

The mission of NAPM Central Michigan, Inc. is to serve the needs of its members and the profession by providing quality learning opportunities through educational forums, career broadening and mentoring experiences. Additionally, it is our mission to promote increased recognition of NAPM and the growth opportunities offered by the organization.

NEWS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

It is getting to be that time of year when some of us make New Years resolutions for the coming year. This year make a resolution to get involved with your local purchasing affiliate. Your input can make us all better at what we do. Become a board member or sit on a committee. It will give you opportunities to learn as well as teach and help others learn. Very soon the nominating committee will be looking for people to serve on our board and serve on committees. I hope you will step forward to do just that.

We need new ideas and people who are ready to put them into practice. We are always looking for new programs to present and people to present them. What a great place to learn. Many of you have vast amounts of experience and training that we would love to have you share with your fellow NAPM members. We have some of the brightest minds in the business right in our own affiliate. Let them shine brightly and bring light to the rest of us.

May your holiday season be the best one ever and the new year prosperous. We hope to see you at a dinner meeting soon.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New Regular Members:

Lawrence Millington, Freudenberg-NOK
Lei Gao, GSG Industries, LLC
R.C. Ryder, Terumo Cardiovascular Systems

New Student Member:

Nancy Rice



NEW MEMBER PROFILE

I am 40 years old and have been married for 11 years to my beautiful wife Shannon. We have two daughters named Makayla (9) and Miranda (4). We live in Howell, MI where we moved to from a 2-year purchasing assignment in Northern Germany. We have lived in Howell for 9 years now and just love it here.

We attend Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Brighton, MI where Shannon and I volunteer in the children's Sunday school classes and music programs. Shannon also is a 4H leader for a group of 15 kids here in Livingston County.

I graduated MSU (MLM) in December of 1988. I Started my career in January 1989 with Johnson Controls. I have been in purchasing my entire career.

I work for Vibracoustic North America, a Freudenberg-NOK company, in Plymouth, MI. I am the Purchasing Manager for Vibracoustic and have worked there for 3.5 years. Vibracoustic North America manufactures NVH products such as Engine Mounts, Bushings, Harmonic Balancers, Body Mounts and Jounce Bumpers to name a few. Vibracoustic North America consists of 3 plants in the US and 1 in Mexico. We also support and coordinate globally with our Vibracoustic Alliance partners in Asia, India and Europe.

I look forward to participating in activities of the Central Michigan Chapter.

Thank you and best regards,

Larry Millington, C.P.M.



UPCOMING DATES & TOPICS

December: No meeting is scheduled!

January Dinner Meeting: Lansing 6:30pm – location to be determined. Topic: Applying Best Practices in Your Supply Chain

February Dinner Meeting: Tuesday 2/16/04: Bring Your Boss-- Supply Chain Management Awareness Night

March Dinner Meeting: Tour of a Lansing area Mfg. plant with a focus on integrated supply chains.

April Dinner Meeting: Tuesday April 19, 2005
Measuring Your Purchasing & Supply Chain Performance
- Speaker: Dr. Steven Melnyk from MSU.

May: Purchasing & the Law details to be announced. Plans include a ½ day seminar with a separate dinner meeting segment for those unable to attend the half day session.

SATELLITE SEMINAR REMINDER

Thursday, February 10, 2005
Finding and Keeping the Best Sources

Thursday, April 14, 2005
Supply Chain Research Trends and Market Intelligence

Thursday, June 9, 2005
Discovering Supply Management's Social Conscience

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