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**Northwest Indiana**



**NEWSLETTER**



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**Calendar**

**May 21, 2008 Wednesday**

**Educational Meeting- Election- Marty Harper Award**

T. J. Maloney's (Holiday Star & Radisson Hotel)

I-65 & US 30 800 E 81<sup>st</sup> Ave.

Merrillville, IN 46410



**President's Pen**

**by Pam Hale, C.P.M.**

Dear NAPM-NI.

I want to thank Eric Haverstock for volunteering to do the Task Force Tips tour on April 16th. I learned a lot about their company and products. Thank you Eric and extend our thanks to the other people who assisted you.

This season has been both fun and difficult for me. Our organization, as so many other organizations, is going through trying times - membership has dropped, as well as meeting attendance. Our members are working more hours, have more obligations and commitments with family, and are being pulled in all different directions. Volunteers are few and far. We have been blessed with an exceptional group of people, who have volunteered their time to this organization for many years.

I want to thank our Board - Timothy Timm, Donna Meeks, Sharon Duracz, Deb Cavey and Mary Palmer - for their hard work, dedication, willingness to tackle anything and everything, and their support and friendship. I am only as good as the people who help me. We have had an exceptional Board – Thank you so much for your hard work, time, friendship and smiling faces. NAPM-NI could not exist without YOU. Also, I want to thank the Scholarship Committee – Jim Grady and Edie Felton – for their hard work and help in awarding a scholarship this year to David Fisher from Purdue University Calumet.

Some of our members are helping to develop the 2008-2009 NAPM-NI calendar. Some Board members will be meeting in May to finalize this calendar for the upcoming season.

At our May 21st meeting at T.J. Maloney's, we will elect a new slate of officers. It is shown below.

2008-2009 NAPM-NI Slate of Officers

President: Jim Grady

1st VP: Pam Hale

2nd VP:

Secretary: Mary Palmer

Treasurer: Donna Meeks

Membership: Sharon Duracz

Pro-D: Debra Cavey

Communications, Newsletter, Website: Timothy Timm

Programs: Sharon Duracz/Debra Cavey/Pam Hale

International: Patty Grove

Golf: Charlie Ward

See you at the May meeting. Take care. Pam

### April Meeting

Our April meeting was a VERY informative plant tour of Task Force Tips in Valparaiso. We learned about the birth of a family owned business, and how dedication got it to where it is today. The lean systems they have in place offer their customers short lead times, and they support the customer in so many ways right down to putting the name of the department on the nozzle. We were fortunate enough to tour both plants they have, and learn about the current plans for expansion. Thanks to member Eric Haverstock for hosting NAPM-NI for this event!

### May Meeting

Our May meeting will be at T. J. Malloney's and will be our Annual Elections. Please plan to attend our last gathering before the summer break! See you this fall!

### Survey

You will notice a different layout for this newsletter, that is because I wanted to catch your attention, and get you to notice, and fill out the survey attached. We need your help and input on what you think of the affiliate, and how we can improve. Please return the survey to me at [ttimm@csinet.net](mailto:ttimm@csinet.net). We WILL follow up with those who do not reply, so take the opportunity now and save yourself some time! Thanks, Tim

### NAPM-NI SURVEY

Why are you a NAPM-NI member?

company pays for it       networking       ISM benefits  
 job opportunities       looks good on a resume

What is the best day for NAPM-NI meetings?

Tuesdays       Wednesdays       Thursdays

What time is best?

5:30 (right after work)       6:00pm

What location is best for meetings? If you choose multiple, meetings rotate.

Michigan City       Valparaiso       Merrillville  
 Chesterton       Munster

What frequency is best for NAPM-NI meetings?

\_\_\_\_\_ monthly                      \_\_\_\_\_ every other month

What can NAPM-NI Board do to have you be an active member of this affiliation?

Active is defined as attending 4 meetings.

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What type of educational opportunities are you looking for, if any at all?

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What meeting topics would interest you to attend the NAPM-NI meetings?

\_\_\_\_\_ negotiations                      \_\_\_\_\_ resume writing  
\_\_\_\_\_ finance                              \_\_\_\_\_ local economic development - NWI  
\_\_\_\_\_ supply chain mgmt.                \_\_\_\_\_ international  
\_\_\_\_\_ chamber of commerce              \_\_\_\_\_ roundtable discussions w/ attending members

What is your level of interest with NAPM/ISM?

\_\_\_\_\_ local/regional NAPM-NI      \_\_\_\_\_ national ISM

How can NAPM-NI bring in or interest others?

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