games.

Of his recent accomplishments he says, "One of the largest recent accomplishments has been the successful implementation of a system designed to improve operations and customer service at a station in southern Kentucky. Given the good will from the station management we were able to put the systems in practice ahead of schedule."





## Links of Interest

There are many sources of APICS information available to you:

Bluegrass Chapter website:

<http://www.bluegrassapics.org>

APICS Southeast District website:

<http://www.apicssoutheast.org>

APICS HQ website:

<http://www.apics.org>

Read the latest news about APICS:

<http://www.apics.org/About/PressRoom/default.htm>

Check out our new website!

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## Bluegrass Education Program

One of the most valuable benefits of APICS membership is our educational opportunities. The Bluegrass Chapter has always had a strong educational program, and it's available to you right now.

Find out about how we can help you achieve your educational and career goals.

Bluegrass APICS education program:

<http://www.bluegrassapics.org/education/default.aspx>

To get more information about the Bluegrass Chapter's educational opportunities contact the chapter VP of Education John Damm at - [jdamm@lexmark.com](mailto:jdamm@lexmark.com)

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