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**April 2005**

**Next Meeting**

**Mr. Ron R. Green**

Presents

**"Six Sigma for Dummies"**

**Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup>  
5:45 PM**

**Bottega Bistro  
Bellgrade Plantation  
Midlothian, VA**



**5:45 – 6:30 PM**

**Registration & Refreshments**

**6:30 – 6:45 PM**

**Welcome & Introductions**

**6:45 – 7:45 PM**

**Presentation**

**Cost**

**Free for Members**

**\$10 for non-members**

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## April Professional Development Meeting:

### Six Sigma for Dummies: How the Non-Expert Can Use Six Sigma Successfully

The following excerpt is from "Six Sigma for Dummies: How the Non-Expert Can Use Six Sigma Successfully":

"Anyone who has heard of Six Sigma has likely also heard of its heavy reliance on statistics. You may have heard that there are "belts" that experts in Six Sigma have earned. Or, you may have heard that it can only work in large organizations.

There is some truth in all of these statements. However, Six Sigma does not have to be this mysterious force only wielded by people with advanced degrees in statistics. With a little help, the non-expert can use the tools, and more importantly, the methodology to solve many business problems."

### Recognizing Those Who Have Maintained Their Certifications

These days, it's enough to juggle daily family, home, and work requirements successfully. For those who go the extra mile to maintain their "edge"...well, they deserve a "tip of the hat". So, we'd like to tip our hats to the following APICS members, who, over the past 24 months, have maintained their certifications:

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## President's Message

Sandra Faulkner, CPIM

**HAPPY SPRING!** Thanks again to those who attended our March Professional Development Meeting. We had 21 attendees at the Tour of Alcoa's South Foil Plant. The Tour was arranged by Ms. Janet Dillard, Assistant Plant Manager, and our Tour Guides for the evening were Mr. Richard Habron and Mr. David DeFoggi. Our sincere thanks to these folks for providing an excellent tour!

Our next Professional Development Meeting will introduce Mr. Ron R. Green to the Richmond Chapter. Mr. Green is a Six Sigma expert with more than 10 years of supply chain experience. He will present his program from the 2004 APICS International Conference, "Six Sigma for Dummies: How the Non-Expert Can Use Six Sigma Successfully". The April PDM will take place on Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at 5:45 p.m. at the Bottega Bistro in Bellgrade Plantation, Midlothian, VA.

The Nominating Committee is currently developing a slate of officers for the 2005/2006 Chapter Year. If you would like to participate on the Board next year, please review the job descriptions for each role by visiting the website, [www.apicsrichmond.org](http://www.apicsrichmond.org) and click on **Officers** in the left margin, then the Board Role, e.g. **President**. Let our Chapter VP know of your interest by contacting Melissa Davis at [VicePresident@APICSrichmond.org](mailto:VicePresident@APICSrichmond.org). Remember, you can nominate an individual for any office.

We look forward to your continued participation in the programs the Richmond Chapter sponsors.

### Professional Development Meetings – Change in Fee Structure

Our Annual Member Survey has been a great vehicle to plan our Professional Development Meetings (PDMs), and bring our members in contact with speakers on topics that are of interest, and which meet the needs of the membership. For the last several years, the Chapter's healthy budget position has enabled us to provide PDMs free to members, with a nominal fee for guests. As our Marketing Committee works on plans to reach a wider membership; we have sought to control expenses of putting on the monthly meetings by utilizing local speakers, and having a Member Company host the PDMs. However, we must take action to match income with expenses for those meetings held at local restaurants/hotels.

Last year, a survey was done to find out how members would respond to being charged for attendance at Professional Development Meetings. The survey results indicated that the Richmond Chapter membership would be willing to bear a reasonable charge for PDMs. A separate survey was also done to understand how other Chapters in our area, and across the U.S., manage the Chapter PDM Budget. Thirty-four APICS Chapters responded to our survey. The cost of the PDM to the Member ranged from \$10 to \$35. For most Chapters, it is a way to cover fixed and variable costs of putting on the PDM.

