



## Presidents' Letter

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From Bill Spinelli, CPIM

It's hard to believe we are in the middle of the fall season. The leaves have turned, most of us have seen our first snow, elections are just around the corner and we had our first plant tour of the season. A big thanks to Aaron and the rest of the team at INFICON for their hospitality. As we approach the second plant tour, well the holiday season will be here. It looks to be a great year coming up, great tours, great educational experiences as we restructure our CPIM courses to meet a format better designed for the busy professional, speakers and seminars are also on our horizon. APICS has rolled out a new certification and we are looking into classes for the new CLTD certification. CLTD stands for Certified in Logistics, Transportation and Distribution. If you think you or someone in your company would benefit from this please contact our Director of Education, Pat Penfield.

Take a look at your schedule and see if you can't fit one or two of these events into your schedule. I don't think you will be disappointed. This month we visit Boxcar Press and see the improvements and changes they've make since our last visit. It is a mix of artistry, tradition and innovation that I'm sure you will find interesting. Tour details are in the newsletter and I hope to see you there!

Bill Spinelli, CPIM

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## Calendar

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Thursday, Nov 17      5:00PM      Boxcar Press

Please contact any board member if your company might be interested in hosting a tour during the 2016-2017 season. Please contact Lanette Button at [lbutton916@gmail.com](mailto:lbutton916@gmail.com) to let her know if you will be attending the tour.

## November PDM

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This month **Boxcar Press** is hosting a tour of their manufacturing facility in downtown Syracuse. **Boxcar Press** is one of the largest letterpress print shops in North America. They employ approximately 80 people and inhabit over 25,000 square feet in the **Delavan Center**. They make plates for letterpress printers around the world and print invitations, greeting cards, identity suites and artistic pieces for designers and companies both near



and far.

They are the parent company of two stationery lines: Bella Figura and Smock. Bella Figura offers one of the largest collections of letterpress wedding invitations in the world and have been featured in Martha Stewart Weddings, Brides, The Knot, and New York Weddings! Smock is an inspired line of custom invitations and everyday stationery essentials.

Boxcar Press is committed to preserving the environment by using solar power, only vegetable-oil based and low-voc inks, and papers made from recycled and sustainable materials. They are proud members of **Green America's Green Business Network**. Visit them on line at [boxcarpress.com](http://boxcarpress.com)

Please join us at **Boxcar Press** on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. They are located at 509 W. Fayette St, #135, Syracuse, NY 13204

## Education

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Don't forget! CPIM classes will be ONE DAY classes this season. The first three classes are listed below. We will keep you updated as we move along.

Basics of Supply Chain Mgmt – November 18

Master Planning of Resources – December 16

Detailed Scheduling and Planning – January 19

All classes will be ONE day in duration from 9 to 3pm and held at the Whitman School of Management, Syracuse University. Each participant will receive a workbook and the cost will be \$599.00 (lunch is provided). If you are interested in signing up for a class please reach out to Lanette Button at [lbutton916@gmail.com](mailto:lbutton916@gmail.com) Detailed descriptions of each class can be found on [APICS.org](http://APICS.org), - Certification – CPIM – APICS CPIM details – Explore The CPIM Modules.

## And the Survey Says!

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University at Buffalo researchers are examining the use of ERP systems in manufacturing firms and **ask for your help** by sharing your valuable knowledge and experience to assess the coexistence of ERP systems with two common tools of production, advanced manufacturing technologies and lean practices. Large-scale investigations have assessed the benefits of these systems, but the impact they have on the manufacturing site remains largely unqualified.

**You are invited to participate in an academic research project that examines the level of utilization and integration of commercially available enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems in manufacturing organizations.** Details of the survey are attached. Click on the link under “**Survey URL**” to participate in the survey, or use this link:

[https://buffalo.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_0UUIldvtBxreZf](https://buffalo.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0UUIldvtBxreZf)

*Your valuable input is needed to further the understanding about the use of these systems!  
Thank you!*

**INFICON Hosts Student Chapter!** Great group, intelligent and engaging questions, and positive and energetic attitude. We are happy to host such a terrific group!

