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Volunteer of the Year 2003
Donna Meeks, C.P.M., A.P.P.

Calendar

May 19, 2004, Wednesday

Annual Meeting and Elections
Leadership 2004
Pam Hale, C.P.M.
Patio Restaurant
7706 Broadway
Merrillville, IN

Presidents Pen

Dear NAPM-NI Members,

I can't believe May is already here - our last meeting of the 2003-2004 season. I want to thank your Board - Milton, Sharon, Patty, Donna, Tim, Debra, Karry, Suzanne, Mary, Charlie, Joe, and Ron. Without their help, I would never have survived this year. It has been a pleasure, honor, and fun being in this office for two years.

The Board for the up coming 2004-2005 season is a great one. We will have so many great meetings, that I'm looking forward to next year. The Programs Committee is meeting this week to determine the agenda for next year - topics, restaurants, speakers, etc. Also, next year we will have the 2-day free seminar from ISM. So keep your eye open for those details.

During the next few months, enjoy yourself. Spend time with your loved ones, family and friends - cherish those moments. Read a book. Need a recommendation, here's mine - The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren. Great book!! Go on a picnic; take a walk on the beach. Play golf - we'll be having our annual NAPM-NI Golf Outing in September, so stay tuned for more details about this event. Take some time to get refreshed and renewed.

In a recent article in the Purchasing Magazine, this article caught my eye. "Think about logging off e-mail for at least two hours a day to allow time to think, to read and research and to write memos and reports. Reason: Managers complain the relentless flow of computer messages is disrupting thought processes and killing creativity. Expectations that messages from colleagues, bosses, customers, and suppliers must be answered promptly means no quiet time available during the workday to digest information, ponder fresh ideas or concentrate on difficult problems." Makes sense - I wish I had done this!

We'll stay in touch with you by e-mail, so please check the website regularly. Don't forget to pay your dues in a timely manner. It will be greatly appreciated by Donna, our Treasurer. Also, I want to thank Donna for sending the Membership Dues E-mail Invoices out early. Take care. See you at the May meeting.

Pam

May Meeting - 5/19/04
Patio Restaurant
NAPM-NI Elections

Here is the slate of officers for coming year:

OFFICERS

President	Timothy Timm, C.P.M., A.P.P.
1 st VP	Milton Reed
2 nd VP	Steve LeDesma
Secretary	Patty Grove, C.P.M., A.P.P.
Treasurer	Donna Meeks, C.P.M., A.P.P.

CHAIR POSITIONS

Membership	Karry Rogers
Newsletter/PR	Suzanne Sharp
Programs	Debra Lopez
Pro-D	Suzanne Sharp
International	Kathleen Caruso
Member-At-Large (3) positions:	
	Joseph A. Kovacs, C.P.M.
	Mary Palmer, A.P.P.
	Charlie Ward, C.P.M., A.P.P.

NOTE: Nominations will also be taken from the floor on May 19th, the night of the election.

Please plan to attend!

April Meeting

The April meeting was our annual plant tour held at Sager Metal Strip Co. in Michigan City. Bob Miltenberger. President of Sager conducted the informational tour. He explained all the products for which Sager manufactures conveyors – primarily two and three piece steel and aluminum food and beverage cans. He also showed samples of the fabricated laser burned parts that are supplied to various companies in the local area.

After the plant tour, a dinner meeting was held at Rodini's Restaurant in Michigan City. Timothy Timm won the dinner gift certificate drawing – Congratulations Tim!

News on Dues

Dues statements have been e-mailed. If you have not received your statement, please contact Donna Meeks or send her e-mail at donna.meeks@intlsteel.com. As last year, the dues will be \$180.00 if paid by June 30th and \$205.00 if paid after July 1st. Please follow through on your dues!

In case you didn't hear, National has increased the annual membership dues. However, as a reward to our members for our hard work, your Board decided to incur the additional expense. Once again, many thanks to our NAPM-NI Board for their decision.

89th Annual ISM Conference

Mary Palmer attended the 2004 conference that took place April 25-28 in Philadelphia, PA. While at the conference, Mary received the ISM 2003 Member-Get-A-Member award plaque earned by NAPM-NI.



*Mary Palmer
With the Member-Get-A-Member Award*

This award is an ISM two-day educational seminar to be held at the location of our choice. ISM will pay for: Instructor's fee, instructor's expenses, and duplication/shipping expenses for workbooks and handout materials. More details on this free seminar will be forthcoming.

Mary Palmer's Pen...

89th Annual ISM Conference

Awesome!! This conference is one of the better conferences I have attended. This year ISM had a wider variety of sessions dealing with global sourcing to dealing with “work rage”. ISM extended some sessions to two parts. One of the sessions I attended “Global Sourcing: What you need to know” was one of the two part sessions. I found this extended session a great way to get more detailed information. I am overwhelmed with all the knowledge and information I have obtained! My challenge now is to transfer this newfound knowledge and apply it to my organization to obtain our goals and objectives. Wish me luck!

I was extremely honored and privileged to accept our affiliate’s plaque for the growth in our membership. This award was presented at the J. Shipman Award and Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. There was seating for 2,100 people and awards were presented for Person of the Year, Affiliate Excellence Award, Member get a Member Individual Recruitment Winner, Member get a Member Affiliate Recruitment Champion and the Member get a Member Affiliate drawing winner and of course the J. Shipman Medalist award.

I plan on going next year to San Antonio, Texas to attend the conference. I can’t wait!

ISM Online Daily Crier

Couldn't make it to Philadelphia for the ISM 89th Annual International Supply Management Conference and Educational Exhibit? Get up to speed by checking out the **Online Daily Crier** for Conference press releases, handouts, workshop summaries and the **2004 Conference Proceedings**.

The **Online Daily Crier** can be accessed at: www.ism.ws/Conferences/OnlineDaily0404.cfm.

If you had to miss this year's Conference, you won't want to miss **next year's Conference!** Make plans now to attend the 90th Annual ISM

International Supply Management Conference and Educational Exhibit taking place May 8-11, 2005, in San Antonio, Texas.

Congratulations:

We’ve just received word that Mary Palmer has passed her second CPM exam. She has now officially received her A.P.P. designation.

CONGRATULATIONS MARY!

Closing Notes:

Looks like spring (or is it summer?) is here! As I’m writing this newsletter, tree frogs are chirping and our pool is filling! The tree frogs provide a wonderfully romantic sound, as long as the tree frog is not under your bedroom window and starts singing his heart out at two in the morning!

I would like to encourage all of you to VOLUNTEER – offer to serve on a committee! It’s fun and rewarding! If you can’t volunteer, at the very least attend the meetings. They’re informative and the people you’ll meet are great!

I am very grateful that two years ago Pam Hale asked for volunteers to “help out”. Because she once asked us to raise a hand if we could help out, I have been able to meet and work with wonderful people who have great minds and talents – all the people who serve on your Board of Directors!

Many thanks to you Pam! Without your help I would never have even attempted any of this. Your encouragement and direction has been priceless!

I hope I can live up to Tim’s shining example in writing this newsletter. He’s going to be a very hard act to follow! I am counting on all of you for news and ideas. Please feel free to submit newsletter ideas and articles at any time!

Next Issue:

We’ll have information on the upcoming Golf Outing and the Programs for next year.