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May 2006

Next Meeting

Steve Holdych & Jack Cox
of
CapTech Ventures
Present

**"RFID: What's Happening &
How Can You Benefit?"**

Tuesday May 16th
6:00 PM

VCU College of Business
1015 Floyd Ave., Room 4169
Richmond, VA 23284



6:00 – 6:30 PM

Registration & Light Dinner

6:30 – 6:45 PM

Welcome & Introductions

6:45 – 7:45 PM

Presentation

Cost

**Due to our hosts' generosity, there
is no cost for Members and Visitors**

RSVP Please by May 12
to

Stacie Briley
Chapter VP of Membership

By email:
Membership@apicsrichmond.org

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(804) 306-8135

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With Your Colleagues**

May Professional Development Meeting:

"RFID: What's Happening and How Can You Benefit?"

Steve Holdych & Jack Cox of CapTech Ventures will provide a timely update to the Richmond APICS Chapter regarding **RFID, or Radio Frequency Identification**. RFID has continued to be a frequently-requested topic by our members. This presentation will include topics such as:

- A Market Activity Overview
- How does it work and what benefits does it provide?

About our Presenters:

CapTech is a Richmond based consulting firm that manages, designs and builds information systems to help client solve business problems using information technology. As a part of their management consulting practice, they provide RFID consulting and a full range of services. These services include RIO Assessments, RFID Academy, Testing and Implementation support, and a fully developed middleware product.

Our presenters, CapTech, will be providing light food and drinks as part of the meeting. Because of their generosity, there will be no fees for members or guests.

The meeting will be held in room 4169 of the VCU School of Business building at 1015 Floyd Avenue. After entering the building, take the elevators to the fourth floor, and follow signs to room 4169. See page 3 for directions and to view the building location.

APICS members and guests may park in the VCU surface parking lot (identified as the V V lot) directly across Floyd Avenue from the School of Business building. Please print the [attached parking pass](#) and place on the dashboard of your automobile while parked in the V V lot. In addition, there should be plenty of parking available around the business building.

Reservations:

Please signup with Ms. Stacie Briley at Membership@APICSRichmond.org or (804) 306-8135 by **Friday, May 12**, if you will be able to attend. Because of food preparations, we need to know the number of attendees by Friday. Last minute shows will be able to participate, but you might not have food!

President's Message

Darrin Armentrout

Please join me in thanking **Dr. Nezhil Altay** for his entertaining and thought-provoking presentation "Products, Processes, and Capabilities: The Triangle of Operational Success" at our April Professional Development Meeting. If you attended this event, then you probably know much more about Wyatt Earp than you did previously. Those of you who missed his presentation will have to hear about the connection between Wyatt Earp and operational success from one of the attendees. Dr. Altay's presentation is available on the [April PDM](#) page. We also want to thank Larry Patterson and Ivana Perkinson of Wyeth Pharmaceuticals for their generous hospitality in providing meeting facilities and dinner for the meeting. Tim Hix from DuPont won the door prize contributed by Wyeth.

May Professional Development Meeting - RFID

Our May PDM meeting, the last meeting before our summer break, is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 16** at 6:00pm. **Steve Holdych** and **Jack Cox** of CapTech Ventures will present "RFID – What's Happening Now and How You Can Benefit?" Mr. Holdych and Mr. Cox work at the Richmond CapTech consulting firm and have extensive RFID knowledge and experience. CapTech Ventures will be providing light food and drinks for this meeting. Mark your calendars for this important update. Details, directions, and a parking pass are available on the [May PDM](#) page.

This exciting event has been organized by **Stacie Briley**, our VP of Membership, who works at CapTech. Please register with her at Membership@APICSrichmond.org or (804) 306-8135 by **Friday, May 12**, if you will be able to attend.

2006-2007 Officer Election

This important reminder is from Michael Kurze, our Chapter VP and Chair of the Election Committee:

It is time for the Richmond Chapter of APICS to elect officers for the 2006-2007 operational year. Please visit the [Board Election](#) page on our website to vote. You will find an online ballot which includes the current nominees and brief biographies. "Write-in" votes will be counted, but please make sure that the additional nominee is interested in serving on the Board of Directors.

Only APICS members in the Richmond area are entitled to cast votes in the Chapter election. You will need to provide either your APICS Member number or your APICS Corporate Voting Member number on the top of the online voting form. If you do not know your membership number, but feel that you're entitled to vote, please enter your name and we will validate your membership number.

The election closes on May 15, 2005 at 8pm. The new Board of Directors will be announced on May 16 during our RFID meeting, which is the last event for this chapter year.

I have enjoyed serving as the Chapter Vice-President and Chair of the Election Committee, and I look forward to seeing you at one of our next professional events.

