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October 2005

Next Meeting

**Plant Tour –
DuPont
Spruance Plant**



**Tuesday,
October 18th at 5:00 PM**

**5401 Jefferson Davis Highway,
Chesterfield, VA**

**5:00 – 5:30 PM
Registration**

**Plant Tour begins at 5:30 PM with a
brief presentation and will continue
for approximately one hour.**

**Cost
Free for Members
\$10 for non-members**

**Space is limited, so respond
promptly if you are interested in
attending**

RSVP Please to

**Michael Kurze,
Chapter Vice President
APICS Richmond Chapter, Inc.**

By email:

Vicepresident@apicsrichmond.org

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With Your Colleagues**

**October Professional
Development Meeting**
**Plant Tour: DuPont Spruance
Plant**

For our October
Professional Development
Opportunity, the APICS
Richmond Chapter is



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excited to bring you a tour of DuPont Spruance Plant in Chesterfield, VA, on October 18, 2005. The Spruance plant has been in operation for 75 years and is currently Dupont's largest site. Come and find out how Tyvek® and Nomex® are manufactured and learn more about one the area's largest employers. Construction of Nomex® and Tyvek® commercial facilities began in 1965, and in April of 1967, both units began operation.

The Spruance Plant is located at 5401 Jefferson Davis Highway in Chesterfield, VA. Registration will be held from 5:00pm – 5:30 pm, followed by a brief presentation and then the plant tour. Please observe the following guidelines when attending the tour:

- Wear comfortable clothing suitable for a manufacturing environment (dresses and skirts are not recommended)
- Shoes must be closed heel or secured to the heel with a strap
- No heels higher than 1" and no shoes with leather soles
- No cameras are allowed on site including the ones in cell phones
- Government issued photo ID is required to visit the plant

Mark your calendars for this exciting event. Plant tours are always popular among our membership, so register early. We will need the names of all attendees prior to the night of the event in order for Dupont to prepare badges. We want to especially thank Dupont for allowing us the chance to learn more about their manufacturing operations.

To learn more about this exciting local company, visit them online at **www.DuPont.com**.

**Don't Forget:
Plant Tours are very popular but space is
limited so register early!**

President's Message

Darrin Armentrout

Please join me in congratulating the Richmond APICS Board and Mr. Mike Clark for an excellent presentation at the September Fall Kickoff PDM. Mr. Clark's discussion on Building a Competitive Supply Chain Infrastructure provided a superb perspective on streamlining and optimizing operations and provided a great opportunity for the attendees to discuss our own unique circumstances. It was very easy to see why he is so well regarded in the APICS National community. Thanks also to Mr. Jim Lewis at Cherokee Information Services for hosting the event.

I also want to echo the comments of Mike Kurze, the Chapter VP, made during the meeting. A primary goal of the Chapter Directors is to provide the educational and networking opportunities that our 300 plus members value. We are soliciting your input and support to do that. If you have a request or are willing to host an event or tour, we need to hear from you.

Now is the time to mark your calendars for our upcoming **Fall Networking Event**. On November 8th, we will be hosting a dinner meeting at the Bottegas restaurant in Midlothian. In addition to enjoying the wonderful food, we hope provide an opportunity for all of us to meet and socialize with our APICS peers. I will be providing more information in the coming weeks.

Please feel free to contact me with ideas or concerns at **President@APICSRichmond.org** or by calling 320-5230.

Directions to:

DuPont Spruance Plant, 5401 Jefferson Davis Highway, Richmond, VA 23234

From the Richmond International Airport or East of Richmond:

- Take Interstate I-64 west toward Richmond.
- When approaching the city limits, take I-95 southbound.
- Continue southbound on I-95 about 8 miles, and take the Chippenham Parkway (150) exit, north.
- Take the first exit, onto Jefferson Davis Highway, north.
- Continue about 1/4 mile, and turn right into the Spruance facility. Turn left and continue to the visitor's lobby.

From South of Richmond:

- Take I-95 northbound to the Chippenham Parkway (150) exit. Take Chippenham Parkway west..
- Take the first exit, onto Jefferson Davis Highway, north.
- Continue about 1/4 mile, and turn right into the Spruance facility. Turn left and continue to the visitor's lobby.

From North of Richmond:

- Take I-95 south about 8 miles past Richmond
- Take the Chippenham Parkway (150) exit, north.
- Take the first exit, onto Jefferson Davis Highway, north.
- Continue about 1/4 mile, and turn right into the Spruance facility. Turn left and continue to the visitor's lobby.

From West of Richmond:

- Take I-64 eastbound.
- Take I-95 south, and continue about 8 miles south of Richmond.
- Take the Chippenham Parkway (150) exit, north.
- Take the first exit, onto Jefferson Davis Highway, north.
- Continue about 1/4 mile, and turn right into the Spruance facility. Turn left and continue to the visitor's lobby.

Education Corner

Ivana Perkinson, CPIM

Greetings to all of you from the Education Corner! I hope everyone enjoyed our first Professional Development Meeting of the year. That was the first of many more educational opportunities sponsored by your local APICS Richmond Chapter.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Execution and Control of Operations Workshop in September. It was great to see some familiar faces and to meet some of our new members. We had participants from **MeadWestvaco, Molins Richmond Inc., SunCom, Tredegar Corporation, and Hamilton Beach Proctor-Silex Inc.** I want to thank all of those companies for supporting the workshops. Some of you have been working hard all year towards gaining your CPIM certification!

We have the **Strategic Management of Resources Review Workshop scheduled for November 11, 12, and 19, 2005.** This workshop will be held at John Tyler Community College's Chester campus. For those of you preparing for CPIM certification, mark your calendars!

Even if you already have your CPIM certification, these workshops are an excellent way to get continuing education points. These 3-day, accelerated learning workshops are each worth 24 continuing education points. What a great way to get re-certification points in a short time frame! Our instructors are ready and eager to help you increase you with your professional development needs.

Membership Corner

Sandra Faulkner, CPIM, Membership Committee

I'd like to bid welcome to our newest members; it's great to have you in the Richmond Chapter!

Audrey Young	Solutions Architect, <i>Philip Morris USA</i>
Rachel Beach	Purchasing Office Manager, <i>Adamson Global Technology</i>
Charles Creedle	Purchasing Manager, <i>Molins Richmond</i>

Your Chapter's Vice President of Membership, Stacie Briley, will be attending the 2005 APICS Conference and Exposition in Kansas City. Are you planning to attend? She would like to hear from you and learn what meetings and events you plan to attend. Let her know what you are interested in by sending her an e-mail at **Membership@APICSRichmond.org**.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the DuPont Tour on Tuesday, October 18th!

We Want Your Feedback!

Your input regarding our Chapter is always welcome! While we periodically conduct member surveys, you are cordially invited to provide feedback to us at any time. We can only make our Chapter meaningful to you if you share with us your needs, requirements, and ideas. Everything is fair game... questions about our organization, ideas for PDM meetings, suggestions for newsletter articles, interesting plant tours, training issues, meeting places and times, web page comments, updating your contact information, volunteering to help... basically anything that you feel would improve our value to you, your fellow members, our member companies, and our community.

You are free to make anonymous entries, but we would love to be able to contact you for follow-up. Your comments will be forwarded to the Richmond APICS Board of Directors. You may send us your feedback by visiting **www.APICSRichmond.org** and clicking on the **Feedback** link or by sending an email to **Marketing@APICSRichmond.org**.

Thank you for your willingness to share your ideas!

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