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Professional Development Meeting

Subaru Business Process, Systems and Plant Tour

SUBARU PLANT TOUR

Please join PAN-APICS and the Princeton South Jersey Chapter of APICS on Wednesday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m.

We will be touring the Subaru Regional Distribution Center in Westampton, New Jersey.

Subaru of America, Inc., (SOA), is the exclusive United States marketer of Subaru products manufactured by Fuji Heavy Industries Ltd. of Japan. Headquartered in Cherry Hill, N.J., SOA serves nearly 600 dealers nationwide. Subaru vehicles are manufactured in Lafayette, Indiana and in Japan. In addition, Subaru of America provides service parts and accessories to the dealers through a network of 5 distribution centers.

The Westampton RDC is both a regional distribution center serving the Mid-Atlantic dealer network and a National Distribution Center supporting low volume parts for the entire country. In addition, the facility provides parts for international dealers for vehicles made exclusively in the United States. The 300,000 sq. ft. distribution center houses over 45,000 parts as well as a dealer return processing center, international shipping opera-

tions, and inventory support of multiple re-manufacturing operations. The facility processes about 600 orders per day with a 98% fill rate. The majority of the orders are shipped within 3 hours of receipt from the dealers. Subaru of America has been recognized for being one of the most efficient automobile parts distributors in the United States by leading warehouse organizations.

The tour will include an overview of Subaru's distribution network, a review of how Subaru achieves over 98% inventory availability using planning and forecasting tools, and a walk through of the distribution center to see how the facility layout has been optimized to be one of the most efficient automotive parts distribution centers in the U.S.

Employees and management from various industries will find this tour appealing as they learn about best practices for distribution centers. This is an excellent opportunity for those who do not work in a distribution center to discover how it operates. The tour should take about one hour. You are welcome to join us at a local eatery (TBA) after the tour.

Tour/Meeting Fee: \$20

Register online: www.pan-apics.org/buy

The tour starts promptly at 6:30. Please arrive 15 minutes early.



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Princeton South Jersey Chapter Meeting Schedule

Date	Speaker	Location	Topic
Sept 20, 2006	Jim O'Donnell	Cranbury Inn	Warehouse Accuracy
Oct 18, 2006	David Jacoby	Cranbury Inn	Supply Market Forecasting
Nov 15, 2006	Subaru	Subaru Distribution Center	Subaru Business Process, Systems and Plant Tour
Dec 2006	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	HAPPY HOLIDAYS
Jan 17, 2007	Seminar	TBD	Full day - Inventory Management Seminar (No Night PDM)
Feb 21, 2007 Updated	Blair William	Cranbury Inn	APICS Certified Supply Chain Profession
Mar 21, 2007	Chris Steinhardt	Café Gallery, South Jersey	Sarbanes-Oxley
April 18, 2007	Rick Cathers	Congress for Progress, Philadelphia	APICS and the Future of America
May 16, 2007 Updated	Gary Puzzuti	Cranbury Inn	Employment and Career Planning
June 20, 2007	TBD - Top Management Night	Old York Country Club	Top Management Night - Topic TBD

President's Message: By Bob Wetherill, CPIM

Welcome to APICS

Welcome Princeton South Jersey (PRSJ) Members and Guests!

As always, many great things are happening within our chapter!

EDUCATION – Several classes continued to be offered, catering to our Mid Jersey and South Jersey members! Check out our schedule and sign up!!

MEMBERSHIP – Membership continues to be strong as we work harder to serve our community

PROGRAMS – Programs are better than ever! This month we are joining forces with the

Philadelphia Area Network Chapter, touring **Subaru of America in Westampton, NJ. Come out and enjoy the fun, this November 15 !!**

BOARD ACTIVITY – Our board continues to be highly energetic, and our

past officers **JUST CAN'T SEEM TO LET GO!** Not only do we get interest from our actual board members, but our past Presidents and other past officers continue to provide input on a weekly basis regarding our strategic direction!

OTHER APICS INVOLVEMENT – We continue to have board members and other members pursue CSCP Certification. In addition, two of our board members are attending the International conference in Orlando, and our chapter is having our April PDM at Congress for Progress 32, in addition to hosting the cocktail party.

Some come on out to the Plant Tour of Subaru on Wednesday, November 15 !! The details are here in our web site and newsletter.

As always I am available by phone or e-mail for any of your questions or concerns.

My e-mail address is ur-wethe@optonline.net. My phone number is 609 689-3776.



Bob Wetherill, MBA, CPIM

President

To Members Located in the Southern New Jersey Area

Hello to all of our members from the South Jersey Chapter. In an effort to meet geographical challenges resulting from our newly formed PRSJ Chapter, the November meeting was scheduled to be held in Westampton. The tour of the Subaru Distribution facility will be interesting, informative, and a convenient commute. So, come on out and meet other PRSJ members and also members from the PAN Chapter.

We are interested in hearing any suggestions or comments you have that would help us serve your needs.

Board of Directors
Princeton South Jersey Chapter

Education Update

Greetings Princeton South Jersey Chapter members and the Community-At-Large:

NEW to APICS !!!!

Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) instruction is being offered in two locations; classes are held one evening per week for 13 weeks, beginning on November 27, 2006 in Mt. Laurel. Classes are also planned to be held in early 2007 in East Windsor. CSCP is a new industry educational standard and certification program created to meet the rapidly changing needs of the supply chain management field. The CSCP program takes a broad view of the field, extending beyond internal operations to span all the steps throughout the supply chain—from the supplier, through the company, to the end consumer—and provides you with the knowledge to effectively manage the integration of these activities to maximize your company's value chain. For more information and to submit your On-line registration, please visit our website "www.apics-ptmo.org".

