

## Your source for networking and knowledge

### **Identity Theft and the Importance of Cyber Security Measures**

**Scott Ferris**

PDM on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017

Caesar's Table

125 N Market

Wichita, Ks.

Social Time 5:15 PM

Buffet Dinner 5:45 PM

PDM 6:30 PM

Business Meeting 8:00 PM

Cost **\$15:** Meal & PDM

**No Charge:** PDM Only

RSVP required no later than noon on  
Monday, Dec. 11.

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### **Our December Speaker Scott Ferris**



Scott Ferris, CPM, Special Investigator II, Kansas Bureau of Investigation is an experienced investigator with a demonstrated history of working in the law enforcement industry. He is a strong protective services professional with a double Bachelor's degree focused in Criminology and Sociology from The University of Kansas. Retired KBI Special Agent in Charge, Scott previously oversaw the KBI's NE Region Field Investigations and managed an anti-terrorism task force from 2004 - 2010. Prior to that he served as KBI Intelligence Program Manager for 11 years specializing in white collar -fraud investigations and also worked homicide, child abuse and other violent crime cases. Scott retired for all of 2 months in 2016 after 36 years total service then came back as a part-time Special Investigator.

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### President's Message



## Benchmarking To Raise The Bar

Most companies have incredibly seasoned employees on their leadership teams. These could be leaders who have worked at other companies and grown externally or have developed internally for the same company. After a few years in a role, I have found that leaders become stagnant without some sort of external stimulation to trigger them to think about where their organizations are and where they need to be in the path to world class.

In order to make sure you and your teams are keeping up with the latest technologies and trends in supply chain, find ways to benchmark similar companies. There are many ways to benchmark. For example, you can use conferences on technology or specific functional areas, becoming more active with professional organizations and their boards, and actually benchmarking other companies to help take your organizations to the next level.

Just looking at what other organizations are doing to offset the same concerns you have for your business will go a long way in helping you figure out how to improve and move forward effectively.

In our business, we require leaders to benchmark at least 3 companies annually to see what is trending, talk to peers on similar issues being faced in that functional area, as well as expand their networks. The ability to reach out to knowledgeable resources to collaboratively problem solve is priceless. Benchmarking others expands that network and allows leaders to have a pool of peers to discuss key issues and possible resolutions in their functional areas. In some cases, you may be setting the bar. In other cases, you may be incredibly behind and any changes become a business decision or must be staggered in over a period of time.

What is important to understand is that if you are not implementing some changes in your business to improve, then you are probably falling behind. If you have people simply sustaining your business, you need to reach out and see what is going on in your industry and/or that functional area. You may just find you are falling behind, have the wrong people in place (Sustaining Leader vs. Innovative Leader).

With such competitive environments, I would suggest you evaluate what you have vs. what you need and start implementing a program. Even one nugget obtained in a benchmark session and incorporated could change a companies' entire outlook or ability to meet customer needs.

### Membership Information

Per the APICS Website, we have a total of 76 members and 30 Student Associates of Chapter 71. There are 8 new members in October. Our new members are listed below. Welcome!

| <u>Member</u>       | <u>Company Name</u>    |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Maria Villalobos    |                        |
| Brent Garber        | Excel Industries, Inc. |
| Andrea McDonald     |                        |
| Vishal Jayasankaran | WSU                    |
| Hemant Tiwari       | WSU                    |
| Vishakh Vijayan     | WSU                    |
| Abdula Al-Sharieh   |                        |
| Thomas Jones        |                        |

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**Programs Calendar 2017-2018**

| Date                   | Topic  | Speaker        |
|------------------------|--|----------------|
| Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017 | Identity Theft and the Importance of Cyber Security Measures         | Scott Ferris   |
| Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018  | Building a Competitive Advantage Through Transformational Leadership | Brent Edmisten |

# Certification Classes

APICS Wichita Chapter #71 is pleased to announce CPIM, CSCP and CLTD certification classes beginning in January 2018!

New CPIM (Certified in Production and Inventory Management) - only 2 modules to achieve CPIM certification

- ◆ Learning System 1 (expanded version of Basics of Supply Chain Management) starts Monday, Jan 15, for a class length of 10 weeks. Anyone interested should contact Brian Ferris (see below) for pricing. Classes will be held at Decision Resources Inc, 982 N Tyler Rd, Suite D, Wichita, KS 67212.
- ◆ Learning System 2 (combined version of prior modules 2 thru 5) is tentatively scheduled to start April 9 and finish mid-June. Anyone interested should contact Brian Ferris (see below) for pricing. Classes will be held at Decision Resources Inc, 982 N Tyler Rd, Suite D, Wichita, KS 67212.

CSCP (Certified Supply Chain Professional) certification review class

- ◆ Wednesday evenings (6 weeks) beginning on January 17th. Anyone interested should contact Brian Ferris (see below) for pricing. Class will be held at Decision Resources Inc, 982 N Tyler Rd, Suite D, Wichita, KS 67212.

CLTD (Certified In Logistics, Transportation and Distribution) certification review class

- ◆ Thursday evenings (6 weeks) beginning in January. Anyone interested should contact Brian Ferris (see below) for pricing. Class will be held at Airxcel, 3050 N St Francis St, Wichita, KS 67219.

Please contact our President-Elect (Brian Ferris) at President-Elect@Apics-Wichita.Com or 316-644-2963 for more information and to get registered.

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