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## NEWS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Happy White New Years. We all better love living in Michigan as last month, when I wrote this, there wasn't a bit of snow on the ground. What a wonderful White Christmas we had and it looks like we will keep the snow for quite a while. Isn't this what New Year is all about in Michigan?

The dinner meeting on the 15th is going to be of significant interest to us all. No more buying a new car at 0% interest. We've probably passed the best time to look for the lowest interest rate to finance or refinance our homes. Gas prices are a bit lower than expected but we all know how quickly this can change. At our January 15th meeting at the Windsor Mountain Grille, Dr John Goddeeris will give "his opinion on the Economic Outlook for 2002." Instead of being a fly on the wall and/or reading what experts think will happen this year, show up and listen to a real economist give his opinion of what 2002 holds for us.

Have you ever thought about becoming a Certified Purchasing Manager through the Institute for Supply Management, formerly known as NAPM? There are four modules to take and they can be taken at any Sylvan learning center. Once these four modules are passed and providing you are a full dues paying member for at least six months, NAPM Central Michigan will reimburse you for the costs of taking the exam. All you need to do is show up at a dinner meeting with the proof and we will get you the refund. There is no better time than now to consider becoming certified.

If you haven't sent your dues in, please do so soon. The initial count to be sent to the Institute for Supply Management is done on January 15th. We would surely like to have you included in the roster.

## FEBRUARY SATELLITE SEMINAR

Watch your mail for more information on the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2002 seminar on Complexity Management.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### New Regular Members:

Douglas Cox, Senior Buyer, U of M Purchasing Services, Ann Arbor, MI.

Helen Ewing, Supply Specialist, Amcast Automotive, Southfield, MI.

Angela Munn-Gallagher, Purchasing Agent, BioPort Corporation, Lansing, MI.

Lisa Bryner, Purchasing Agent, BioPort Corporation, Lansing, MI.

### Reaccredited C.P.M.'s:

Wayne Brock, Purchasing Director, Consumers Energy, Jackson, MI., Lifetime Certification.

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## JANUARY DINNER MEETING

Dr. John H. Goddeeris, Ph.D., Professor of Economics, Michigan State University, will be our speaker at the January 15, 2002 dinner meeting. Dr. Goddeeris will speak from an economist's perspective on the year ahead.

Meeting location: Windsor Mountain Grille & Pub in the "Board Room"  
6951 Lansing Road  
Lansing, MI

Social Hour: 6:00 - 6:30 pm (Cash Bar)  
Dinner orders taken at: 6:30 pm  
Dinner served: 6:45 pm  
Guest speaker: 7:30/7:45 pm

To Attend, Please Contact

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**SATELLITE SEMINAR REMINDER**

**February 7, 2002**

Complexity Management:  
Chains, Webs, and Other  
Business Relationship Models

**April 11, 2002**

Doing Business Electronically:  
Selecting the Best Options

**June 13, 2002**

Services Purchasing: Making  
the Right Decisions