



Albany/Capital District Chapter Newsletter
December 2007 Edition



December Holiday Party



Wednesday, December 12th, 2007
Glen Sanders Mansion

Joint holiday party with ASQ
Featuring Comedian & Impressionist Steve Van Zandt

Spouses/Significant Others Are Invited !!!

Registration: 5:30 PM
Dinner: 6:30 PM

Spouses/Significant Others are free for APICS members
who have attended two of the first three PDMs this year



Dinner Choices

Roast Prime Rib of Beef
Sesame Encrusted Salmon
Chicken Francaise

Cost

\$25 for members/significant others
\$30 for non-members/significant others
\$10 for students/significant others

Registration

All reservations should be made via e-mail
to reservations@apicsalbany.org.
Please include in your e-mail; Name(s),
Company Name, Dinner Choice, and #
Attending.

Directions to Glen Sanders Mansion

From Albany:
NYS Thruway take Exit 25, I-890 West take Exit 4C, left at
the traffic light, over the bridge, at traffic light, make left and
left into our driveway.

From the West:
NYS Thruway, take Exit 26 to I-890 East, take Exit 4B, off
the ramp bear to the left and follow sign to Scotia (Route 5),
left at traffic light, over the bridge, at traffic light, take left
and left into our driveway.

From the North:
I-87 (Northway) take Exit 6 to Route 7 West toward
Schenectady. Take I-890 West to Exit 4C, left at the traffic
light, over the bridge, at traffic light, make left and then left
into our driveway.

A Message From The President

Hello Members,

This is a long overdue note to welcome you all to our new, 2007 ~ 2008 Chapter Year. Thanksgiving is now past, and we can all look forward to the Holidays and the coming of the New Year. I hope that all of you and your families get the chance to enjoy the remaining Holiday Season. . . . to help with that, I hope all of you can take part in your Albany-Capital District Chapter's December "PDM" event. As we did last year, this year's December Professional Development Meeting will be a social event that includes spouses / significant others. This year's event will be held at the Glen Sanders Mansion on December 12. Program details and reservation information are included in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there.

In speaking of our monthly PDMs, this year's offerings have gotten off to a great start. We began in September with our usual joint meeting with ASQ and L'UNA at the Century House. The program this year featured a talk by Michael Grasso of DynaBil Industries on his insights and experiences in DynaBil's latest project with Boeing, and how that cooperative effort will be way of doing business going forward. That was followed up in October with a tour of the DynaBil facility in Coxsackie. We got to see first hand how this aerospace fabricator operates. Last month we were treated to a presentation by David Rooney of the CEG at Lombardo's in Albany on issues surrounding growth and expansion here in the Capital region. All very interesting and informative presentations. We will be following those up with additional speakers and at least one more plant tour. Please see the PDM schedule for details.

As in our professional and home lives, as time goes on things change. Your APICS Chapter is no different. The most obvious change for the Albany-Capital District Chapter may be this newsletter. The Board of Directors decided to do away with the old hard copy / paper newsletter at the end of the last Chapter year. The reasoning being that with this electronic e-mail version, we can edit the content, add / subtract / change addresses much quicker and generally provide our membership with better service. . . . the Chapter also saves a fairly significant expense by doing away with the printing and postage costs. I think the new format looks and works great; many thanks go to your newest Board of Directors member Todd Nadler, VP of Public Relations, for all of his work on this. If there is anything you would like to see added to this newsletter, please contact Todd, or any member of the Board (contact information is listed at the end of this newsletter). Ideas for educational offerings, speakers, plant tours etc. are also more than welcome. This is your Chapter, please let us know how we can better serve you.

The Board of Directors is also going through a change period. This is the time of year where succession planning for the '08 ~ '09 Chapter year takes place. We were lucky to have two new members join the Board last year; Todd Nadler, VP Public Relations mentioned earlier and Joe Day, VP Programs. Both have taken to their tasks extremely well, and their work will benefit us all. Wouldn't you like to join them? New people bring new ideas and improvements that those of us that have been serving the Chapter for any length of time may not recognize. The Chapter needs a supply of new blood and ideas to grow and flourish. You get a chance to develop skills outside of your normal workday routine, and expand your networking contacts. There is more than enough opportunity (work!) to go around, so you won't be bored. . . . and pizza is included too ! Feel free to speak to any Board member, past or current, about joining the Board. APICS is like anything else, the more you put in, the more you get out!



Other Chapter news that you may not be aware of is the awarding to the Albany-Capital District Chapter by APICS "Society" of Chapter Platinum status. This is Society's measurement of how well the Chapter is managed and how well the Chapter meets the goals of APICS, the Association for Operations Management. This includes PDMs, educational and certification offerings, as well as the Chapter's business and financial management. Platinum status is awarded to a Chapter only after 5 consecutive years of meeting Gold standard, Society's highest rating. This is your Chapter's 5th consecutive Platinum award. That's over ten years of operational excellence... something we can all be proud of!

