

**APICS Wichita Chapter 71  
May 2011 Newsletter**



**Please make plans on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 for a tour of Viega. We will be visiting Viega's state-of-the-art facility in McPherson where they manufacture plastic pipe and fittings for plumbing.**

**May 2011 Tour: Viega**

Viega, a 110-year-old German company, currently employs 3,000 professionals worldwide, with approximately 500 in the United States alone. From humble beginnings, Viega has grown into an innovative global leader in plumbing and heating technology. Today, Viega manufactures, sells and distributes more than 12,000 products for residential, commercial and industrial applications. The McPherson plant is the only manufacturing facility for Viega in the United States, and manufactures plastic pipe and fittings for plumbing. The facility is 2 1/2 years old.

Viega will be providing barbecue to the attendees upon first arrival at the plant (around 6 p.m.). After we eat, then we'll tour their facility in one or more groups.

There is no cost for this tour if you drive yourself to the Viega plant. If you choose to ride the bus that the Chapter has rented, then we ask for \$10 to cover the cost of the vehicle rental.

**Viega Tour on Tuesday, May 10, 2011**

For those riding the bus, we will be meeting at the LSI parking lot (NW Corner) located at 3718 N. Rock Road at **4:45 p.m.** For those driving themselves, please meet us at **6 p.m.** at the Viega plant located at 2211 Viega Ave. in McPherson. Approximate return time will be 8:30 p.m.

Arrive 4:45PM (Bus at LSI)  
6:00PM (at Viega)

Bus Departure: 5:00 PM

Cost \$10 for bus. Free for those driving themselves

RSVP Required no later than noon on Monday, May. 9, 2011.

RSVP online at [apics-wichita.com](http://apics-wichita.com)

email [rsvp@apics-wichita.com](mailto:rsvp@apics-wichita.com) or call (316) 636-8224 and leave message. When making your reservation please provide names, company, contact phone, member/guest or current APICS student.

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## President's Message

Thank you to all the companies who supported their employees by sending them to our seminar in April. Robert Fox spoke to 40 attendees about "TLS – Combining TOC, Lean and Six Sigma for Success." His message was how to use tools from each of those improvement strategies to focus on improving Throughput. He gave us numerous examples and ideas to take back to the workplace.

In May, we have the opportunity to tour the Viega facility in McPherson. Viega was our 2010 Company of the Year and is eager to show us their plant. We have chartered a bus to provide transportation to and from the tour. Full details are found elsewhere in this newsletter.

The tour of Viega will be our final event until this fall, but the Board will be busy over the summer planning a new schedule of activities that will start up in September. My term as president is also coming to an end, and I want to thank everyone who helped me out over the last two years.

Brian Hickman, CPIM, PMP

President, 2010-2011

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## Educational News

### Accelerated CSCP prep workshop on 3 Saturdays; take your test!

Earn your Certified Supply Chain Professional certification fast! The Wichita chapter will provide the CSCP Learning System and 3 days of instruction on **May 28, June 4 and 11** {08:00-16:30 with light lunch included} to prepare you for the next CBT - test period is June 25 thru Aug 6. Minimum class size is 10. Course price is \$1450 member; \$1600 nonmember rate including books. CSCP test voucher may be purchased under the same PO if so desired. Location is TBD. For more info on CSCP, download [APICS CSCP Brochure](#) Note: Obtaining your CSCP eligibility is free and highly recommended before the class. It must be obtained at least 2 weeks before registering for test: [APICS CSCP Eligibility Application](#)

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The accelerated CPIM class should be available again this fall. We will offer this and the accelerated CSCP if there is sufficient interest, so please let us know.

### 2011 APICS Courses at Wichita Area Technical College

PIM130	Certified Supply Chain Professional	Wed	Apr 20 – Jun 1 CBT testing Jun 25-Aug 6
PIM130	Certified Supply Chain Professional	Wed	Sep 28-Nov 30 CBT testing Dec 3-Jan 14

Register now: [https://secure.watc.edu/APICS\\_registration.asp](https://secure.watc.edu/APICS_registration.asp)

CPIM cert prep classes will start again at WATC this fall.

CPIM RE-CERT, Global Sourcing and Lean Enterprise workshops are available, please e-mail or call if interested.

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