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Welcome to Our Premier Edition!

Welcome to the first ever newsletter from APICS Fraser Valley. We have some exciting news, events and contact information to tell you about so please have a look around.

Presidents Message

On behalf of the Board of Directors it is with great pleasure that I am able to present the first edition of this newsletter. This newsletter is our first step towards sharing information regarding education opportunities, tours, Professional Development Meeting's and other APICS items.

For the past 3 months the board has been working to setup a framework for the chapter. You can see the work done on educational offerings at the University College of Fraser Valley and as the first speaker at our charter night, the outstanding Ms. Carol Ptak who will be traveling out to BC to help us get things kicked off. We are also pleased to have Region 8 VP, Ron Gilmour, CPIM, Jonah, and Region 8 VP Education and President, APICS Hamilton Chapter, Eric Somers, CPIM, CIRM in attendance to present the charter plaque to our board. We look forward to meeting all of you and introducing ourselves at the charter night, Thursday, September 25, at Redwoods.

If you have any questions before then, our contact information is provided in this newsletter.

Don Baich
Chapter President

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Fraser Valley Chapter Comes Alive September 25, 2003!



Please join us for our upcoming Charter Night on Thursday, Sept 25th and show your support for the newly formed Fraser Valley Chapter of APICS.

We are honored to have as our guest speaker, one of the most influential and energetic people ever to become involved with APICS. Carol Ptak, CFPIM, CIRM, Jonah.

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We will also be presenting our chapter objectives and supplying you with some important information about upcoming events and educational offerings. This is an excellent opportunity for you to meet the board, your fellow members and other people from the community, not to mention some great speakers.

Don't miss out; you must register by Friday, Sept 19th

More info on page 3 and 4

Meet the Board.....

President, Don Baich

Don is currently the Logistics Specialist at Silent Witness Ent., where his major responsibilities are customs and transportation. His 5 year tenure there has seen 400% growth including 3 major acquisitions and the challenges these conditions bring with them. Don holds a certificate in business from SFU with a specialization in purchasing. He is currently working on CPIM certification.

Vice President, Craig Seale

Craig is very pleased to have been elected to the board of the fledgling APICS Fraser Valley Chapter. He is a graduate of BCIT's Operations Management Program (2002). Currently, Craig is a production scheduler at Helton Industries in Abbotsford. As VP Craig will see to the communications portfolio, support all other portfolios and have an active role with the marketing and membership portfolio. When you see Craig at the PDM come over and say hello.

Director of Education, Jason Young

Jason developed a background in facilitating corporate events and retail customer service before graduating with honors from BCIT's Operations Management program in 2002. Since graduation he has worked with Silent Witness conducting a variety of projects, with a focus on lean manufacturing. Jason brings an enthusiasm for learning along with a skill base firmly rooted in project management to the Fraser Valley Chapter. Jason is committed to providing valuable and innovative education experiences to the business community.

Director of Programs, Warren Hurlen

Warren Hurlen is a Buyer/Planner at Garaventa (Canada) Ltd. Garaventa is a company located in Surrey, BC that manufactures wheelchair lifts for homes and other institutions. Warren's main functions include buying commodities and scheduling delivery dates to provide parts to the supply chain at Garaventa. He is a Graduate of the BCIT Operations Management Program.

Treasurer, Tim McBride, CPIM

Tim recently achieved his CPIM designation and is currently employed at Mountain Properties Ltd. in Abbotsford as the Warehouse Manager. Mountain Properties is a distributor of walking canes and mobility aids. He was previously employed by Overlander's manufacturing a sheet metal, job shop in Abbotsford. Tim looks forward to working with the board and membership throughout the next year to build a strong chapter in the Fraser Valley.

Chapter Secretary, Steve Smith, CPIM

Steve is the latest addition to the board and brings to it over 15 years of Supply Chain related experience in the high tech sector. Steve received his CPIM designation in 1992 and has been somewhat active in the APICS community since then, having gone to several conferences, been a speaker at local events and done classroom instruction. Steve is excited at the possibility of helping the new Fraser Valley Chapter become successful and a valuable resource for the Fraser Valley business community.

