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OCTOBER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETING

October PDM goes LEAN!

Join us on October 9th at the Valle Vista Conference Center for an exciting PDM roundtable on LEAN. We have an exceptional line up of speakers set for this PDM including Janice Holmes from Stant Manufacturing Inc. located in Connersville IN, Mark Wallace with Pratt Corporation located in Indianapolis. In addition, this panel features three expert educators in the field of LEAN and operations management; Mark Ippolito with the Kelly School of Business located at IUPUI in Indianapolis, Derek Browning and Mark Wheeler with LeanCor.

This is a great opportunity to engage local Lean experts that bring experience from both an instructional and practical application perspective. Come prepared to share and learn about the power of Lean thinking and Lean operations – sign up today at <http://www.apics-cind.org/Meetings/Next%20PDM.aspx>

► MARK E. IPPOLITO

Mark is a Senior Lecturer in Operations Management with the Kelley School of Business, Indiana University, Indianapolis. In addition to Operations Management, he has also taught courses in Business Communications, Organizational Behavior, and Business Strategy. He has been affiliated with The Kelley School since 1984. Mark is also Director of The Paradigm Network. Launched in January of 2004, The Paradigm Network is the successor organization to The Paradigm Group, which Mark directed from the summer of 1989 through the summer of 2003. The network provides an ongoing discussion and support forum for senior operations executives in central Indiana in their quest for operational excellence.

► DEREK BROWNING

Derek's time in the industry has provided him the opportunity to lead lean supply chain assessments and kaizen opportunities,

implement supplier kanban programs, lean logistics network designs, as well as multiple distribution center & warehousing projects. He has worked with companies such as Polaris Industries, Standard Furniture, Maytag/Whirlpool, Carl Zeiss Vision, Hilti, Stoneridge, Abbot Laboratories, Mitsubishi Caterpillar Forklifts of America, and others. Derek has been instrumental in the development, execution, and improvement of LeanCor's Lean Six Sigma Green Belt for Logistics and Supply Chain Management program, has coached multiple projects to successful completion.

► MARK WHEELER

Mark is a student and practitioner of Lean, driven by significant experience with world-class production systems and Lean tools application. Mark has a comprehensive logistics, transportation, and supply chain management background. He has served in a variety of roles including Operations Supervisor, Manager of U.S. Operations, General Manager of Business Development, Operations Manager of Distribution and Logistics Services (Turkey), and General Manager of Integrated Services. Key responsibilities have been new business development, price and contract negotiation, supply chain strategy development, budget / P&L management, senior management accountability, and international practice.

PDM MEETING INFORMATION

Date/Time	Thursday, October 9th, 2008 5:30 pm Registration—Networking; 6:15 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Presentation
Location	Valle Vista Conference Center 755 East Main Street, Greenwood, IN 46143
Pricing	\$5 Students; \$30 Members; \$45 Non-members
Registration	Register online at www.apics-cind.org . Please register by Monday 10/06/2008.



The Future of APICS

Last month I had the opportunity to meet many of our APICS colleagues at the International Conference in Kansas City. As with every conference we have attended it was a good opportunity to learn, network, share experiences and benchmark best practices in the operations management field, however, there were two special things about this Conference that made it better than any other I have attended before.

As Chapter President I was invited with our chapter Board Members to the "Leadership Institute" which is an activity designed to share best practices among APICS chapters internationally while enhancing our knowledge of APICS. The program was held on Saturday, one day before the International Conference started, which gave us the opportunity to get a head start on networking and sharing of best practices. We spent time with our fellow Great Lakes District Chapters Presidents and our District Manager invited all of us for dinner. Our past chapter president, Mr. Jason Wheeler was one of the guest presenters and he did a fantastic job sharing the very active way our chapter is engaging students to get involved with APICS in our area. We had a special session with our CEO Mr. Abe Eshkenazi, who presented issues specific to our chapters and its volunteers. This was a great experience that definitely enhanced my participation at the conference.

The second and no less important activity that highlighted the Conference was the opportunity to participate with my fellow board members as a Scholar Mentor. I was assigned one of the students attending conference as a mentor and my role was to share ideas and experiences with them related to operations management.

The activities started Saturday night with a dinner and continued all the way through Tuesday evening. Being part of the Central-Indiana Chapter with our usual "Hoosier Hospitality" we decided to mentor as a group, to provide the opportunity for our students not only to network with their own mentor but also with the

other students and mentors associated with our chapter. We had dinner together a couple of times, went together to the opening and closing events, sat together in the general sessions and when possible attended learning sessions together. It was a real networking experience for the entire group.

As a long time operations professional what impressed me the most about the mentoring program was the quality of the students, both intellectually and emotionally. Our assigned Scholars were Erin Troesch and Justin Crow from Indiana State University, Samuel Kingdon and Stephanie Beron from University of Indianapolis and Shawna Posey and Savannah Watson from Ball State University.

Our students all attend local universities although are taking varied approaches to different majors and have different life goals. What they have in common is that they are well educated, inquisitive, respectful, attentive and helpful. We engaged them in conversations that might be considered boring for 21-year-old students, but they handled it with patience and interest. When asked about ideas to improve student participation in our chapter, fundraising and structure they were quick in offering detailed ideas with enthusiasm in addition their help in the implementation.

Some of the students may or may not continue in the operations field, but I am sure that they will be ambassadors of our chapter in their schools and will help us engage more students in our profession. We expect an increase participation in the student chapters at Ball State and Indiana State, and the start of a new chapter at University of Indianapolis. We have a commitment from our scholars and I know they will make it happen. Now it is our task to keep them engaged with APICS no matter what they end up doing professionally.

I wrote this on my way back from Conference with a smile in my face as I realized that the Future of APICS is in good hands.

See you soon!

Javier

APICS Supply Chain Operational Excellence Seminar

Join APICS and LeanCor October 10th as they partner together for the first time to present an operational excellence workshop in the heart of Central Indiana. The event will be held at the Valle Vista Conference Center off of 65 South at Exit 99 and Main Street in Greenwood IN.

The workshop will include discussion and practice tools and techniques that successful companies are using to build operational excellence. This promises to be a dynamic and interactive program designed to give you knowledge and practice with the tools you need to move your organization and your supply chain to the next level of operational excellence.

Registration starts at 8:15 am, class begins at 9:00 am and ends at 4:30 pm

Registration Includes:

- The full-day program
- Program Materials
- Continental breakfast
- Buffet lunch

Details:

Online Registration expires on 10.08.08

Costs:

Pre-registered Members:	\$329.00
Pre-registered Non Members:	\$429.00
On-Site Registration:	\$0.00
Committee Members:	\$0.00
First Time Visitors:	\$0.00
Cancellation Cost:	\$0.00

Primary Location:

Valle Vista Golf Club & Conference Center
755 East Main Street, Greenwood, IN 46143
<http://www.vallevista.com/>

Check-in Starts:	8:15 a.m.
Program Starts:	9:00 a.m.
Program Ends:	4:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Derek Browning**

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2008 to 2009 Program Year Professional Development Meetings & Seminars

Date	Title	Presenter/Sponsor	Location
10/9/2008	PDM Lean Roundtable		Valle Vista Conference Center
10/10/2008	Professional Development Day	PMI CIC	TBD
10/16/2008	October Program Meeting	PMI CIC	Oak Hill Mansion, Carmel
11/13/2008	November Program Meeting	PMI CIC	Oak Hill Mansion, Carmel

Seminars

10/09/2008	Operational Excellence Workshop	Derek Browning	Valle Vista Conf. Center
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