



National Association of Purchasing Management Northwest Indiana



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Calendar

December 7, 2007 Friday

Christmas Gala

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

January 16, 2008 Wednesday

Joint Educational Meeting AWM/NAPM-NI

Center for Visual & Performing Arts
1040 Ridge Road
Munster, IN 46321

February 20, 2008 Wednesday

Educational Meeting- NWI BP Expansion

Charlie's Ale House
8940 Calumet Avenue
Munster, IN 46321

March 19, 2008 Wednesday

Educational Meeting- Branding Northwest IN

Professor Paul Trapp, Valparaiso University
Strongbow's Inn
2405 E US 30
Valparaiso, IN 46385

April 16, 2008 Wednesday

Plant Tour- Task Force Tips

2800 E. Evans Ave
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Educational Meeting

Valparaiso Country Club
2501 Country Club Rd
Valparaiso, IN 46383

May 21, 2008 Wednesday

Educational Meeting- Election- Marty Harper Award

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

by Pam Hale, C.P.M.

NAPM-NI Members,

Well, Christmas is almost here. I'm leaving on a ski trip to Colorado Saturday. I love to ski, but I hate driving in the snow. Work is just too crazy. I need some R & R to start the New Year – 2008. I hope you are able to attend our Holiday get together on Friday, December 7th at T.J. Maloney's at 5:30. We had a great time last year, so we decided to repeat it this year. The joint meeting with AWMI in January is always a great one to attend. The topic is Women in Leadership – good choice.

I will be ordering for NAPM-NI the C.P.M. Diagnostic Kit Volumes I and II on CD-Rom with a site license for 5 users. This kit will cover all four modules with additional with an additional set of questions. Hopefully, this tool will be able to help those who are going through the C.P.M. process now and in the future. If you have not applied for your C.P.M., I urge you to start the process. Then by the end of 2008, you will have it. The CPSM is another step, which Tim has provided information in other newsletters.

The Scholarship Committee has been very busy. You will read more about that in this newsletter.

I have been networking with other affiliates. They are struggling with meeting attendance and membership – a sign of the busy times. Many affiliates are going to quarterly meetings, which seems to help with the workload and attendance. That option is a strong possibility for next year because of Board commitments for 2008-2009. Our Board needs new volunteers to help with this organization. The commitment is minimal, and the rewards are gratifying.

Your Board needs to hear from you – what do you want in 2008 from NAPM-NI?

Most importantly - DO NOT LET WORK overwhelm you. It has played havoc with me lately. Remember what is important in our lives. That comment was always given to me by my husband, Ron, (who is now at home with Our Lord). Now I know the answer – God, family, friends, and then maybe work. With our busy schedules, especially at this time of the year, prioritize and delegate. During this holiday season - spend time with family and friends, help those people who are less fortunate than us, exercise, take your vitamins, get plenty of sleep, laugh and put a smile on your face. God bless – take care. Pam ☺

Scholarship Committee Report: By Jim Grady

Just a few short years ago the NAPM-NI board made a decision to start a scholarship program with our local universities to help "advertise" our association and bring awareness to the Supply Management profession. Part of our organizations "purpose" as defined in the NAPM-NI By-Laws is, "To establish and operate a scholarship program for the benefit of qualified students interested in the study of purchasing management and materials management and all subjects related thereto."

In keeping with our chapter's "purpose", we are once again pleased to announce the award of our 2007-2008 scholarship to David Fischer. David is currently an undergraduate student at Purdue University majoring in Finance/Accounting. David resides in DeMotte, IN where he lives with his parents. Besides attending school full time David works as a project manager for his family's small business. While working and going to school full time David has managed to receive many academic awards and participate in several campus clubs and societies.

As part of the scholarship award David will be responsible for writing an article for our newsletter, attending our chapter meetings, promoting NAPM and ISM among the student body at PUC and arranging a guest speaker for one of our upcoming educational meetings.

We wish to thank two other applicants from Purdue University-Calumet and one from Valparaiso University for submitting their applications. While the decision was difficult to make, due to several qualified applicants, we felt David exhibited the qualities and characteristics befitting the NAPM-NI scholarship.

Please join us in welcoming David into our chapter.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN LOCATIONS ON OUR EVENT CALENDAR

Mark Your Calendar for the 93rd Annual International Supply Management Conference and Educational Exhibit

ISM's 93rd Annual International Supply Management Conference and Educational Exhibit is May 4-7, 2008 in St. Louis. It's not too early to start planning. Look for complete program information in December 2007. St. Louis isn't that far away and can even be traveled by car saving air fare. There are many attractions nearby and a wealth of learning opportunities available at the International Conference.

Mark Your Calendar 2008 Summer Leadership Workshops

ISM's Summer Leadership Workshops will be held as follows:

Charlotte, NC, June 27-28, 2008
www.visitcharlotte.com

Boston, MA, July 25-26, 2008
www.bostonusa.com

Las Vegas, NV, August 1-2, 2008
www.visitlasvegas.com

ISM's Leadership Training Workshops are tailored specifically for affiliate leadership. The workshops offer invaluable networking opportunities as well as sessions addressing the tactical, strategic and interpersonal training necessary to run a successful affiliate.

NAPM-NI- Your affiliate

NAPM-NI the ISM affiliate you belong to continues to need your help. Each year we are faced with new challenges to muster a board to represent and run your affiliate. Each year we continue to ask for your help to help us survive, and each year have little or no response.

Each of us have commitments in our lives, longer work hours, family, community, sports, etc. and it takes more than the same group of individuals year after year to help us grow and offer new programs. It takes more than this group of tired volunteers to help your affiliate survive. I am not sure what else we can do, how else we can ask. If two of you volunteered it would be a great help. We are not asking you to dive in and devote a lot of your time, we just need your help. Any

of the current members would be happy to have you shadow their tasks and help you progress in affiliate leadership. The Summer Conferences are also a great way to network with other volunteers and learn the basics of affiliate leadership. As the New Year begins, please consider volunteering some of your time and talents to help an organization which effects your profession. Your input would also help the professions of around sixty other NAPM-NI members as well.

January 16, 2008 Meeting

Chicago-2008 Outlook - 25th Anniversary AWMI Chicago

Join AWMI for a panel discussion with Sheila Janin of ArcelorMittal discussing flatroll products and another speaker (TBD) from the bar & tube sector. They will forecast their products for 2008 as well as share their secrets of success as women in a male-dominated field. 2008 marks the Chicago Chapters 25th anniversary and we look forward to celebrating at every event.

Once again this year NAPM-NI is fortunate to partner with AWMI for a joint meeting. These meetings always bring a wealth of current market information which can be used every day in your professions. Please make your reservations now.

**Best Christmas and Holiday Wishes
to all of our members, may 2008 be a
year of great opportunity to all.**

Thanks for a successful 2007.