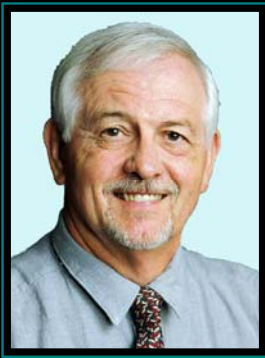


February 2009



John Hudson

PDM Location Change

Volvo Corp
Communications
Center, 7900 National
Service Rd,
Greensboro, NC

For more information
including rates, times
and directions go to
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Remember to register
on-line before 7:00 PM
on Wednesday before
the meeting for best
rate.

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February Professional Development Meeting (PDM) Program

Tuesday, February 10th at the Volvo Corp Communications Center in Greensboro

Business Assessments: Enterprise-wide and Focused

In today's world, business assessments are conducted for a variety of reasons and can take many different structures and formats. In his role as a project manager for VPMEP, John Hudson has conducted numerous assessments of a wide range of organizations.

This presentation will cover the diverse objectives of assessments and outline some of the rationale in determining which assessment approach is appropriate. It should provide you with a strong foundation for helping your organization conduct productive assessments.

In the presentation John will highlight the factors to be considered in organizing and selecting an assessment team along with the advantages and disadvantages of self assessments.

Enterprise-wide assessments will be discussed briefly including strategic, financial and valuation approaches. The role of SWOT analyses (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) will be defined.

Mr. Hudson will present the following focused assessments in detail:

- Quality Management Best Practices
- Lean Enterprise Best Practices
- Lean Readiness self-survey
- Human Resources Assessment

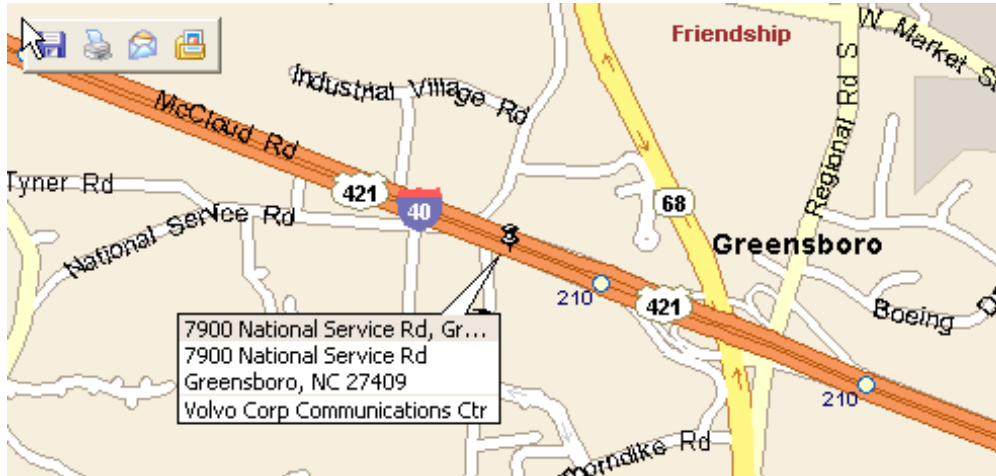
Handouts about business assessment processes and points covered will be available for each of these assessment vehicles for those interested.

John has over 40 years of industrial experience with assignments as: Project Manager – **VPMEP**; Executive Director – **A.L. Philpott Manufacturing Center**; Director of Technology Assistance – **Virginia's Center for Innovative Technology (CIT)**; President – **Advanced Data Technology Inc.**; Business Systems Analyst; Manufacturing Systems Manager – **Dan River Inc.**; and Statistician – **Tennessee Eastman Company**

He received his advanced education at **Virginia Tech** with a B.S. in Mathematics and an M.S. in Statistics. Additionally John has continued his lifelong learning by receiving the following certifications: Lean Six Sigma Black Belt, certified by **George Group (Accenture) & Virginia Tech**; Certified Quality Engineer (CQE) from the **American Society for Quality**; and is a Certified Academic Jonah by the **Avraham Y. Goldratt Institute**.

Map to PDM at Volvo Corp Communications Center

7900 National Service Rd, Greensboro, NC



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My Chapter: Piedmont Triad Chapter

Jan 21st Current Membership Total: 266

Professional Members:	214
Corporate Voting Members:	43
Student Associate Members	4
Retired Members:	1
Honorary Chapter Members:	1
Academic Professional Members:	3

Corporate Associates (not included in total): 155

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What APICS Means To Me...