After careful consideration, the Chapter will implement a meeting fee beginning with the first PDM in September of 2005. The goal is to budget for speaker fees and expenses, and cover the cost of any refreshments/dinner/facility expenses through a nominal fee per meeting. This fee will depend, of course, upon where the meeting is held, type of refreshments, etc. We anticipate that this fee will range between \$15 and \$20. At this time, we do not plan to charge for Plant Tours or PDMs hosted by a Member Company, unless our assistance is requested.

As always, we value your input. If you have any comments or suggestions on this issue, please contact [president@apicsrichmond.org](mailto:president@apicsrichmond.org).

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## Education Corner

### Ivana Perkinson, CPIM

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Hello Everyone! Our next regularly scheduled CPIM Exam Review Workshop is the Detailed Scheduling and Planning Module, which will be held on April 29, 30, and May 7, 2005. If you would like to register, please do so through CCWA's website: [www.ccwa.vccs.edu](http://www.ccwa.vccs.edu). We had to cancel the Master Planning of Resources workshop due to low enrollment. We are in the process of rescheduling since some students are trying to achieve certification this year. I appreciate everyone's patience as we work through the rescheduling process.

As Sandy mentioned, our Professional Development meeting this month will feature Mr. Ron Green as he discusses "Six Sigma for Dummies". We are very excited to have Mr. Green speak at our PDM. He has been a speaker at the APICS International Conference. Please join us on Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at Bottega Bistro for this exciting presentation.

I would also like to mention that Dupont has begun an in-house CPIM workshop review series. The workshops are in conjunction with CCWA and the local APICS Richmond Chapter. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone involved and we would sincerely like to thank Dupont for their interest in the APICS Body of Knowledge. Welcome aboard!

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## Membership Corner

### Susan B. Kontoleon, PMP

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Our membership is 168 strong, with an additional 131 corporate associate members. On behalf of our chapter, I would like to welcome **Sidney Snitkin, Jose Rivera, and Eugene Smith II** who joined our chapter last month. We look forward to meeting you at the next Professional Development Meeting.

In our April meeting we will be celebrating the achievement of our members who received their CPIM, CIRM, and CFPIM certifications in 2003 and 2004. Our records indicate **Greg Martin, Tony Moore, Brad Longacre, Mike Seifert, Dave Credicott, and Ashok Muthuswamy** received certification. If any other members have recently achieved certification, please let me know. Sometimes there is a delay in our information from APICS headquarters and we don't want to miss out on recognizing you for such a tremendous professional achievement!

I'd like to remind everyone to please notify me through the membership link at our website, [www.apicsrichmond.org](http://www.apicsrichmond.org), with name, address, or email changes. Please remember that email communication assists the chapter in reducing our publishing costs. We'd like to focus our dollars on education for our members, rather than publishing.

If I can be of assistance to you with membership questions, please contact me through the website. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the next PDM!

#### Directions to Bottega Bistro, the Shoppes at Bellgrade, 11400 W. Huguenot Road, Midlothian, VA 23113

**From I-95 North:** South on I-95 to Exit 79. Take immediate left fork onto I-195/Powhite Pkwy. Follow I-195 until you through a tollbooth. Take first exit on right onto Chippenham Parkway (Rte 150). After approximately two (2) miles, take the Huguenot Road exit. Go left at the light, then 3.5 miles on Huguenot Road to Bellgrade Plantation on the right (identified by white fence surrounding the property). Bottega is located at the far left end of the property.

**From I-95 South:** North on I-95 to Chippenham Parkway (Rte. 150). Go approximately ten (10) miles to Huguenot Road exit. Go left at the light, then 3.5 miles on Huguenot Road to Bellgrade Plantation on the right (identified by white fence surrounding the property). Bottega is located at the far left end of the property.

**From the West End:** (1) Crossing the Willie Bridge – take the Huguenot Road Exit. Turn right onto Huguenot and travel approximately 3.5 miles to the Shoppes at Bellgrade. (b) Crossing the Huguenot Bridge – follow Huguenot Road approximately 4 miles to the Shoppes at Bellgrade.

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