The Chapter's educational offerings also continue, and are growing. Currently, we are almost halfway through one series of the 5-course CPIM certification program with another series scheduled to start in January 2008. Depending on your needs, there is room still available in both certification series. Additionally, the Chapter is about to begin offering the latest APICS certification program, Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP). This is an exciting, in-depth, high-level certification that can really set you apart in a crowded field. Dean Meierdierckx, Chapter Webmaster, and Sal Ganino, VP of Education will lead the course. Both are themselves CSCP certified, with deep experience and impressive resumes in the Operations Management field. Course registration as well as time and place information for all course offerings are also included in this newsletter So, your Chapter is active and busy! I hope all of you take advantage of all that is being made available, and that you'll join the Board and your fellow Chapter members at any of our PDMs. Remember, this is your Chapter; ideas and suggestions are always welcome!

If I don't see you at the Glen Sanders Mansion later this month, I wish you and your families a happy and healthy Holiday season.

Paul C. Clark, CPIM

APICS District Meeting to be Held in Albany, NY

Our next APICS District Meeting is scheduled to be held in Albany Friday, February 22 and Saturday, February 23 at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center. As APICS members, you are invited to attend.

Why attend?

Because you can learn more about what APICS can offer as a professional society. Given this information, you can influence how and what our local chapter offers to its members.

What is an APICS District?

APICS has organized chapters into 7 regions in North America. Our region includes chapters from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Northern New Jersey.

What is a District Meeting?

These meetings are held approximately 3 times per year. All APICS members in the region are invited to attend. A networking event is held on Friday night where participants have the opportunity to socialize with other APICS members inside our District. Saturday's schedule includes mini workshops on subjects like how to run a local APICS chapter or how to market APICS offerings. A leadership workshop/session is usually offered. Agendas are distributed prior to the meeting.

If you have any interest in attending or have further questions about this District meeting, please feel free to contact any board member for details.



Upcoming Educational Offerings

CPIM (Certified in Production and Inventory Management):

Execution and Control of Operations: Jan 24th -March 27th (Thursdays 2-5pm) at Von Roll (Schenectady)
Strategic Management of Resources: Apr 10th-Jun 12th (Thursdays 2-5pm) at Von Roll (Schenectady)

There will also be a new round of classes, starting with Basics of Supply Chain Management, at DynaBil (Coxsackie) beginning in January. Depending upon interest, there may also be a round of classes held at Super Steel in Glenville, beginning in July. Anyone interested in CPIM training can contact Board Member Ken Stuff. His contact info can be found at the end of the newsletter.

CSCP (Certified Supply Chain Professional):

The first CSCP training class in this area is planned to start in January and will likely be held in the Clifton Park area. Anyone interested in CSCP training can contact Board Member Dean Meierdiercks. His contact info is at the end of the newsletter.

Introduction to ERP:

This class will be offered based upon interest. Anyone interested can contact Board Member Dean Meierdiercks. His contact info is at the end of the newsletter.

2008 ACAP APICS Scholarship

The Albany/Capital District chapter of APICS the Association for Operations Management provides its Capital Region membership of nearly 200 individuals and companies access to world class knowledge and techniques with emphasis on the Manufacturing, Distribution and Supply Chain Management components of Operations Management.

The Albany/Capital District chapter of APICS is, for the fourth year, making available up to two \$1,000.00 scholarships, to be presented at its meeting the evening of Wednesday, May 14, 2008.

Participation in this scholarship program is reserved for applicants who:

1. Have a sibling, parent or grandparent who is a member of the Albany/Capital District Chapter; or, have a sibling, parent or grandparent who is employed by the same company as a member, and
2. are high school seniors graduating in 2008 and accepted at an accredited two or four year college or university; or
3. are college students enrolled in an accredited two- or four-year college or university?

Completed applications must be returned with a postmark of no later than April 12, 2008 and include the following:

- A letter of recommendation by a teacher/counselor from the applicant's school.
- An official transcript (and SAT scores if currently in HS)
- An essay of 300-500 words on the topic:
"The current and future roles of operations management."

To download an application, visit: www.apicsalbany.org. For Q&A or additional information, please contact Sal Ganino. His contact information can be found at the end of this newsletter.



The Newsletter Needs You

Anyone who has suggestions to improve the quality of our newsletter's content or format is encouraged to send them to newsletter@apicsalbany.org. Better yet, anyone who would like to write an article for inclusion in the newsletter is more than welcome.

We would really like to include chapter success stories, where APICS membership, education, and/or certification benefitted your company or career. We would also love to include original educational content, based on the APICS body of knowledge.

The Albany/Capital District Chapter acknowledges the following members

New Members

Thomas Kwiecien (Corporate Voting) – Noteworthy Industries, Inc.

Newly Certified Members

Laurel Tator CPIM – Tyco Healthcare/Kendall

Current Membership: 184

Professional Members: 95

Academic Professional Members: 1

Corporate Voting Members: 43

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The ACAP Newsletter is published monthly by the Albany/Capital District Chapter of APICS, the Association for Operations Management, to provide its members the news and activities of the chapter.

Comments, suggestions and story ideas are encouraged, and may be sent to:

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