

FEBRUARY, 2012

# TOPICS



## The Association for Operations Management

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### Wednesday, February 15, 2012

#### Plant Tour - Amway



**Itinerary:** 5:00 PM - registration

5:30 PM - plant tour

6:15 PM - final questions & wrap-up

**Location:** 7575 Fulton Street East

Building 58C

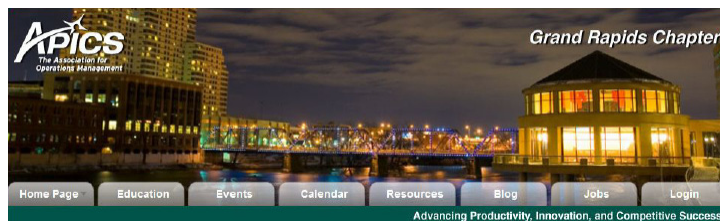
Ada, Michigan

*(complete directions on page 3.)*

**Reservations due by 5:00 PM on February 10<sup>th</sup>:**

Reservations can be made online at: [www.apics-gr.org](http://www.apics-gr.org) or by contacting the Chapter Administrator, Kathy Choryan, by email: [ApicsGR@yahoo.com](mailto:ApicsGR@yahoo.com) or phone: (616) 490-8608. Cost is \$15.00. There are no provisions for a catered dinner.

For complete details, visit the Chapter's website at: [www.apics-gr.org](http://www.apics-gr.org)



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

APICS friends,

Who says Michigan winters are so bad? Fifty-five degrees in January? It has been a great weather pattern for the winter-haters among us – not so good for winter sports fans though. With that said, I would put good money on winter weather roaring back with a vengeance in February. There is a lot of winter left still.

From a purely selfish perspective, I am hoping that the winter weather holds off at least past February 15th, the date of our next Professional Development Meeting at Amway. Mike Myers graciously volunteered to coordinate a tour of Amway's Fulfillment Center in Ada. Unfortunately, they are not set up to be able to handle dinner for our group, so this month's PDM will not include dinner. Amway has proven itself over the years to be "best in class" in managing distribution of a high volume of product, so the tour of their facility should be very interesting.

We had a high attendance at the joint event with IMA at Cascade Engineering in January. Kelley Losey gave a first-rate presentation summarizing some of the creative ways that Cascade Engineering is addressing the triple bottom line. Very impressive!!

It seems strange to be talking about this already, but it is that time of year where we need to start looking at filling Chapter Board of Director positions for this coming program year. If you have any interest in assisting with Chapter management for 2012 / 2013, please send me an email and I will give you further details about positions that we are anticipating needing help with. Serving on the Board is a very rewarding experience!!

Public education classes continue to be offered on a regular basis, both for CPIM and CSCP certification. Other education classes are available upon demand. If you are interested in addressing a specific need, feel free to contact us to work through the details of what class would be best fit for you. We enjoy the opportunity to tailor an education program to fit your needs, your schedule, and your location.

As always, if anything has sparked your interest, either for you or your organization, please feel free to contact any of the board members. We are here to serve – working to provide the best personal and professional growth opportunities possible.

We are APICS G.R.

Joel Schipper, CPIM, CSCP  
President, 2011 / 2012



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President, 2011-2012

## ADVERTISING ON OUR WEBSITE

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## AMWAY TOUR LOCATION/DIRECTIONS - FEBRUARY 15, 2012

The Midwest Regional Service Center is located on Ada Central Campus in Building 58's Four Quadrants.



### Location:

7575 Fulton Street East  
Building 58C  
Ada, Michigan

Please come in the main gate at Fulton, make a left turn and our building is the last one on the right. The parking lot will be past the building on the right. Come in the front door.

