



## The Fountain

### May PDE

Darden's new; state-of-the-art "green" headquarters opened September 2009 in Orlando, FL. The Darden family of restaurants features some of the most recognizable and successful brands in full-service dining: Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Long-Horn Steakhouse, The Capital Grille, Bahama Breeze and Seasons 52. Through subsidiaries, they own and operate 1,800 restaurants, employ approximately 180,000 people and serve more than 400 million meals a year.

Our guest speaker,

Debby Raton, is employed by Darden Restaurants and has worked in the Finance area for 18 years, including support for the Supply Chain function for 6 years. Prior to joining Darden, she worked for KPMG. She is a graduate from University of Florida and has her MBA and CPA.

Our May PDE will be a general overview of Darden Supply Management and with a focus on the various types of Supply Chains and how they account for them, their Supply

Chain Transformation initiative and a brief update on Sustainability.

Networking: 6:00 - 6:30

Hearty Appetizers (Carving Station) & Networking: 6:30 - 7:30

Presentation: 7:30 - 8:30

Reserve by: Thursday, April 29, 2010

### Volunteers wanted

Are you interested in serving on the Chapter Board of Directors?

Volunteers are now being accepted for the 2010-2011 BoD.

Please email Jean Krupinski at [reservations@apicsorlando.com](mailto:reservations@apicsorlando.com) before April 30 indicating your interest.

Special Points of Interest

> May PDE Announced

> Upcoming CPIM Classes

> Upcoming CSCP Classes

> April PDE Recap

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## President's Corner

What a great year this is turning out to be! We've had better than expected turn out at the PDE's, another wonderful showing at the Annual Second Harvest volunteer event, and superior participation in APICS District events. Just this month our PDE was a plant tour of Correct Craft in east Orlando where we teamed up with MACF, (Manufacturer's Association of Central Florida). Along with getting to see the inside workings of a leading boat manufacturer right in our own backyard, there was great opportunity to network with a large number of local companies.

It's that time of year where we are looking for those individuals who will step up and take our chapter through the next chapter year. Jean Krupinski is

heading up the nominating committee in search of chapter officers and directors for the 2010/2011 chapter year. This rewarding experience takes only a few hours a week out of your time but provides tremendous reward in teamwork, network development and contributing to the growth of our professional society. Contact Jean Krupinski or any Board member.

Our May Professional Development Event is our member recognition night where we honor those members with 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and even 35 year anniversaries. Look for your personalized invitation over the coming weeks and make sure you come out for this special night. We will invite those

you wish to share your accomplishment with at your request.



## Bring 3—Get in Free!

In today's economy, money is tight and we're all looking for an opportunity to save a little. The Mid-Florida Chapter understands.

For a limited time, if you bring three additional attendees to a PDE, you get in FREE!

For additional information about this program, please contact one of the Board members.



*Looking for a new opportunity?*

*Don't forget to check the career center at [apicsorlando.com](http://apicsorlando.com)*

## April PDE—Correct Craft Factory Tour by Denise Gillespie

It was a beautiful sunny day and some of us went out to “play” with boats, or at least got to see how the top of the line ski and wake boats are made. Nearly 50 members of both MACF and APICS attended the plant tour at Correct Craft on Tuesday, April, 6<sup>th</sup> and it was a real treat. Correct Craft is known for building world-class boats, and the plant tour was an opportunity to see world-class concepts being used in the process of making them as well.

Even though production volume has decreased at this facility, the tour offered an opportunity to see Lean Manufacturing actually being practiced. The

one-way flow of materials and use of Kan Ban for production line replenishment were clearly demonstrated. And during these slower times, there are several Kaizan teams working to implement new ideas for when volume picks up again. Employees are equipped with rugged notebook technology so as to enter real-time production and quality data as each boat is being built. This facilitates the high customer satisfaction and order status reporting that the company provides to its dealers and its management team. Because of this philosophy, Correct Craft is able to produce a custom (Build to Order) boat within 5 days and of

the highest quality in the industry. Clearly this company is one to use as a benchmark for just exactly how to deploy the principles of Lean Manufacturing, and we are lucky to have them in our community.



Growth through collaboration and communication

## Directions to Dubsdread Country Club

### From Disney area:

I-4 East to Exit 86, Par Avenue.

Left on Par Avenue

Located 1 mile down on the right

### From North Orlando:

I-4 West to Exit 87, Fairbanks Avenue

Left on Fairbanks

Right on Formosa Street

Right on Par Avenue

Located 1 mile down on the right

### From Orlando International Airport

436/Semorán Blvd. North to 408

East/West Expressway

408 East/West Expressway West toward Orlando

I-4 East to Exit 86, Par Avenue

Left on Par Avenue

Located 1 mile down on the right



## Upcoming Classes—CPIM

Location:

TracStar Systems  
1551 College Park Business Rd.  
Orlando, FL 32804

Basics of Supply Chain Management—February 13 & 27—  
**complete**

Master Planning of Resources—March 20 & 27—**complete**

Detailed Scheduling and Planning—April 17 & 24

Execution & Control of Orders—May 15 & 22

Strategic Management of Resources—June 19 & 26

Additional classes are planning to start in August

In house classes are also available

For more information, contact Jim Pullin, CPIM, CSCP, CPM at:

Education@apicsorlando.com

## Upcoming Classes—CSCP

Public Locations—TBD

For the June exam, classes will be starting in April

For the December exam, classes will begin in October

Also, remember that before taking the exam, you must have an eligibility letter from APICS.

In house classes are also available

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## Upcoming Classes—Global Sourcing

Location: TBD

Class consists of 16 hours of education

Classes are available starting April

Another set of classes will be available in August

Another set will be available in November

In house classes are also available

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website at [http://  
www.apicsorlando.com](http://www.apicsorlando.com)*

## Upcoming Classes—Lean Enterprise

Location: TBD

Workshop consists of 32 hours of education

Classes are available in May

Classes are also available in September

In house classes are also available

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