



Central Minnesota Chapter - P. O. Box 457, St. Cloud, MN 56302 May, 2008
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May Professional Development Meeting/Tour

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Please register for May 6, 2008 PDM on-line at www.apicscmn.org

MALCO PRODUCTS, INC.

Malco Products, Inc. was founded in 1950 and was a market pioneer with its innovative specialty hand tools for the **HVAC Trade** (Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning).

In 1975 Malco also created a vital specialty tool market for **Exterior Remodeling** professionals (Installers of Roofing, Siding and Gutter) and is the market leader in that niche as well. Malco continues to lead and innovate by addressing a changing industry landscape and responding to emerging market needs for new specializations and more customized offerings.

Dinner Speaker: Dan Strike, 3M

Topic: "Inventory Management in a Lean Environment"

Dan is a supply chain manager in 3M's Corporate Manufacturing & Supply Chain Services organization. Over his 15 year career, Dan has spent 5 years at Procter & Gamble implementing supply chain systems, and 10 years at 3M leading the deployment of supply chain systems, managing supply chain projects, and developing corporate supply chain processes. Dan's processes for lot size and safety stock optimization have been implemented in 23 of 3M's divisions yielding inventory reductions of over \$56 million. Currently, Dan is 3M's corporate leader for statistical forecasting of demand. Dan has been a frequent guest lecturer in Operations Management classes at the University of Minnesota and the University of St. Thomas as well as a presenter at national supply chain conferences (APICS and CSCMP).

Dan holds an MS degree in Manufacturing Systems Engineering from the University of Minnesota and a BS degree in Operations Research and Industrial Engineering from Cornell University. He holds certifications in CPIM (APICS) and as a Six Sigma Black Belt. Dan's presentation is titled "Inventory Management

AGENDA

5:15 – 5:30 Registration

5:30 - 6:30 Tour Malco Products

6:30 - 8:00 Dinner & Speaker held at Malco Products

Menu: Lasagna

Cost:

Members and non-members	\$25.00
Students	\$10.00

Please make reservations by Noon, on Friday, May 2, 2008 ON-LINE.... APICS is responsible for all meal reservations, including no-shows. Cancellations and no-shows received after May 2, 2008 will be billed.

Malco Products Address and contact info:

14080 State Highway 55 NW, Annandale, MN 55302-0400

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Officer's Corner

2007 Year in Review

By David Gerhardson, President

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2007 was an exciting year for the Central Minnesota APICS chapter. I would like to use this month's officer corner to highlight some of the changes.

One of the biggest changes to the chapter was the addition of several new members. Doris Illies has taken over for Donna Messer as V.P. of Programs. Doris has done an excellent job in her new role and we look forward to her continuing to offer quality speakers and tours in the future. Personally I really enjoyed the tour of Creative Memories/Antioch. It is always interesting to see how other facilities operate.

John Lien joined the board this year and took on the role of V.P. of Marketing. John has been and will continue to try and get the word out about APICS. So if you hear or see anything about APICS, John is the one spreading the word.

Mark Bashans joined the board this year as V.P. of Seminars. Mark is currently working on setting up a seminar for fall, 2008. If there is something you feel would benefit your company or that you are really interested in let Mark know. He is always looking for new topics.

Scott McLaughlin joined the board this year as V.P. of Membership. Scott is the one welcoming all our new members. Scott is also currently developing a survey, which will allow the chapter to better respond to your needs. Look for the survey coming soon.

I would also like to thank the board members that stepped down this year. Past President - Marjorie LaTour, V.P. of Seminars – Andrew Pung, V.P. of Education – Sandi Lambrecht. Each contributed greatly to the success of the chapter.

Another big change this year was the update of the website. You are now able to electronic register for classes, PDM's, and even seminars. We currently do not accept credit card payment but we are heading in that direction. The new website has allowed us to move away from the paper copies of the newsletter. Sending the newsletter out electronically allows us to save both money and trees. It is a win for the chapter as well as the environment!!!

I would like to thank our V.P. of Finance, Darrell Watercott for spearheading this initiative. It was his direction that allowed us to implement the new website ahead of schedule.

