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March 2006

Next Meeting

Alyce Kemp-DeWitt

Presents



**"It's All In The Way
You Look At It"**



**Tuesday March 14th
6:00 PM**

**John Tyler Community College
Chester Campus
Nicholas Student Center-Rm 102A**

6:00 – 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**

RSVP Please to

**Sandy Faulkner
Chapter Past President**

By email:

President@apicsrichmond.org

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March PDM:

STRESSED DESSERTS

It's All In The Way You Look At It

The best part of the meal is the dessert! One of the keys to success is turning stressful situations of life into sweet memories. Alyce Kemp-DeWitt is a motivational speaker who readily draws upon her extensive work and volunteer experience in the private, public, and non-profit sectors. A vibrant speaker, Alyce has addressed thousands giving special emphasis to motivation, humor and goal-setting. You will learn practical ways to keep stress from causing you to overload and causing a short-out. She encourages you to take a new look at yourself, your attitude, and what you want in life. Alyce employs a proven step-by-step method that is presented in a humorous and entertaining way. It includes:

- Confronting Change
- Dealing with disappointment and guilt
- Taking a good look at yourself
- Learning to cope
- Charting specific steps for a new course of action
- Returning to living, loving and laughter

More about Alyce Kemp-DeWitt

Ms. DeWitt is employed with The South Carolina Department of Mental Health as G. Werber Bryan Psychiatric Hospital's Community Resources Director. She is a Motivational speaker for Churches, Banquets, and Organizations; Mother of three, Grandmother of eight and her volunteer work includes United Way of the Midlands, Mental Health Association, Co-Founder of the West Columbia Chapter of the Compassionate Friends (a self-help support group for bereaved parents), State Coordinator for the National Compassionate Friends, Member of Friendship Center Board, and Member of Chapin Baptist Church.

Her Awards include:

- Listed in Outstanding Young Women of America – 1971
- Outstanding Volunteer, Mental Health Association – 1985
- President's Aware, South Carolina State Mental Health Association – 1986
- Outstanding Service Award, The Compassionate Friends – 1988
- Beacon of Hope Award, The United Way of the Midlands–1994 (Now called The Alyce Kemp Dewitt Beacon of Hope Award)
- G. Werber Bryan Psychiatric Hospital Employee of the Year – 1997
- Miss South Carolina Woman of Achievement – 1997
- First Runner-up, Ms. Senior America – 1998
- The Jefferson Award – 1998
- The Louise R. Hassenplug Award - 2000

Her goals are always the same: To leave her audience feeling better informed and with a more positive view of themselves and on life.

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President's Message

Darrin Armentrout

Please join me in thanking Ms. Carole Wiberg, Mr. Daniel Cline, and Mr. Ron Powell at HCA Supply Chain Services for the presentation and tour they provided in February. Their overview of the Midlothian Consolidated Service Center provided truly unique insight into the operations and challenges of managing resources for the HCA East Coast Region. To share a thought discussed by several in attendance; the difficulty planning and stocking materials to react to any number of medical crisis involving any number of people was truly staggering.

As we continue to move through the spring and into summer, it is once again the time to put out a call for volunteers to help identify and nominate candidates for chapter officer positions. As such, I encourage members to contact Michael Kurze, Chapter VP, if you are interested in assisting with this year's election process. Michael is currently looking for 3 to 4 volunteers to form a nominating committee by March 15, 2006. The plan is to have the committee meet one evening later in March to select one or more candidates for each office. All positions are on the table and if you'd like to take a more active role chapter, helping to build the chapter board is a great way to start. Michael can be emailed at mkurze@carlzeissvision.com

The membership will be advised of the outcome of this nominating process and informed about details of the actual voting in next month newsletter.

In closing, I'd like to provide some information regarding the new APICS Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) Certification. As many of you know, this new certification program was unveiled at the APICS National Convention last fall and our representative, Ms. Stacie Briley had the opportunity to attend and brought back a great deal of information on the new course offerings. Most of this information is now on the APICS website for those that missed the November meeting. In January of this year, the Chapter was offered and accepted the opportunity to buy an advance version of the course material. We have since tasked our VP for Education, Ms. Ivana Perkinson to be our guinea pig and complete the course study and the certification test.

With Ivana as our lead, it is our intent to fully develop the materials and capability to provide local classroom instruction on the CSCP Certification starting this fall. I expect that this will work very similar to our current CPIM offerings and may also be administered through the Community College Workforce Alliance, CCWA. The details and scheduling of courses will be developed and advertised in conjunction with their fall program.

For those that would like to get started and forego the classroom instruction, APICS does offer a self study program. This option utilizes the CSCP Learning System and advertises a variety of self-directed resources to help you prepare for the CSCP exam. More information can be found at the APICS National Website www.apics.org and at www.learnscsp.com. If you wish to learn more or to encourage Ivana in her studies, please feel free to contact her.

