

Next PDM...

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

Salvatore's Italian Gardens
6461 Transit Rd. @ Genesee
Depew, NY 14043

5:30-6:00 p.m.....Registration & Cash Bar
6:00 p.m.....Dinner & Program

Members & Guests- \$25.00 with advance reservation; \$30.00 walk-in.
Students -\$15.00

Dinner Menu:
Chicken Francaise

For reservations, log on to
www.apics-buffalo.com or
call APICS at PPM OffiCenter,
(716) 648-0972 or Fax (716) 646-1599

Reservations REQUESTED by
Monday, May 7th

* If you find that you can attend after the
"deadline," please call. Likewise, if you reserve
and cannot attend, please cancel.

**Due to obligations we have with the facilities,
"NO SHOWS" will be invoiced.

Program:



"The Beer Game"

Dr. Lynn A. Fish, Associate Professor, Canisius College, will lead a session on "The Beer Game".

The Beer Game is a simulation game to demonstrate a number of key **supply chain management principles**. The game will be played in teams representing a simple supply chain from factory through Distribution Center through Wholesaler through retailer to the final customer. Participants will be challenged to meet customer demand for cases of beer with minimum back order and inventory cost. Communication between supply chain members is limited to ordering only.

Following game play, Dr. Fish will lead a debriefing session regarding the supply chain principles that participants experienced and offer incite into supply chain improvements.

About our Speaker: LYNN ANN FISH, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Canisius College

Dr. Fish has participated in a variety of consulting studies and project work including: production systems, technical support evaluations, ISO 9000, project management, APICS instruction, supply chain management, ergonomics and human factors analyses.

Her professional background emphasizes evaluations and training in process systems, APICS' CPIM certification, project management, quality management systems, and ergonomics for manufacturing and industrial clients. Dr. Fish's employment list includes various positions for AT&T Network Systems, Delphi Automotive, Xerox, Bausch & Lomb, General Motors, and General Mills.

She has been an active researcher in lean production, technology, project management, supply chain management, innovative education, and quality management. Dr. Fish has written or co-authored more than 30 articles published in scholarly journals, conference proceedings, and professional publications. She has given presentations at numerous professional meetings in the U.S., Canada, and England.

Additionally, her strong background in industrial and production systems engineering provides her students with a real-world understanding of concepts presented in the classroom. She is a two-time winner of the Donald Calvert Teaching Professor Award at Canisius College.

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President's Message



Dear Fellow APICS Members,

We're closing in on the end of our Chapter year and there are still opportunities for you to take advantage of training, education, and APICS certification points by attending the next two professional development meetings. The beer game is always fun and for those of us who have gone through it before, we know it never gets old. The tour of Luvata (formerly Outokumpo-American Brass) in June will cap the end of our year's PDM's with flair.

This time of year the Board is preparing submission of C-Bar. We are required to provide documentation in a very systematic and specific outline that supports National's minimum standards required to remain a chapter. We also layout what the Buffalo Chapter's Strategic Plan is and how we successfully completed those goals. National will evaluate the C-Bar submission and provide their findings. Some of the factors they will consider are: whether the Buffalo Chapter is financially healthy; if the Board serves the Chapter needs well; if the Board is aggressively working on maintaining and growing membership; and how well we do in offering members education through PDM's and classes. These are just to name a few. The Buffalo Board has chosen to strive to maintain Platinum which is the highest level.

The agenda for the Joint 2 & 8 Region Meeting (6/22~24/07) in Niagara-on-the-Lake is underway. Although Region meetings are typically attended by Region and Chapter Board staff, it is open to all members. Because our joint meeting will be in such a beautiful (and close) venue, we welcome Buffalo Chapter members to join us. This year's theme is on change... where APICS and the industry has been, and what the future may bring. Robert Vokurka, APICS National's 2008 President, will be featured as guest speaker. If you are interested in attending, please contact Nancy Boyd Haley @ PPM. One of the Board members will contact you regarding the agenda and costs.

Best Regards,

Mary Ann Gardner, CPIM
President

This newsletter is published monthly by the APICS Organization, Buffalo Chapter 21, whose membership totals over 300 professionals, educators and students in the Western New York area involved in the Production and Inventory Management Field (P&IM) and resource management. APICS is over 50 years old and provides its members opportunities to attain job skills and knowledge that will set them apart from others through seminars, workshops, conferences, exhibitions and meetings. APICS and the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York have made it possible for you to earn college credit for passing APICS' CPIM and CIRM examinations.



Calendar of Events



Wednesday, May 9, 2007

“ The Beer Game”

Speaker: Lynn A. Fish, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Canisius College
Salvatore’s Italian Gardens

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

**WTCBN presents
12th annual World Trade Celebration**

Keynote Address: James W. Ownes,
Chairman & CEO,
Caterpillar Inc.

Kleinhans Music Hall

For more information go to:
www.wtcbn.com

June 2007

Plant Tour: Luvata Buffalo

Date TBD

Wednesday, August 8, 2007

Buffalo Niagara Professional Alliance presents

Alliance Charity Golf Tournament

Diamond Hawk Golf Course

**Mark your calendars; invite
associates; practice your swing!**

Nominations for Board Sought

In June, chapter members will be voting on elected Board positions for the 2007-2008 year. If you are interested in being nominated, please contact Mary Ann Gardner through phone (716/687-3339) or email (maryann.gardner@fisher-price.com) by May 9th.

Positions open for nomination are:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary

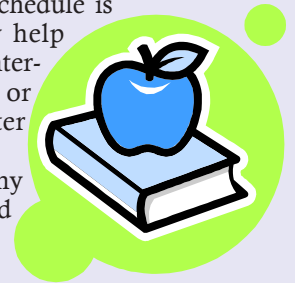
Job descriptions are available upon request.



CPIM and CSCP Classes Offered

The Chapter Education Programs in CPIM and CSCP have taken off quite nicely with a busy schedule of various CPIM classes and the kick-off the CSCP program class. They are being held at various location and times in the WNY area. A detailed calendar schedule is forthcoming. This calendar may help you determine if a class you're interested in will fit in your schedule or whether one location works better for you than the other.

If you are interested in joining any of these classes, please contact Ed George, Education Director.



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Report on Membership

-- Fred Vigars, Membership Director

Membership Status

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
Total Membership	244	245	233	232	242	241	249
Professional Members	171	173	164	165	173	174	174
Student Associates	42	42	39	37	39	37	44
Corp. Voting Members	28	28	28	28	28	28	28
Retired Members	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Honorary Chapter Mbrs.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
New Members Joined	1	4	3	1	2	4	3

Welcome New Members!

- ◆ Michael Firzak, Luvata Buffalo
- ◆ Ilyaas Shaaf, Astellas Manufacturing
- ◆ Ronald Brady, Perry’s Ice Cream
- ◆ David Moden, Coca-Cola Bottling Co.