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Central Wisconsin Chapter

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**Presenter – Kathy Smathers, CPIM , CSCP**

**Super Size Your APICS Membership**

The presenter, Kathy Smathers, CPIM, has over 20 years experience in manufacturing operations, is currently employed as Manager, Sales and Operations Planning, at Fiskars Brands, Inc, Gardening Division, Sauk City, WI. Kathy has been a member of APICS for the last 20 years and will share some personal experiences in career advancement, and personal development during her involvement with APICS. Kathy will discuss "How you can get the most from your APICS membership". As APICS just celebrated 50 years as an organization, we will look into what is in the plans for the next 50 years. Kathy has served on the Madison APICS board in various positions for the past 8 years, including President, Education, Secretary and Programs. Kathy currently assists the Madison Chapter in their education program, as an instructor for the CPIM review classes. She is also a member of Region 14 Staff, serving as Assistant Vice President.

Please join us for a presentation to explore and discuss the potential impact of APICS on your personal and professional career. Find out how you can get the most from your APICS membership and what is new at APICS. Some of the topics we will discuss:

- Membership Benefits – *New Academic Professional Membership*
- Volunteer Benefits – What's in it for me? Why Volunteer?
- Personal Benefits – Individual gains resulting from studying and practicing the APICS body of knowledge.
- Certification Benefits – CPIM and the recently added CSCP(Certified Supply Chain Professional)
- Professional Benefits – Potential career advancement. How your company can benefit from employee involvement in APICS.
- What's new at APICS?

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# APICS ANNOUNCEMENTS

## APICS Career Center

The APICS Career Center is the premier resource for companies seeking experienced specialists in the field of operations management and for professionals seeking operations management positions in production, inventory, materials management, supply chain, logistics, purchasing, and more.

All job seekers can search listings. To view job listing details, APICS members must [log in](#) to the APICS Web site and nonmembers MUST [register](#).

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## Meeting Agenda

**Date:** January 8<sup>th</sup>

**Speaker:** Kathy Smathers

**Where:** Tony Romas

**Agenda:** 5:30 Networking  
6:00 Dinner  
6:45 Chapter Business  
6:55 Member 15  
7:10 Speaker

**Cost:** \$14.00 Student/Retiree  
\$22.00 Member  
\$25.00 Non-member

**RSVP:** Noon on Thursday Jan 3rd, 2008

(To RSVP please see the insert. APICS is responsible for payment after the registration is made. Payment will be required in full if cancellations are not made by 5:00 PM the Friday prior to the meeting.)

## PREVENTING PROBLEMS ON THE DOCKS

Injuries to workers, product loss, and equipment damage are just some of the hazards associated with the use of trailers and powered industrial trucks on loading docks. “You have goods being loaded from a building into a trailer, and you’re hoping the building and the trailer stay together,” explains Thomas Carbott, vice president of the Material Handling Industry of America.

Experts say trailer creep, trailer pull-away, landing gear collapse, trailer floors failing, and unscheduled truck departure are among the main concerns for distribution workers. Add to that the “human factor” challenges—including low visibility, high noise levels, changing weather conditions, and tight spaces—and you’ve got an even greater probability of error.

“There’s a lot of traffic going on in a very confined area,” Carbott explains. “At the same time, a lot of machinery is moving around at a relatively high rate of speed.”

The good news is that equipment manufacturers are working to prevent these hazards. Carbott says the forklift industry, for example, is improving ergonomics and safety belts, as well as offering swivel cabs that enable operators to physically turn around their whole bodies when they need to travel backwards, rather than having to strain to look behind them.

Safety barriers, dock bumpers, and dock lights also are being built into products for improved performance. Material handling equipment manufacturer Pentalift offers vehicle restraints that are designed to hold a truck in place at the dock by locking onto its rear impact guard during the loading operation. The firm’s communication light systems provide workers with easy-to-read signs and a high-visibility way to know when a truck is in position. In addition, the company offers a hydraulic dock leveler with a “roll-off-stop” lip that forms a steel barrier when parked. This prevents material handling equipment from rolling off the dock when a trailer is not in place.