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Please note: We are working on a more effective way to get information and communicate with the board and will roll this out as soon as we have it finalized.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APICS FRASER VALLEY CHARTER NIGHT

PLACE: REDWOODS PUBLIC GOLF COURSE
22011 88TH AVENUE, LANGLEY, BC
(SEE MAP BELOW)

DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2003
TIME: REGISTRATION/CASH BAR 5:30 PM
DINNER 6:30 PM
GUEST SPEAKERS 7:30 PM
COST: \$28 PER PERSON, INCLUDES TAXES

See elsewhere in the newsletter for more information.

To register please contact Warren Hurlen at 604-594-0422 or leave a message at 604-590-2501. You can also e-mail him at whurlen@garaventa.ca



Education Report



The heart of any APICS chapter is education. The board has met and discussed our educational offerings for the Winter 2004 season.

More details will follow but at this point it looks like we will be offering the following CPIM courses at UCFV in Abbotsford. These courses are designed to prepare you for the CPIM exams, which you must take on your own.

Basics of Supply Chain Management

Explore the basic concepts in managing the complete flow of materials in a supply chain.

Master Planning of Resources

Explore processes used to develop sales and operations plans, and learn to identify and assess internal and external demand and forecasting requirements.

More information on these courses and achieving CPIM designation can be found on APICS online or by contacting Jason Young (see page 2).

<http://www.apics.org/Certification/CPIM/default.asp>

Carol A. Ptak, CFPIM, CIRM, Jonah, PMP

A leading authority in the use of ERP and Supply Chain tools to drive improved bottom line performance, Ms. Ptak's expertise is well grounded in over two decades of practical experience as a successful practitioner, consultant and educator in manufacturing operations. Her pragmatic approach to complex issues and dynamic presentation style have her in high demand worldwide on the subject of how to leverage these tools and successfully become an e-business. Ms. Ptak was the President and CEO of APICS, The Educational Society for Resource Management for the year 2000. She is currently employed by PeopleSoft as Vice President of Industry Strategy for the Manufacturing and High Tech Electronics Industries.

She holds an MBA from Rochester Institute of Technology and completed the EMPO program at Stanford University. Ms. Ptak is a frequent educator at the university level and presents at many key technical conferences around the world including South Africa, France, Israel, Australia, Ireland, the Netherlands and nine APICS International conferences. She is the author of numerous articles and the books MRP and Beyond and ERP, Tools, Techniques and Applications for Integrating the Supply Chain. Her latest work, Necessary but not Sufficient was co-authored with Dr. Eli Goldratt and Eli Schragenheim.

Ms. Ptak is certified through APICS at the fellow level (CFPIM) and was certified in Integrated Resource Management (CIRM) with the first group internationally. Prior to her election as APICS President, she served on the Society board of directors as Executive Vice President, Vice President SIGs, the SIG committee for Small Manufacturers (SM SIG), 1995 TEAM committee and the 1996 International conference committee. A highly accomplished author, lecturer and trainer, Ms. Ptak has successfully combined a solid academic base with over 20 years of pragmatic experience. She knows how to turn theory into practical realities in today's changing organizations.

The following is an abstract of the keynote speech to be delivered at the Charter Night, Thursday, Sept 25.

Necessary and Sufficient – it is all about the bottom line

Carol A. Ptak, CFPIM, CIRM, Jonah

One of the toughest questions facing any company considering any technology selection and implementation is managing expectation of software modifications versus business process reengineering. An excellent way for a system implementation to fail is to expect the software to be drastically changed to reflect the current business processes. Similarly, wholesale business process changes to match poorly fitting software can be a fatal mistake. The ERP industry has led the front page of many business journals in the non-delivery of expected ROI. Why?

From Carol Ptak's perspective, having a clear focus on how the company will achieve a sustainable competitive advantage is the first prerequisite for obtaining bottom line return from any technology investment. In driving bottom line return from technology investment Carol believes it is essential to ask the following six questions and clearly understanding the answers:

1. What is the main power of the technology?
2. What limitation does it diminish?
3. What rules help us to accommodate the limitation?
4. What rules should we use now?
5. Do the new rules require any change in the way we use the technology?
6. How to cause the change?

Join us at our Professional Development Meeting on Thursday, September 25th as Carol Ptak guides us through these questions with her extensive industry experience. Ms. Ptak is willing to sign copies of her books after the PDM, so bring your books to the event!

Our Mission Statement

“To improve individual and business performance throughout the Fraser Valley by providing training, education and networking opportunities.”