## 2012 STUDENT CASE COMPETITION

### Great Lakes District Meeting & Student Case Competition

DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel & Conference Center  
Chicago-Downers Grove  
2111 Butterfield Road  
Downers Grove, Illinois 60515  
Tel: 1-630-971-2000

### Call for Volunteers

We need:

- Event Registration, Hospitality & Networking "Hosts"
- Programs & Event Logistics, etc...
- Case Subject Matter Experts (3-4)
- Judges: (3 ea.) Oral, Written, Critique, and Alternates
- Runners, Scorers, Ushers, Timekeepers,
- Photographer(s)

To register for the meeting and SCC, please use this link: [SIGN UP](#)

Registration info for student teams, [click here](#).

STUDENT REGISTRATIONS EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 8. SIGN UP NOW.  
NUMBER OF TEAMS LIMITED TO 25.

Hotel cutoff date for APICS RATE is now February 7. Act fast for this special pricing.

See Power Point presentation by clicking here.

Click here for: [AGENDA](#) for the Feb 24, 25 District Meeting and Student Case Competition.



## 9TH ANNUAL SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

**April 24, 2012**  
**8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**



This year, we have four tracks, 16 presentations, two keynote speakers including information about:

1. World Economy
2. Growth & Innovation
3. Supply Chain Operation
4. Leadership & Development.

There will be four sessions in each channel and group discussions moderated by expert panel members. It would be appreciated if APICS members would share their knowledge through active participation in the SCM Conference. Mark your calendars!

Location: The Eberhard Center  
301 West Fulton  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

## IN-HOUSE EDUCATION

***Are you aware of the APICS Body of Knowledge? What about the APICS Educational Workshops?***

Did you know –

- ✦ The Lean Enterprise Workshop consists of seven independent modules.
- ✦ Global Sourcing has four workshops, plus there is an Executive Overview module (6 hours).
- ✦ The Inventory Control Workshop has five different courses.
- ✦ Theory of Constraints Workshop contains six classes.

Each workshop module is a stand-alone class of four hours. You can mix and match and create your own educational program. Have it In-House and at your own pace. Learn more about APICS.

## NEW MEMBERS

**Michelle Armstrong**  
Amway

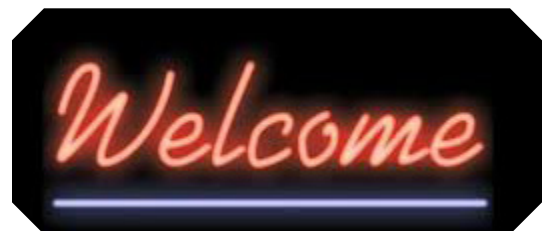
**Jessica Buchweitz, CSCP**  
Amway

**Andy Vandokkumburg**  
GVSU

**Evan Lowry**  
GVSU

**Jordan Bremer**  
GVSU

**Fran Smith**  
Hart & Cooley Inc.



# 2011-2012 PUBLIC EDUCATION SCHEDULE

**\$100 DEPOSIT** REQUIRED WITH ALL ENROLLMENTS,  
REFUNDABLE UP TO 10 DAYS BEFORE CLASS STARTS.

CLASSES ARE NOW HELD AT NEW HORIZONS LEARNING CENTER. NOTE CLASS TIMES.

**PAYMENT IS DUE** BY THE FIRST DAY OF EACH COURSE. IF PAYMENT IS NOT RECEIVED BY THE FIRST CLASS, AN ADDITIONAL \$50.00 WILL BE INVOICED.

