



Hamilton Chapter

Do you have problems at work that you need to solve? Could your toolbox use some new tools to try and solve these problems? Do you want to learn more about creative problem solving techniques?

If so, please join us for this event and learn more ways to solve your problems (and have some pizza too).

November 23, 2017 Professional Development Meeting

PDM Topic: Creative Problem Solving

This interactive session will provide you with a series of challenges that you will need to solve using a variety of tools & techniques. Creativity in problem solving is simply looking at the problem from different perspectives.

So, come spend a pleasant, fun and learning time with us and you will leave with a few laughs and some new ways to tackle challenges at work.

Speaker: Gerald R. Ford, BA, CSCMP, CPSM, CMC



Supply Chain and Management Consultant with over 35 years of experience and has worked for over 80 different organizations and businesses both in the private and public sector.

Gerald is a supply chain and vendor performance management (VPM) subject matter expert and has worked across sectors providing expertise relating to VPM, supply chain management, and human resources.

Jerry's key strengths are:

- Supply Chain Project Management
- Management Consulting
- Knowledge of both public and private sector organizations
- Human Resources
- Information technology & software development
- Project and Operations Management
- Data Analytics
- Management and Training

Gerald started his career working for a small electronics manufacturing company and quickly progressed from Buyer at the University of Waterloo to Director of Purchasing at the City of Cambridge. Starting in 1988, Gerald worked as a Demand Planner for IBM Canada where he won the Administrative Achievement Award. In 1993 Gerald left IBM and started Cambridge Solutions. As the President of Cambridge Solutions, Gerald has worked on a variety of projects where Gerald's talents and skills can be best applied to solving complex challenges. His customers have included The Cooperators, Denso Manufacturing, Culliton Mechanical, Open Text, Proveer Signs & Graphics, McMaster University, Electrical Safety Authority and York University to name a few. Gerald has also spent 32 years delivering training and educational programs both at Conestoga College and for the Supply Chain Management Association.

Gerald has served on several Boards including the Supply Chain Management Association of Ontario where he was the President in 1993. He also served on various other Boards including the Human Resources Association of Ontario Grand Valley Chapter, Certified Management Association of Canada Ontario Advocacy, APICS Grand Valley Chapter, Conestoga College Program Advisory Committee Supply Chain, Guelph Chamber of Commerce Workforce Development Committee and Guelph Innovation Network.

Gerald most recently received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Supply Chain Management Association of Ontario. He lives in Cambridge Ontario and in his spare time, Gerald enjoys coaching girls' softball, golfing and mentoring.

Location: Main Office of ArcelorMittal Dofasco
(1330 Burlington Street East Hamilton)

Cost: \$20 - *Members*
\$25 - *Non-Members*
\$ 5 - *Student Non-Members*
Free - Student Members

Time: *Doors open at 6:30PM (for networking)*

Please RSVP to events@apicshamilton.org by November 20, 2017

