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The Fountain

November PDE—Plant Tour, Cirque Du Soleil

Ever wonder what goes into a production such as La Nouba? Your opportunity to learn the ins and outs of the operations aspect of this show will be coming up on November 8, 2011 from 9 am to 10:45 during our November PDE, a plant tour of the operations of Cirque du Soleil. The cost is \$25.00 for this unusual opportunity to see behind the scenes at this world famous attraction. This tour is expected to fill up fast, so make sure to reserve your spot today by contact Jean Krupinski at 407-356-5167 or by email at president@apicsorlando.com.

Cirque du Soleil is located at 1478 East Buena Vista Drive, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830 in the Downtown Disney Westside shopping area.

APICS Mid-Florida Chapter recognized as a Platinum Chapter

Chapter Management Excellence is an integral component to enhancing the member experience. Successful APICS chapters provide their members with opportunities for stellar education, career development, and networking.

The APICS Chapter Benchmarking and Recognition (CBAR) program recognizes chapters that have exceeded minimum standards and exemplify excellence in overall chapter management. We are proud to announce the APICS Mid Florida Chapter received the 2011 CBAR Platinum Award designation, an admirable accomplishment for an APICS chapter.

As a member of an APICS Platinum Award Winning Chapter, the CBAR designation signifies your chapter's commitment to providing an exceptional membership experience.

Local company division wins APICS 2011 Corporate Award of Excellence

During the 2011 APICS International Convention in Pittsburgh, PA, one of our local company's was recognized with the APICS Corporate Award of Excellence. From the APICS website, the Award "...honor[s] organizations for their superior contributions to the advancement of the operations management field."

This year's winner was Lockheed Martin's Missiles and Fire Control Division, led by Sr. Manager Bob Jallo. There were several specific facts mentioned during the announcement, with the most impressive being the fact that the company has provided CPIM training for

over 50 individuals, with over half of that number becoming certified.

Congratulations to Lockheed Martin, Bob Jallo and his entire team on a job well done!

Special points of interest:

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President’s Corner

Welcome to the start of another exciting program year for the Mid-Florida Chapter. 2011-2012 has many great PDEs and educational opportunities scheduled for you to take advantage of. In November, we have a tour of Cirque Du Soleil set up and we’re planning for another tour in April. We also have our annual Volunteer and Learn in conjunction with the Space Coast Chapter in January.

Looking back, 2010-2011 was the culmination of a five year project to achieve C-Bar Platinum status. With all the hard work and dedication of the Chapter, our past Presidents and Boards of Directors, we achieved our goal. Congratulations to everyone! You are now members of a Platinum Chapter. Now that we have achieved this great goal, the challenge will be to maintain our new status as we go forward.

As I step into the role of President, I am humbled by the achievements of the Chapter and I am looking forward to working with the Board and the membership to continue moving the

Chapter in the right direction. As we’re all aware, the economic environment is tough out there right now, so we’re looking for new opportunities to continue to grow the Chapter. As a member, you are invaluable in helping to promote the value of your APICS membership and education.

One of the benefits of a strong Chapter like ours is that we have the ability to send people to the International Conference. This year, our own Denise Gillespie presented on using strategic planning to improve your chapter – based on the success of our own Chapter! The Conference is also good for picking up other useful information. A good example is someone brought up a good example of a way to present what APICS is, which is as an association of people who “figure out how to get the grain from the field to your dinner table.”

It’s a new year; time for new beginnings and continuing with the things that have worked. As your new President, I ask you to be involved: come to the PDEs,

volunteer to help with events, or volunteer for the Board. The Chapter is as strong as the members. You have proven to be strong. Let’s keep it up!

New Members

The Chapter would like to welcome the following new members to the Chapter:

Nicole Havley

Kitty Patel

Dothang Truong

Ronald Wagner

Scott Williams

International Conference October 23-25

This year's International Conference was held in Pittsburgh, PA October 23-25. The Chapter was represented by President Jean Krupinski, Secretary Chris Noble and Director at Large Denise Gillespie. There were several other Chapter members in attendance representing their employers. The theme of this year's convention was Achieving Sustainable Productivity and all of the sessions started off with a testimonial by the instructor of "What APICS has meant to me."

The classes were well thought out and full of good information that has real world applications. Reports on the conference will be given to the Board of Directors by each attendee during the next BoD meeting. Also be watching for updates during future PDE sessions.

A special congratulations is extended to our own Denise Gillespie who was chosen to present during the Volunteer Leadership Workshop on October

22. The topic she presented was "Growing Your Chapter Through Strategic Planning." It was a well attended and well received presentation, with some excellent feedback regarding other ideas that can further improve on what we are already doing.

Have something you'd like to see in the newsletter? Send a suggestion to Chris Noble at secretary@apicsorlando.com

Don't forget to check out the new job postings on the website <http://apicsorlando.com/JobPostings.asp>

Directions to Dubsdread Country Club

From Disney area:

I-4 East to Exit 86, Par Avenue.

Left on Par Avenue

Located 1 mile down on the right

From North Orlando:

I-4 West to Exit 87, Fairbanks Avenue

Left on Fairbanks

Right on Formosa Street

Right on Par Avenue

Located 1 mile down on the right

From Orlando International Airport

436/Semoran Blvd. North to 408

East/West Expressway

408 East/West Expressway West toward Orlando

I-4 East to Exit 86, Par Avenue

Left on Par Avenue

Located 1 mile down on the right



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Upcoming CPIM Classes

**CPIM in Six Months!
New Schedule!!!!**

How many times have you thought about studying for your CPIM certification but found that the time to accomplish this important task in your professional development would take from a year and a half to two years? How many of you need to improve your personnel marketability so that you can move ahead in these exciting times? Several of your professional friends have participated in the Fast Track program and enjoyed a high level of success.

Mid-Florida APICS Chapter is providing this exciting way to accomplish your dreams by offering a concentrated and accelerated CPIM education program starting in January. The fees and requirements for self provided texts are the same as those for the evening programs. The only difference is that this program is concentrated to allow you to complete your CPIM program within only a few months. The details follow.

Basics of Supply Chain Management will be offered on two consecutive Saturdays from 8 AM to 5 PM starting **August 20 and 27, 2011**. The fee for this course is \$425.00 per individual per module with the individual providing the texts and exam fees. Contact Jim Pullin at 407-644-2156 or jrpullin77@cfl.rr.com with questions, to register and obtain additional information. **Don't delay act now.**

The remaining modules for the CPIM will be offered in the following sequence and tentative schedule on consecutive Saturdays. Fees for these modules will be \$425.00, individuals providing texts.

Master Planning of Resources – **September 17 & 24, 2011**

Detailed Planning of Resources – **December 10 & 17, 2011**

Execution and Control of Resources – **January 14 & 21, 2012**

Strategic Management of Resources – **February 18 & 25, 2012**

Classes will be held at the Best Western Mt. Vernon Inn, 110 S. Orlando Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789.

This schedule will provide an interval between the classes for individuals to take the tests while the material is fresh in their minds. Testing arrangements are to be made by each individual, as their schedule will permit. Information in this can be obtained by contacting Jim Pullin at the above phone number.

For those who are certified, remember that you have a certification maintenance program to follow. Attending these classes will meet some of the hours required for the maintenance program.