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2009 Calendar

March 18, 2009 Wednesday

Educational Meeting

Presentation By David Fisher 2008 Scholarship Winner

Café Borgia
10018 Calumet Ave
Munster, IN 46321

April 15, 2009 Wednesday

Plant Tour-

Bass Pro Shop
6425 Daniel Burnham Drive
Portage, IN 46368

Dinner

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6425 Daniel Burnham Drive
Portage, IN 46368

May 20, 2009 Wednesday

Educational Meeting- Election- Marty Harper Award

T. J. Maloney's (Holiday Star & Radisson Hotel)
I-65 & US 30 800 E 81st Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410

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MARCH IS PURCHASING MONTH!

February Meeting

Wednesday February 18 NAPM-NI will conducted a plant tour of the FedEx Facility at 1515 Gostlin Street, Hammond, IN. I for one learned many new things I never knew about FedEx Ground package delivery. First of all, this facility only touches Ground packages. Airfreight is handled by other centers. Each of the trucks and their routes are run by a private contractor. Some of these private contractors may have numerous trucks and routes. At the Hammond facility packages are sorted by hand, both at night with the outbound packages, and then in the early morning with the inbound packages. The Hammond facility is getting a renovation and expansion of their facility. The center is a MAZE of conveyor belts and chutes.

We were fortunate enough to be able to see the outbound sorting before we left that night. It really is an amazing sight, seeing all the packages heading off in different directions, each sorted by ZIP code. The local delivery area for this center reaches to the southern suburbs of Chicago across the lake just past La Porte, and south towards the Wheatfield area.

The weather held for the tour, but we weren't so lucky for the gathering after. Heavy snow began, and by the time we concluded it was a winter wonderland. Roads were at a standstill the following morning, and schools were closed. Hopefully we are past the turbulent winter weather now, and the balance of our schedule will be without snow!

MARCH IS PURCHASING MONTH!

With this being March, we need to take a long look at our Profession and the value that we add to the companies who employ us.. Even more important during these times of economic turmoil are the decisions we make on a daily, sometimes hourly basis. Those decisions can make a difference between our companies staying solvent, or closing their doors for good. Use your valuable experience and the Purchasing skills you have learned to make your decisions wisely. Hopefully we can all ride out this downward spiral in our economy.

Our March program will be held Wednesday March 18, at Café Borgia, 10018 Calumet Ave, Munster, IN 46321. We will have a presentation arranged by David Fisher, our 2007-2008 Scholarship winner. The presentation will be by one of his professors, Mr. Jonathan Furdek, who will discuss "Supply Chain Management from the Academic Perspective". This should give those of us in the profession a reverse look at ourselves, quite appropriate for Purchasing Month.

To RSVP: <http://www.napmni.org/phorm/rsvp.htm>

While you are there check out the rest of our web site!

If you registered for the C.P.M., now what??

Ok, it is the new year, you registered for your C.P.M . now what? Don't let this year get away from you, keep pace with your studies and make a schedule to take your exams, deadlines, December 31 will be here before you know it! For more information, visit the Professional Credentials section of the ISM Web site or e-mail certification@ism.ws.

Last day to **take** the C.P.M. exams:

December 31, 2009

Last day C.P.M.'s may **take** Modules 3 & 4 for recertification:

December 31, 2009

Last day to **apply** for C.P.M. designation:

December 31, 2013

Last day to **register** for the C.P.M. to CPSM bridge exam:

December 31, 2013

Last day to **take** CPSM bridge exam:

December 31, 2014

JPMorgan Global Manufacturing PMI

Produced by JPMorgan and Market Economics in association with ISM and IFPSM

Survey record drop in worldwide manufacturing employment

The global manufacturing sector remained in deep recession at the start of 2009. At 34.9 in January, the JPMorgan Global Manufacturing PMI posted a reading only slightly above December's record low of 33.7 and its second-weakest in the series history. The PMI has now remained below the critical no-change mark of 50.0 for eight successive months. Indexes tracking trends for output and new orders rose only slightly from the record lows posted in December and were well below those recorded one year ago. At 30.6 in January, the Global Manufacturing Output Index remained consistent with a substantial decline in world IP. All of the national manufacturing sectors covered by the survey for which January PMI data were available reported drops in production and new work received. Rates of reduction in output eased in the US, China and the UK, but held broadly steady in the Eurozone (despite a series record contraction in Germany). Meanwhile, the downturn in production in Japan accelerated to the fastest in survey history. Manufacturers continued to face adverse market conditions, reflecting the ongoing credit market crisis and depressed client confidence. National PMI data indicated that domestic market conditions were weak in most of the nations covered by the survey, while global trade volumes have fallen sharply in each of the past five months.

Worldwide manufacturing employment fell at a series record rate in January, as companies trimmed capacity in line with lower workloads and in order to save costs. Staffing levels fell at series record rates in the Eurozone (with manufacturing jobs being cut at the fastest rates in their respective survey histories in the big-3 euro area nations), China, the UK, Russia, Brazil and Turkey. Japan saw a further substantial drop in staffing levels and, in the US, employment fell at a pace unchanged from December (which was the fastest since early 1991).

Global manufacturers also reported marked reductions in their stocks of purchases during January, as purchasing activity was cut in line with lower production requirements and efforts to hold down costs. January data pointed to a further sharp drop in average purchasing costs, with the rate of deflation only slightly slower than December's series record.

Commenting on the survey, David Hensley, Director of Global Economics Coordination at JPMorgan, said: "January PMI data rose modestly in January, its first gain in 12 months. Encouragingly, the increase was led by a jump in the new orders index, whereas the index of inventories continued to decline. These dynamics point to a stabilization or a possible turning point in the global PMI. That said, the PMI points to continued, deep declines in global output in the near-term, reflecting a continued fall in final demand and a need to lower inventories.