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Northwest Indiana



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2008-2009 Calendar

September 22, 2008 Monday
Scholarship Golf Outing
Educational Meeting to follow
Valparaiso Country Club
2501 Country Club Road
Valparaiso, IN 46383

September 22, 2008 Monday- Evening
NAPM-NI Scholarship Discussion
Valparaiso Country Club
2501 Country Club Road
Valparaiso, IN 46383

October 15, 2008 Wednesday
Plant Tour-
Hoosier Bat Company
4511 East Evans Avenue
Valparaiso, IN 46383
Educational Meeting
Kelsey's Steak & Seafood
2300 Morthland Drive
Valparaiso, IN 46383

November 19, 2008 Wednesday
Educational Meeting- Branding Northwest Indiana
Professor Paul Trapp
Strongbow's Inn
2405 E US 30
Valparaiso, IN 46385

December 5, 2008 Friday
Christmas Gala
T. J. Maloney's (Holiday Star & Radisson Hotel)
I-65 & US 30 800 E 81st Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410

January 14, 2009 Wednesday
Joint Educational Meeting AWTI/NAPM-NI
Center for Visual & Performing Arts
1040 Ridge Road
Munster, IN 46321

February 18, 2009 Wednesday
TBD- weather permitting

March 1, 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
Educational Meeting
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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



President's Pen

NAPM-NI Members,

Dear Fellow ISM Members:

It is with great distinction and honor that I have been chosen to serve as your new chapter president. Most of my work for the upcoming year has already been done by an outstanding team of chapter volunteers. As you all know Pam Hale has been the backbone of our chapter over many years of faithful service. Filling Pam's role as president is a tough act to follow, but knowing she is our 1st vice president should give all of us confidence that our chapter will continue to run smoothly and successfully. Please join me in thanking Pam for everything she has done and accomplished for our NAPM-NI chapter during her tenure.

We are very fortunate to have a team of high caliber volunteers that fill the various positions in our chapter. Without this dedicated team, that makes many personal sacrifices throughout the year, our chapter would cease to exist. Please make it a point this year to thank a board member for their hard work or drop them a note with words of encouragement, I am sure they will appreciate it.

As I considered what message I wanted to convey in my first newsletter I thought about writing on current trends in the Purchasing / Supply Management field. Then I thought that I should write about the importance of continuing education and obtaining professional credentials in our discipline. Or perhaps I should write about national events that are challenging some of our key industries (i.e. construction, auto, financial) and our very jobs. While all these topics are important and many articles can be written about each, I instead would like to write about history. History you say, what does history have to do about purchasing and supply chain management? Bear with me on this and I will try to get to my point quickly and concisely.

In my spare time I enjoy reading about the American Revolution and World War II and how these two great events changed the course of the world during their respective periods. I want to focus on the American Revolution and how those difficult times parallel events that are shaping the existence of our chapter. While our chapter is not in rebellion against a foreign nation, we are in a struggle for our existence. Not because of financial reasons, we are financially sound. But because we have the same small band of founding brothers and sisters that continue to serve, develop and implement programs, make restaurant reservations, put together our scholarship fund raiser, manage our chapter finances, and do all the things necessary to keep our chapter, your chapter alive and well.

Your board is committed to the cause but we, like you, have full-time jobs and family commitments. Your involvement and participation will change the course of future events and will further the cause of a viable NAPM-NI chapter.

"You cannot be, I know, nor do I wish to see you, an inactive spectator.....We have too many high soundings words, and too few actions that correspond with them."

~ Abigail Adams

Jim Grady, President NAPM-NI

NAPM-NI Officers 2008-2009

Jim Grady- President
Pam D. Hale, C.P.M.- 1st VP
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Debra Cavey- Professional Development Chair
Sharon Duracz, C.P.M., & Debra Cavey- Programs Co-Chairs
Charlie Ward- Scholarship Golf Outing Chair

Lets welcome our new board, and the new members to our board.



**2008-2009 Golf Outing
Players and hole sponsors still
needed and welcome for our
annual golf outing**

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Summer Leadership Workshops- Recap

I had the opportunity to attend the Summer Leadership Workshops this summer, in Charlotte NC. Charlotte will also be the site of the International Conference next year. I cannot begin to tell you all of the networking opportunities available at these sessions. One underlying message in all of this, you met people who are going through the same things that we are. NAPM-NI is not alone with the challenges we face. I don't think I talked or heard from a single affiliate who wasn't worried about their survival, their own governance. Charlotte had a rather small turnout, around 150 persons, but that may have made it more valuable, more networking in a smaller group.

What we have been talking about for the past three plus years is getting very focused for us. If we do not get new volunteers, and increase membership, NAPM-NI will cease to exist. I believe we have given value to our members, but in order to continue this we need EVERYONES help.

The web site has been updated with current information, please check it out and share it. Save it to your favorites, lots of valuable information there, as well as your meeting reservations. We have been fortunate to get many new members over the course of the year so lets welcome them at our meetings this year.

Anyone interested in receiving e-mails on job opportunities which are forwarded to us, please sent a preferred e-mail address to: ttimm@csinet.net

We continue to look for your feedback on the NAPM-NI Survey. So far I have only received five surveys back. This only works with your help.

Thank you for your continued support of NAPM-NI-YOUR ISM Affiliate,

Timothy A. Timm, C.P.M., A.P.P.