**FOR CLASS FEES, VISIT [WWW.APICS-GR.ORG](http://WWW.APICS-GR.ORG)**

Course	1st Offering	2nd Offering	3rd Offering
# CP585 - Execution & Control of Operations	Thursdays (9 weeks) Sept. 8th - Nov. 3rd Pinnacle Center 6PM - 9PM	Mondays (8 Weeks) June 11th - Aug. 6th No Classes 7/2 New Horizons 6PM - 9:30PM	Tuesdays (8 weeks) Oct. 23rd - Dec. 11th New Horizons 6PM - 9:30PM
# CP590 - Strategic Management of Resources	Mondays (9 weeks) Dec. 5th - Feb. 13th No Classes 12/26 & 01/02 Pinnacle Center 6PM - 9PM	Tuesdays (8 Weeks) Sep. 10th - Oct. 29th New Horizons 6PM - 9:30PM	TBA (8 weeks) 2013 New Horizons 6PM - 9:30PM
# CP505 - Basics of Supply Chain Management	Mondays (8 weeks) Oct. 3rd - Nov. 21 New Horizons 6PM - 9:30PM	Tuesdays (8 Weeks) Mar. 13th - May 8th No Classes 4/3 New Horizons 6PM - 9:30PM	Mondays (8 weeks) May 14th - July 9th No Class 5/28 New Horizons 6PM - 9:30PM
# CP575 - Master Planning of Resources	Mondays (8 weeks) Jan. 9th - Feb. 27th New Horizons 6PM - 9:30PM	Tuesdays (8 Weeks) May 29th - July 24th No Class 7/3 New Horizons 6PM - 9:30PM	Mondays (8 weeks) July 23rd - Sept. 17th No Class 9/3 New Horizons 6PM - 9:30PM
# CP580 - Detailed Scheduling & Planning	Mondays (8 weeks) Mar. 26th - May 21st No Class 4/2 New Horizons 6PM - 9:30PM	Tuesdays (8 Weeks) Aug 14th - Oct. 2nd New Horizons 6PM - 9:30PM	Mondays (8 weeks) Oct 1st - Nov. 19th New Horizons 6PM - 9:30PM
CSCP	Tuesdays (10 weeks) Sept. 13th - Nov. 15th New Horizons 5:30PM - 9:30PM	Tuesdays (10 Weeks) May 15th - July 17th New Horizons 5:30PM - 9:30PM	Tuesdays (10 weeks) Sept. 11th - Nov. 13th New Horizons 5:30PM - 9:30PM

## ONLINE NETWORKING

- \* *LinkedIn has over 75 million members in over 200 countries.*
- \* *A new member joins LinkedIn approximately every second, and about half of our members are outside the U.S.*
- \* *Executives from all Fortune 500 companies are LinkedIn members.*



### Relationships Matter

*Your professional network of trusted contacts gives you an advantage in your career, and is one of your most valuable assets. LinkedIn exists to help you make better use of your professional network and help the people you trust in return. Our mission is to connect the world's professionals to make them more productive and successful. We believe that in a global connected economy, your success as a professional and your competitiveness as a company depends upon faster access to insight and resources you can trust.*

**COME JOIN OUR GROUP:** <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?mostPopular=&gid=94891>

## UPCOMING 2011 - 2012 Events



### NETWORKING NIGHTS @ THE B.O.B.

Joint Events with CSCMP and ISM-GGR

Thursday - September 29, 2011

Thursday - Spring, 2012

### PLANT TOURS

UPS - Wednesday - October 12, 2011

Cascade Engineering - Tuesday - January 17, 2012

Amway - Wednesday - February 15, 2012

Steelcase, Inc - Wednesday - April 11, 2012



### HOCKEY NIGHT @ THE VAN ANDEL ARENA

Friday - October 14, 2011

This is the home opener which will feature \$1 beers and hot dogs as well as a post-game fireworks show. Bring your family and friends. We have special group pricing.

### PDM @ THE GVSU EBERHARD CENTER

Wednesday - November 9, 2011

Featuring Dr. Sime Curkovic, Supply Chain Professor at West. Mich. Univ. & Michael Vitek, Vice President of the North American Practice of Mercedes-Benz Technology Consulting



### PDMs @ THE PINNACLE CENTER

Wednesday - March 7, 2012

Featuring Tom Shuker, Partner at Lean Transformation Group

Wednesday - May 9, 2012

Featuring Dr. Sandra Upton, Dean of Business Programs  
Cornerstone University



### SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

April 24, 2012

At GVSU's Eberhard Center





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