The chapter was able to offer multiple CPIM certification classes this year. We have expanded our range of operations with a class starting April 30th in Hutchinson as well as a class in Alexandria this fall. If you or your company is interested in CPIM certification please contact the chapter. We would be happy to help with your education needs.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who participated in APICS events the past year. To all the companies that allowed us to tour, the speakers who shared their knowledge and vision, and the students who came to our classes. Thank you for your support and I hope to see even more of you next year.

Attention

New Dues Structure: What you get and how you can lock in the old rate.

The new APICS dues structure took effect on April 1, 2008. The new rate brings with it many new and exciting benefits for a fraction of the cost they would be without APICS. In addition our chapter has expanded many of its offerings to enhance the value to you our membership. The new dues are \$200 per member starting April 1st.

Local Benefits

The new dues structure will enable our chapter to provide more and better local benefits. You may have already noticed that we are having more plant tours than in the past and they are all part of our PDMs. A speaker has been added talking about issues or challenges relative to our jobs or our industry. So many of the practices used in one industry are applicable in another.

Our local chapter website has been improved and made much more user friendly. You can access the new website at www.apicscmn.org. You can now sign up for PDMs and classes on line. No need to call or send in applications. The website also includes a calendar showing the upcoming events into the future. This will become even better in the next year.

Certification classes are now being offered in three locations to make them more accessible to our membership. Classes are now being offered in Alexandria and Hutchinson in addition to St. Cloud. This requires more instructors but it will benefit the membership by making certification easier to obtain. Getting a certification in CPIM or CSCP will only enhance your value to your company or position you for advancement.

Organization Benefits.

On a national level the new dues structure will give you access to the Aberdeen Group and membership in the American Management Association (AMA). Both of these are great value for the price of your membership. An AMA membership would cost you \$225 per person annually, but you get as part of your membership in APICS.

Aberdeen Group gives you a one year membership to Aberdeen Access. You need to sign up on the APICS website to be able to access the information. There is no extra charge. You get access to the Aberdeen Group entire research repository including;

- Hundreds of Benchmark and Best Practices Reports.
- Business Value Research Analysis.
- Research Briefs and Market Perspectives.
- Key Performance Indicators.

APICS is still the premier organization for operation professionals. It now provides more access to information which enables us do our jobs better and make more informed decisions. Check this all out on the APICS website www.apics.org today.

Company Coordinators

Company Coordinators serve as the liaison between their company and the APICS Chapter Board of Directors. They are the source of APICS information about the chapter's educational offerings for their co-workers, and provide feedback to the chapter about the educational needs of their company's management. This is a crucial link between our chapter and the companies we serve.

3 M Alexandria Abrasives	Scott McLaughlin
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Redball LLC	Kim Benson
Suttle Appartus	Sharon Haley
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Malco Tools	Val Peterson

Thinking about joining APICS?

APICS members can take advantage of discounts on exam fees, seminar and certification class fees, APICS bookstore items, certification self study materials, and more. As an APICS member you get a free subscription to the APICS magazine and access to the career center where you can search hundreds of career opportunities. There are many additional benefits, to find out more, check out the membership portion of APICS.org via the following website → <https://www.apics.org/Membership> or Contact your local CEMN VP-Membership Scott McLaughlin (see contact info in the board member section) to find out how you can become a member.

BSCM Class Dates in Hutchinson confirmed to start April 30th!

The Basics of Supply Chain Management Class in Hutchinson will be held on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. starting April 30th. This class will be taught by Barb Tessmer at the Hutchinson Technology campus in Hutchinson. We plan to run the series of five CPIM Certification Classes in Hutchinson over the next couple of years, starting with this Basics Class. Please register on-line.

Alexandria BSCM Class moved back to this Fall

We regret to inform you that the Alexandria Basics Class we were trying to get organized this spring has been cancelled. It is being rescheduled for this fall and is on our Education Calender with dates and location still tentative. Please register on-line now to let us know you are interested.

Watch for Central MN APICS Chapter Survey coming Soon!

We need your help! Watch for a survey from your Central MN APICS Chapter. We are looking for your feedback to help guide our planning process for the next program year. Thank You in advance, your input is greatly appreciated! You can give us feedback anytime from the Board or Contacts page on our website. Thank you for supporting APICS!

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