While many businesspeople pride themselves on using these types of innovative solutions to safeguard workers, Carbott says that, unfortunately, there are some on the other end of the spectrum. “There are new [solutions] being developed all the time for the equipment. But how quickly they’re adapted—I really can’t say,” he says. “It’s kind of a mixed bag. But I would hope the trend is leaning toward being more responsible.”

Clearly, product design alone cannot fix loading dock problems. Warehousing and distribution center managers also must set safe work practices and enforce those policies. Sarah Cunningham, marketing associate for Pentalift, says key supervisory measures include

- effective training and awareness
- exposing employees to safe loading dock practices
- understanding the severity of loading dock and forklift accidents
- correct material use
- proper equipment maintenance.

“Company leaders need to be educated and trained on how to use the equipment and identify the safety warning signals in the loading dock area,” Cunningham adds. “If they do not fully understand a particular piece of equipment, they are unlikely to have their employees use it properly. The leader’s responsibility is to [use] all safety precautions and safety equipment to protect their employees.”

—Elizabeth Rennie, senior editor, APICS magazine, can be reached at [editorial@apics.org](mailto:editorial@apics.org).

# RSVP

## Central WI APICS Chapter Professional Development Dinner Meeting

*Meeting: Jan 8th, 2008*

*Reservations Must be Received by Jan 3rd, 2008*

Visit our web site at <http://www.apicscwi.org> to  
**Register OR**

Call the automated attendant at (715) 842-5666 extension 1606.

Be sure to leave the following information:

- ♦ Name of person(s) attending
- ♦ Company name
- ♦ Whether each is member / non-member / student

### E-Mail to:

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*Please indicate member (M), non-member (NM), or student (S)*

Name	Jan Dinner		M NM S

## Fox Valley PDM Schedule: 2007-2008

<b>Date of PDM</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>PDM Dinner Speaker/Topic</b>
Thursday Jan. 17, 2008	Bridgewood	Carlos Raposo The Five Talents of Effective Leadership
Tuesday Feb. 12, 2008	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
Mar. 11, 2008	Bridgewood	Round Table The Global Supply Chain
April 2008 <b>TOP MANAGEMENT NIGHT</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>

## 2007/2008 FOX Valley APICS Certification Schedule

*Fox Valley Technical College in partnership with the Fox Valley Chapter of APICS is pleased to offer the entire CPIM series delivered to you in a classroom setting or online, and our CSCP course in the classroom. Our top-ranked Wisconsin-state certified instructor pool provides you with opportunities to grow professionally and personally. We are here to help you succeed!*

Type	Class	Day	Dates	Time	Location	Tuition	Credits
CPIM	All CPIM Modules	Online	Anytime	24/7	Anywhere	\$475*	2
CPIM	Detailed Scheduling and Planning	Tuesday	1-15, 1-22, 1-29, 2-5, 2-12, 2-19	5 pm	Appleton	\$375	1
CPIM	Basics of Supply Chain Management	Friday	1-25, 2-1	8 am to 5 pm	Appleton	\$375	1
CPIM	Execution and Control of Operations	Tuesday	3-4, 3-11, 3-18, 3-25, 4-1, 4-8	5 pm	Appleton	\$375	1
CPIM	Strategic Management of Resources	Tuesday	4-29, 5-6, 5-13, 5-20, 5-27, 6-3	5 pm	Appleton	\$375	1
CSCP	Certified Supply Chain Professional	Tuesday	9-18, 9-25, 10-2, 10-9, 10-16, 10-23, 10-30, 11-6, 11-13, 11-20, 11-27, 12-4	5 pm	Appleton	\$1495	2
CSCP	Certified Supply Chain Professional	Tuesday	1-22, 1-29, 2-5, 2-12, 2-19, 2-26, 3-4, 3-11, 3-18, 3-25, 4-1, 4-8	5 pm	Appleton	\$1495	2

Register online at [www.fvtc.edu/sc](http://www.fvtc.edu/sc) or via phone at 1-800-735-3882, ext. 4317

### Any Questions?

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