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Message from the President

Greetings and Happy New 2010 to all.

I am hearing some good predictions about our economic future from some of my business contacts. The bottom of the recession seemed to be somewhere in the latter part of 2009 and has begun to swing the other way. I hope this has been the case for your particular business. If not, hang in there.

This is a good time to lean down and learn. Let your local APICS Chapter help you trim the fat and improve your processes. Attend our Professional Development Meetings and take part in some of the educational offerings.

Be sure to contact one of our board members or myself if you have some special needs we might address.

Regards,
Larry Pascoe, CPIM, C.P.M
APICS East Texas Chapter President

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Online Events

APICS Online Events provide convenient access to dynamic information and education through APICS Webinars, *APICS Extra Live*, *APICS Connection Live*, and Vendor Webcasts.

Check out **Upcoming Online Events** from www.apics.org. Next up:

[APICS Extra Live: Increasing Competitive Advantage and Agility through Lean Operations](#)
February 16, 2009
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. CT

[Register today](#)

Chapter Events

Professional Development Meeting

Please join us for our **January PDM** on January 19th as we tour the **Neiman Marcus National Distribution Center** in Longview, TX. The \$20 mil facility, built in 1994, is located on 35 acres in the 450-acre Longview Business Park on Interstate 20.



Here in Longview, **Neiman Marcus** can consolidate their merchandise processing and distribution and other merchandise support services, including transportation and international import operations. The Longview facility features a state-of-the-art automated warehouse and merchandise tracking system.

Neiman's has arranged for us to tour the facility at NOON on Tuesday, Jan 19, 2010. We'll gather at the lobby at 12:00 for quick Chapter business and the tour will start shortly after that. Closed-toe shoes are required to tour the warehouse. No purses or bags allowed on the tour. Visitors can leave their purses/handbags/briefcases at the Loss Prevention desk if they bring them in, or they can lock them in their car if they prefer.

Space for the tour is very limited, so please reserve your spot early.

Click here to sign up!

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Education

Register now for **CPIM Exam Review Module 4: Execution and Control of Operations**. Remember, you do not have to pursue your certification to take advantage of this class.

Here we focus on the areas of prioritizing and sequencing work, executing work plans and implementing controls, reporting activity results, and providing feedback on performance. The course explains techniques for scheduling and controlling production processes, the execution of quality initiatives and continuous improvement plans, and the control and handling of inventories. Topics include:

- Prioritizing and Sequencing Work
- Executing Plans and Implementing Controls
- Authorizing and Reporting Activities for Push and Pull Systems
- Evaluating Performance and Providing Feedback.

Students will need to order the Participant Guide from the APICS Bookstore. Click [here](#) to order the following:

Execution and Control of Operations - Participant Guide (CPIM) Version 2.3
APICS Stock # 09128V23-01-PG.

Classes will be held twice a week on Mon/Thurs starting on Jan 18th at 6:00 to (around) 8:30 pm at J-W Manufacturing in Longview. Click [here](#) to see more. You'll find class outlines, registration forms and maps. Normal registration on ends Jan 11th.

For more information, contact Larry Pascoe, CPIM, C.P.M., Class Facilitator, at <mailto:education@apicseasttexas.org>

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APICS 6-Packed Conference

We want to remind our readers of the excellent opportunity to attend the 6th Annual Terra Grande District **APICS Six-Packed Conference**. The conference will be held in Dallas, Texas on February 26 and 27, 2010. This conference offers **EXCEPTIONAL VALUE** and features over 40 sessions presented by recognized supply chain leaders covering 8 topical areas in the General Session and a Special Session called Lean Certificate Workshop.

General Sessions - 5 Concurrent Sessions

- Driving Cost from the Supply Chain
- Managing your Inventory Investment
- Planning the Supply Chain
- Competing through Globalization
- Increasing Flexibility in the Supply Chain
- Unleashing the Power of your People
- Lean out your Supply Chain
- Practical Developmental Workshops

Special Session (enrollment limited)

Lean Certificate Workshop - 2 day certificate program

We highly recommend this conference. You'll find links [here](#) and on our website for more information and to register. Early Registration Ends: February 10, 2010.

Register 4 people from your company and the 5th person attends for **FREE!!!**

(As a special Chapter promotion, we will offer a **TWIST**. If our **Chapter** registers 4 people, the 5th person will attend FREE. Contact us for arrangements to qualify for FREE registration fee.)

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