In addition, we are also offering **Basics in Supply Chain Management** in two locations, East Windsor, and Mt. Laurel NJ. This is an excellent foundation course to advance your career by learning, and most importantly, implementing the best industry strategies to achieve a competitive advantage which is applicable to numerous environments; it explores the basic concepts in managing the flow of materials in a supply chain. You get a complete overview of material flow, from internal and external suppliers to and from your organization. Topics include Elements of the Supply Chain, Just-In-Time (JIT), Total Quality Management (TQM), Manufacturing Resources Planning (MRP II), Demand Planning and Capacity Management. Classes begin January 10, 2007 in Mt. Laurel, and in East Windsor on January 11, 2007. Visit our website "www.apics-ptmo.org" for additional details of this 10 week course, registration, and our current education portfolio.

Detailed Scheduling and Planning will be offered in East Windsor, NJ. This module focuses on various techniques for material and capacity scheduling, detailed descriptions of Material Requirements Planning (MRP), Capacity Requirements Planning (CRP), inventory management practices, and procurement and supplier planning. Topics include

Recognizing Techniques and Practices of Inventory Management, Mechanics of the Detailed Material Planning Process, Planning Operations to Support the Priority Plan and Planning Procurement and External Sources of Supply. Classes will begin on January 9, 2007; please visit our website "www.apics-ptmo.org" to register and obtain more information about the course.

Lastly, **Master Planning of Resources** is being offered in Mt. Laurel; topics covered include demand management, forecasting, sales and operations planning and measuring performance. Additional details and on-line registration can be located in the Education section of our website for this course, which will begin on January 9, 2007.

REMEMBER that any APICS member or any party of three or more who register as a "group" will receive a 15% discount vs. the tuition expense.

Save this date for more great APICS activities that add to maintenance of your professional certification:

PRSJ Professional Development Meetings:
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Visit our website "www.apics-ptmo.org" for more information and to submit your reservation

Our invitation to attend and participate in the quality learning opportunities offered by APICS & our Princeton South Jersey Chapter are extended to guests and members. Anyone interested in becoming a Princeton South Jersey Chapter member may contact Frank Abatangelo, V.P. of **PTMO Membership** at "www.eja96@aol.com".

Feel free to contact me to discuss how our Chapter or I can help you further your education or to answer any questions you may have.

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Membership Corner

MEMBERSHIP:

APICS—The Association for Operations Management is an international educational society recognized worldwide for its training and certification programs. Our nearly 70,000 members are resource management professionals from 20,000 manufacturing and service companies around the world. APICS members are individuals responsible for directing the supply chain, materials management, information services, purchasing, customer service, and quality control within their companies.

Membership in APICS is open to anyone with an interest in the field of Operations or Resource Management. Although the roots of APICS are in manufacturing production and inventory management, the scope of our society has broadened over the years to address operations and resource management issues in a wide variety of organizations, including banks, utilities, and health care.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

APICS membership brings with it a variety of benefits. APICS members receive the monthly magazine, APICS-The Performance Advantage and the APICS Dictionary, as well as the APICS International Conference and Exposition Proceedings. APICS members can participate in a variety of electronic discussion forums, receive information from the APICS Hotline, and take advantage of the APICS Career Center. APICS members receive discounts on the hundreds of publications available at the APICS Bookstore. In addition, APICS members receive discounts on Society educational workshops and programs, as well as discounts on certification exam registration and registration for the APICS International Conference and Exposition. Of course, the opportunity to network with your peers is a benefit that's hard to put a price tag on - you may just find a solution to that problem that's been a real headache for your company!

APICS offers several categories of membership, including Professional, Group-Site, and Student. Anyone can join under a Professional membership. A Group-Site membership entitles a specific company facility or location to five designated members who receive the normal APICS publications, but any employee of the company is eligible for member discounts on publications and programs. The Student membership is available to full-time students at accredited institutions of higher learning.

Education

Educational programs, such as Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM) and Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP), provide information regarding the interdependencies of all business disciplines. APICS certifications are internationally recognized, are often specified in "help wanted" ads, and can provide you with a foot in the door at the next employer.

Member Application

If you are taking or plan to begin taking courses toward **APICS Certification via classes held by APICS PRSJ**, it makes good sense to become an APICS member and get the discount of **15%** off each class. Your annual membership cost will be covered by the time you take your second class!! To become a member, join online or download an application and start shaping your future today. APICS Membership is just \$145 (\$110 for National Membership and \$35 for Chapter dues).

Be sure to request to be placed in the Princeton South Jersey chapter.

You can obtain an application by going on the web to the following link:

<http://www.apics.org/Membership/Join/professional.htm> then **download a prospectus** (PDF pages 9-12), or call APICS Customer Support at (800) 444-APICS (2742) or (703) 354-8851 to join by phone.



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APICS–PRSJ Profession Development Meeting Wednesday, Nov 15, 2006

Our meeting this month will be held at:

Subaru of America Inc
Penn Jersey Region
35 East Park Drive
Westampton, NJ 08060-1104
(609) 518-3790 or 5000

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

Registration: 6:00 p.m.

Tour: 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20

Reservations: www.pan-apics.org/buy

Cancellations 24 hours prior please.

Topic:

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