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APICS St Louis



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## APICS St. Louis News

### Message from the President

As we close this program year, I sincerely hope that a topic that was offered through our monthly professional development meetings (PDM) was of interest to you. We've tried to offer a mix of Operations Management skill enhancements and soft skill enhancements as part of our program offering. I hope to see you at the close of this year's program year where we talk about import compliance, export compliance, and ITAR on May 8th. Our speaker, Ted Galantowicz is the founder and managing director of our local St. Louis Trade Compliance Practitioners Roundtable.



Theresa Scully

Even though this program year is coming to a close, we are already thinking and planning our next program year. This is where I need your help. We have several options to pursue and I need to know from you, our membership, what would be of most value to you. So, please let me know what topics you would like to see in our program year from the list below. You can reach me at my email, [krisandthegirls@att.net](mailto:krisandthegirls@att.net)

#### Soft Skills:

- Time Management
- Project Management
- Communication / Listening skills
- Strategic Thinking and Planning

#### Operations Management:

- Inventory Classification - why all SKU's are not the same.
- S&OP Planning - Understanding the process of developing one set of numbers that drive the business.
- Capacity Planning - Why it's important, how to calculate it, and how to communicate utilization rates.
- Identifying Bottlenecks in manufacturing or service / process and what to do about it.
- Manufacturing and Supply Chain, where we complement each other and where we conflict.
- Service / Process Kaizen - how to implement lean in areas other than the shop floor.

Other:

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### Membership



One of our 2012 goals for the chapter is centered on membership retention and recruitment. I'm happy to share that our chapter membership continues to be strong and exceed 300 members. I'd like to welcome our new members. I would also like to remind members that if you find yourself between career opportunities, APICS offers six month

## Board Member Highlight



David Darner  
Louis.

As we close the program year, I would like to recognize and thank a long standing board member for his contributions to our chapter and for being a part of the mussel that has driven our chapter forward. David Darner is retiring his position as our VP of Finance. David has served our chapter for over five years. David has already been a corner stone to challenge direction of the chapter to ensure the money spent is providing value to our members. I appreciate his conservativeness, dedication, and willingness to challenge the board of directors. Please join me in thanking David for his dedication to APICS St.

## Certification

We have many new CPIM members in our chapter. First and foremost, congratulations on this incredible achievement! We have many classes in progress right now for CPIM for members aspiring for this credential and knowledge base. If anyone is interested in the CSCP review course, please let us know. We are trying to see if we have interest to kick off our next review course. Please feel free to let any of our board members know if you are interested in the CSCP review class. This class consists of 30 hours of review over a ten week period of time.

## Pay It Forward

Finally, as we wrap up this program year, we will be putting forth a ballot for our membership to vote in our new board of directors for the 2012-2013 program year which runs August 2012 through July 2013 with July 2012 as our transition month. We know we have several positions opening in this program year. If you would like to pay it forward and be a part of the board, please contact me. I'd love to share with you the positions open and to see what your interests are in supporting our chapter.



Thank you for being a part of our chapter and for supporting our APICS St. Louis group of professionals. At a recent chapter event, the program speaker stated that his session with APICS St. Louis was his best ever and he thought we had a great group of individuals in our chapter. I couldn't agree more! I look forward to serving you in the upcoming program year.

extensions. This options designed to assist members that are currently unemployed looking for their next career opportunity, and do not want to negatively impact the APICS certification status during this time of change in their career. Please check out all of the details on this membership option at [www.apics.org](http://www.apics.org) under membership.

## Education Corner



Classes are being established now for fall. I will be here before you know it! So, check out our calendar of events and see what classes you would like to participate in. If you need recertification of your CPIM or CSCP, please remember that taking classes earns you continuing education points and brings you up to speed on changes to the program since when you were originally certified. APICS St. Louis is fortunate to offer classes in multiple locations. The influencing factor is trying to locate classes close to our membership to minimize travel time. We also have two instructors that are recognized by the International APIC organization. Congratulations to Ra Scott and Karen Broyle for this accomplishment!

In your service ~ Theresa

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