Certified Supply Chain Professional

The Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) program is a new industry educational and certification program created to meet the rapidly changing needs of the supply chain management field. From the manufacturing to the service industry, regardless of whether a company is serving business or consumer markets or is for profit or not-for-profit, the increasingly important role of supply chain management is affecting all organizations. Customers already expect good quality at low prices, and speed of delivery is becoming more important. As a result, effective supply chain management has become essential to successfully compete in today's global marketplace.

The CSCP program takes a broad view of the field, extending beyond internal operations to encompass all the steps throughout the supply chain—from the supplier, through the company, to the end consumer—and provides you with the knowledge to effectively manage the integration of these activities to maximize a company's value chain.

Who should pursue the CSCP education and designation?

The CSCP program is for professionals in operations and supply chain management. This designation is ideal for you if you are:

- Interested in more depth of knowledge and understanding in the areas of supplier and customer relations, international trade, the use of information technology to enable the supply chain, and physical logistics.
- A professional who is consulting or teaching supply chain functions
- Working with enterprise resources planning (ERP) systems.

The CSCP program will help you advance your career while giving you the foundation to improve your company's competitive position and profitability.

Education Corner

Ivana Perkinson, CPIM, Vice President - Education

Hello Everyone! As the weather starts to warm up, we begin to think about Spring and the renewal that comes with it. Trees sprout new leaves and flowers begin to bloom. With that in mind, Spring is also a great time to grow professionally, and your APICS Richmond chapter has just what you need to make that growth happen!

Our next classes in the CPIM review series are as follows:

Master Planning of Resources:

March 17, 18, and 25, 2006

Location:

CCWA @ John Tyler Midlothian
Featherstone Professional Center
1807 Huguenot Road, Suite 108
Midlothian, VA 23113

Registration deadline – March 10, 2006

Detailed Scheduling and Planning:

May 12, 13, and 20, 2006

Location:

CCWA @ JSRCC Parham Campus
North Run Corporate Center
1630 East Parham Road
Richmond, VA 23228

Registration deadline – May 5, 2006

The registration deadline for the Master Planning of Resources class is upon us, so please register through CCWA as soon as possible if you are interested in the workshop! If you miss a registration deadline, and still want to take the class, please contact me as soon as possible.

On a personal note, as Darrin mentioned in the President's message, I will be taking the CSCP certification exam in Charlotte, NC, on March 11, 2006. I'm a little nervous but also excited to be among the first in the country to sit for the exam. I can't wait to tell you all about my experience once it's over. Stay tuned to April's newsletter for the details!

Membership Corner

Sandra Faulkner, CPIM, Membership Committee

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

Catherine Baker, Retail Accounts Planner, Standard Motor Products

Sharon Vaughn of Amelia Courthouse, VA

Arthur Gorski, Capacity Planner, Mead/Westvaco

Ed Springfield, Shipping Supervisor, Standard Motor Products

Jose Elizondo, Materials Manager, TKL Products Corporation

Xel Sant'Anna, Lead Planner, Boehringer Ingelheim Chemicals

Joshua Honeycutt, Manufacturing Manager, TKL Products Corporation

During March, our Chapter Vice President, Michael Kurze, will be putting together a Nominating Committee seeking officers for the 2006-2007 Chapter Year. If you would like to participate on the Nominating Committee, or if you have an interest in being a leader in the Richmond Chapter or serving on a Committee (Membership, Education, Marketing), let Michael know by e-mail at vicepresident@apicsrichmond.org.

I look forward to seeing each of you at future events of the Richmond Chapter

Directions to the March 14, 2006, Professional Development Meeting:

John Tyler Community College, Chester Campus, 13101 Jefferson Davis Highway, Chester, VA 23831
Nicholas Student Center - Room 102A

Travel from I-95

- Travel I-95
- Take the Chester Exit 61-B
- Go to the first traffic light and turn left onto Jefferson Davis Highway
- Travel through two traffic lights
- John Tyler Community College will be the next left just past the Chester Cinema

Travel from I-295

- Travel I-295
- Take the Chester Exit 15-B; travel Route 10 approximately 4 miles continuing under the I-95 overpass
- Continue straight to the first traffic light past the I-95 overpass
- Turn left onto Jefferson Davis Highway; travel through two traffic lights
- John Tyler Community College will be the next left just past the Chester Cinema

Travel from Route 288, South

- Travel Route 288 South
- Take the first Jefferson Davis Highway exit (south)
- Continue straight on Jefferson Davis Highway through five traffic lights
- John Tyler Community College will be the next left just past the Chester Cinema

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