I am often asked what APICS is, why I am a member, and how it helps me in my job. I usually start out by saying APICS is a professional organization for Operations Management professionals. I talk about the networking potential, the educational offerings, and the professional development meetings (PDM). However, APICS is more than that for me.



I have been a member of the local APICS chapter since 1995. I joined as a student in the last semester of my undergrad degree program in Information Systems and Operations Management at UNCG. For the first year, I did not do much but in 1996, Larry Taube asked if I was interested in a board program to develop officers for the local chapter. That was the beginning of my involvement with APICS. The next year I finished my CPIM and two years later started teaching APICS CPIM certification classes.

For much of the late 1990s and early 2000s, I went to monthly PDM meetings and met many wonderful people as I checked them in at the registration table. Knowing so many people by name allowed me to talk to a variety of people at the dinner meetings, as well as to introduce other people to someone new. I met even more people in my certification classes. As a member of the Board of Directors, I held several positions including Chapter Secretary, Program Director, President Elect, and finally, Chapter President.

Being a member of the Piedmont Triad Chapter of APICS has allowed me to grow – personally and professionally. I have had numerous opportunities to improve my communication skills and to practice public speaking. I have grown as a person and as a leader. My CPIM certification is recognized in industry as a desired certification. Much of this was possible because of the support of the chapter Board of Directors and the membership. I appreciated the opportunity to learn and to serve. Read any job search ad and you will find many of the skills and capabilities listed that I have gained by being a member of the Piedmont Triad Chapter of APICS. Being a member of APICS has changed my life and I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this chapter.

Karen G Pentz

Chapter Member, Board Volunteer and Past President (2002-2003)

Excellent in Leadership

In 1994, The Piedmont Triad Chapter established the “*Excellent in Leadership*” nomination and award program. Since that time the chapter has received and had the opportunity and pleasure of presenting thirty-four “*Excellence in Leadership*” awards. We are counting on our members to help us continue to search and carry on this tradition to those who model “*Excellence in Leadership*”. If you know of someone who exhibits excellent leadership characteristics, you may submit their name for consideration.

Those nominated should be persons who significantly contribute to the successful operation of their company, their division, their department or their work team. They should be individuals who inspire others to excel in what they do.

To nominate someone for recognition in the “*Excellence in Leadership*” program, please consider the following: nominations must be received by March 1st, to be considered. Nominations must be submitted as a single page typed letter suitable for framing – preferably on company letterhead. Leave ¼” margin all around to allow for framing and include 2 blank “second sheets” of matching stationery to use in award preparation. Nominations must state the reasons this person should be considered for the “*Excellence in Leadership*” recognition.

Nominations must be mailed (not faxed) to **The Piedmont Triad Chapter** at PO Box 19432, Greensboro, NC, 27109-9432 and early enough to be received by the deadline, March 1st, 2009. It would be helpful if you would protect the nominating letter and extra sheets so they are not folded or damaged in the mail. If you have questions, you can e-mail them to Barbara Swann at vp_chapterdevelopment@triadapics.org.

The Chapter Board of Directors will present the awards during the chapter meeting held on April 14, 2009 at the Volvo Communications Center in Greensboro.

Leadership Thought: January 2009

My brother had a go kart. I would have given him a kidney to drive it, but everyone knew that girls weren't supposed to drive go karts.

We lived on an unpaved road – the neighbors got together once a year and shared the cost of a load of gravel in an effort to ‘keep the dust down.’ One day I felt the adrenaline when my brother said “I’ll let you drive the go kart if you push me down the hill so I can jump start it.” There remains a little scar on my left knee where gravel met skin as I pushed and fell, pushed and fell – well, you get the picture.

We ended up at the bottom of the hill and it still hadn't started. So he said, “Hold this piece in place, and I’ll help you push it back up the hill.” How very nice of him! Of course I did what he advised, not knowing that his real intent was to see if the spark plug was firing. And it was.

As I stood there - bleeding and now shocked – my hope was renewed! Everything was working and I knew it was only a matter of time before I’d be in the driver’s seat!

In the end, I did drive the go kart - and shot the BB gun and operated the train set – all things an eight year old girl wasn't supposed to do. I plan for big success!

As we work toward a goal, it’s often easy to get discouraged, to feel betrayed, or to let setbacks become roadblocks. We have to believe that we will succeed and approach the work of getting there with a clear focus and a resolve that can’t be shaken.

Camilla Deyton
Executive Vice President



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Location for Monthly PDM

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