Stay Informed

Even though the Richmond Chapter summer break is nearly upon us, you can keep your learning activities in high gear over the summer. A new member recently asked about on-line discussion groups. One of the best sources for these kinds of chat groups is <http://groups.yahoo.com>. There are already a number of APICS-related groups, and a search for "operations management" or some other appropriate phrase will probably yield numerous other choices. Yahoo has all the "facilities" to support these kinds of on-line groups: public/private membership, file upload areas, message forums, etc. In addition, the Yahoo groups can have local, regional, or global participation, depending on the desires of the group. And if you don't find a group that satisfies your needs, you can easily create a new one! Let us know which ones you think are the most beneficial, and we'll pass your recommendations along in a future newsletter!

Thank you!

The 2005/2006 Chapter year is drawing to a close. I have enjoyed serving as President for this past year, and I look forward to an equally exciting and informational season after the summer break. Thank you for making this year a successful one!

I would also like to extend our thanks to the Board members who served this past year, as well as to the Committee members and other volunteers who contributed their time and talent to our chapter. On behalf of our entire membership, I also want to thank our presenters, who brought new ideas and concepts to our sessions, and to our hosting companies, without whom our meetings could not take place!

Education Corner

Ivana Perkinson, CPIM, Vice President - Education

Greetings from the Education Corner! This will be our last newsletter before we take our Summer Break. However, the Richmond Chapter will be holding our [PDM in May](#) at Virginia Commonwealth University and we will be offering another CPIM review workshop.

CPIM Workshop

The **Detailed Scheduling and Planning** workshop will be held on Friday May 12, Saturday May 13, and Saturday May 20, 2006 from 8:00am - 5:00 pm each day. We will be holding this class at the North Run Corporate Center, 1630 East Parham Road, Richmond, VA, 23228. The deadline to register is Friday, May 5, 2006. If you have not already registered, please contact me as soon as possible at Education@APICSrichmond.org and I'll make sure you get included on the roster.

Planning and Your Feedback

Although the Chapter activities will be dwindling down for the summer, rest assured your board members are busy planning next year's events. If you have any suggestions or ideas for improvements, please give us your feedback. There are both [Survey](#) and [Feedback](#) links on our Chapter web page at www.APICSrichmond.org. Please take a moment to utilize either of these channels to send us your ideas and suggestions. We try to tailor our educational offerings to the needs of our membership.

My CSCP

I am still awaiting my score on the CSCP certification exam. Hopefully when we reconvene in the Fall, I'll have good news to report. Feel free to contact me with any questions about the CSCP certification process. The second exam sitting is being offered in June and Richmond is one of the sites offering the exam. This makes it much more convenient for our membership.

Thank You

Thanks for allowing me to serve as your VP of Education for a second year and I look forward to continuing my service on the board.

Membership Corner

Sandra Faulkner, CPIM, Membership Committee

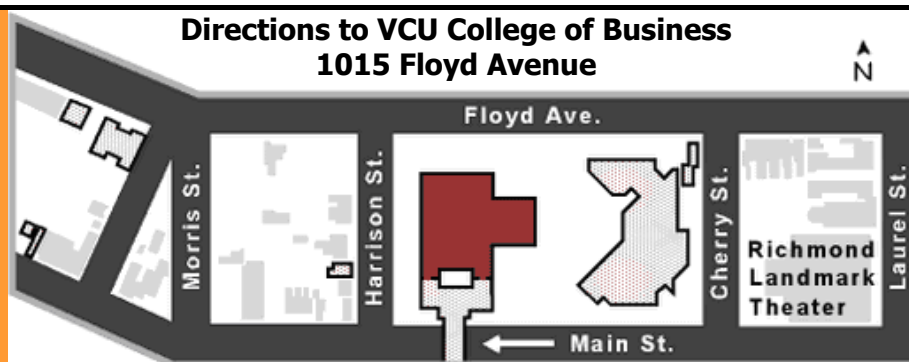
I'd like to welcome our newest member; it's great to have you in the Richmond Chapter!

Mr. Gary Fritz, DuPont Spruance Plant, Richmond

Welcome, Gary!

As you know, we are currently conducting elections for the 2006/2007 Board of Directors for the Richmond Chapter. Be sure to exercise your right to [vote](#) as a member (Professional or Corporate Voting) in the upcoming Board Election.

The newly elected officers will be meeting during the summer to formulate a strategy for the next Chapter year. If you have any suggestions for the Board, be sure to let them know your thoughts by providing feedback through the web page (www.APICSrichmond.org/feedback.htm) or via email to our Marketing group (Marketing@APICSrichmond.org).



Via I-64:

- Take I-64 toward downtown Richmond
- Take the Belvidere Street exit into town
- Turn right onto Broad Street, go about .1 mile
- Turn left at Laurel Street, go about .2 mile
- Turn right onto Floyd Avenue, go about .1 mile

Via Downtown Expressway I-195 (toll):

- Take the Belvidere Street exit, go about .3 mile
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