

Newsletter: 2024 Winter Season

January/February Newsletter



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Smile of the day!!

Shoreline Forum Current News Article

This month the Shoreline ASCM Forum Board of Directors would like to spotlight a fellow member of the Forum. Read on for some great information from Chris Bilkey.

My name is Chris Bilkey, I am married with two adult daughters, and I have been with the Shoreline Forum since 2002. I am now the oldest person in the Forum having retired from Kohler Company five years ago. This ongoing experience has been very beneficial to me over the years.

I started my career during the late 1970's after earning my MBA at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. The first half of my career was spent at about four companies and encompassed primarily Marketing Research and Sales Analysis. All were in the Marketing and Finance departments. I worked in Madison Wisconsin, St. Paul Minnesota and Aurora Illinois. Everything was working well until my latest employer at the time was bought out and I found myself out of work.

In 1998 I joined Sterling Plumbing in Illinois to do forecasting in their Finance department. Three years later Sterling was integrated into Kohler where I completed my career doing Forecasting in the Supply Chain department here in Wisconsin.

When I started at Kohler, I knew nothing at the time about Supply Chain and never heard the word APICS. Luckily, I joined APICS Shoreline Chapter and met excellent fun-loving people with the desire to teach and learn. In short order I started to grasp the complexities of Supply Chain and understand Forecasting's role

in the big picture. After a year I decided to pursue the CPIM and attended classes offered by our forum. This excited me because there are very few mid-career educational opportunities that can show your employer personal growth. The CPIM certification fit the bill, and I completed it in 2005.

Around 2007, one of our CPIM teachers quit and I was asked if I could teach a couple of classes per year. For me this was a great opportunity because it would stretch my skills in ways I never imagined. My first class was tough, as I was just handed the teacher manual and then had to figure out how to teach. It became easier and more fun as time progressed. I also attended several “teach the teacher” classes at APICS headquarters. I believe many of my co-workers and management at Kohler were impressed I taught CPIM.

During 2012, due to lack of students, no classes were taught. So, I went on eBay and purchased an expired CSCP learning edition. After a couple of months of heavy study, I took the exam and obtained my second certification. I continued to teach for several years until ASCM changed the Forum teaching policy.

I still attend many tours and forum PDM's and enjoy every minute. I encourage each of you to join the PDM's and tours to build your network.

PDM Calendar

DAY	DATE	LOCATION	SPEAKER
Tuesday	9/19/2023	 CANCELLED	
Wednesday	10/11/2023	Meeting - Holidays Pub & Grill 5533 Superior Avenue, Sheboygan, WI	Scott Kohls, Product Manager Belmark
Tuesday	11/7/2023	Tour - Boortmalt 704 S. 15th Street, Sheboygan, WI 53081 Meeting - Holidays Pub & Grill 5533 Superior Avenue, Sheboygan, WI	Eric Hanson, Plant Manager for Boortmalt USA Limited
<p>No December Meeting due to Holiday Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!</p> <p>No January Meeting</p>			
Saturday	2/17/2024	Tour - 3 Sheeps Brewing Co Time - 1pm to 2pm 1837 North Ave., Sheboygan, WI Meeting - 3 Sheeps	Brewery Tour Guide
Tuesday	3/12/2024	Tour - TBD Meeting - Time Out Sports Bar & Grill 1027 N Rapids Rd, Manitowoc, WI	TBD
Tuesday	4/9/2024	Tour - KI Inc 1400 S 41st Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220 Meeting - Time Out Sports Bar & Grill 1027 N Rapids Rd, Manitowoc, WI	Steve Rasmussen

Time		Cost
Cocktails:	5:00 PM to 5:30 PM	Member: \$25.00
Dinner:	5:30 PM to 6:15 PM	Guest: \$30.00
Chapter Business:	6:15 PM to 6:30 PM	Student/Retiree: \$15.00
Speaker:	6:30 PM to 7:00 PM	

Forum/ASCM News

Looking for a volunteer opportunity?

Look no further!

We have multiple openings on the ASCM Shoreline Forum Board of Directors.

If you are interested, please reach out to any of the current board members.

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Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

Board Of Director meetings are planned for the first Wednesday of the month except as noted. The location of the meeting will be published in the newsletter. All members are welcome to attend any board meeting. Please let any current board member know if you would like to attend as we normally have a light meal preceding the meeting and it will help us to ensure we have enough for all.

Editor's Note

If you have an interest in any specific news item, have a question, or wish to see something added to the newsletter, please email your request to <http://www.shorelinepics.org/news-and-events>.

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