



President's Letter

Members of Tri-City APICS,

Seasons greetings; May the Spirit of the holiday fill you.

In November we toured Jamestown Container's plant in Falconer, NY. The timing proved excellent for me because Bush Industries (my employer) was about to make public its decision to sole-source and partner with this company. I was able to introduce myself to some of their operations personnel. This type of networking is valuable, especially since I'm responsible for the material planning function at Bush.

Getting out and seeing just how a manufacturing operation sets itself up to accomplish work is also quite valuable. Educating yourself and gaining understanding are useful tools! Thanks Jamestown Container for allowing us to tour your facility.

After the tour, most of those attending had dinner at the BelleView-East. During this time we presented a special recognition gift to Mr. Bill Widell, CPIM (Jamestown Advanced Products). Tri-City APICS is grateful for Bill's continued contributions. If it were not for him, I believe that the current program year would have been seriously compromised. Thanks again Bill !

Also recognized were: Mr. Bob Evertsen (Cummins Engine) – "Member of the Year" and Dresser-Rand (Olean, NY) – "Company of the Year". Award plaques were presented and accepting for Dresser-Rand was Mr. Mark Vitale CPIM. Congratulations Bob and Dresser-Rand!

More good news: Congratulations are due Mr. Guy Buchanan, (Zippo) for earning his CPIM certification in November. Guy represents the most recent Tri-City member to attain certification. Way to go Guy! Other members are currently pursuing certification and are very close. We look forward to their successful accomplishment.

Within this newsletter you will find information concerning upcoming Tri-City programs, please note the events into your planning calendar. Next month we'll provide details regarding the next CPIM class offering, "Execution and Control of Operations". The class will be offered in Spring 2007 (er, late winter around these parts!).

Wishing you peace, good health, and prosperity in the new year.

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