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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.



President's Toolbox by David Taylor, C.P.M.

Risk Revisited

Last month I spoke about *Risk Management and Supply Chain Logistics*. The past week that is all we've seen and heard on radio and TV. People on a national scale, are testing their skills at Logistics Mgmt, and everywhere people are pointing the finger at how *Bad* they are doing. Could we do any better ourselves, if thrust into that same situation? I hope so, but I don't know given the same circumstances to work with!

Our pastor sent out an email on the logistics they are coordinating on shipments of supplies to a sister church in Louisiana for distribution. On the drive in from work I passed a neighborhood church, with a banner by the road, for supply collection and a semi trailer is staged in their parking lot.

We received an email from one of our NAPM members this week, indicating they are putting in long hours, gathering the supplies for those Michigan National Guard troops that are preparing for deployment and those which have already deployed, as part of the disaster relief. That is truly close to home! And, a job Well Done!

Dr. George Zsidisin of MSU, will be speaking for the NAPM-Metro Detroit for their 9/15/05 dinner meeting on this very topic! Talk about an ideal speaker topic to have scheduled! APICS wishes they were so fortunate—their national convention was slated for Oct. 5, 6, 7 – in New Orleans! Contingency plans could not cover this incident!

Higgins Lake registration forms & flyers have been mailed and are available on our website. Further details elsewhere in *The Quote*. Don't miss out!

Six Sigma:

Sept. 20, 2005: NAPM Central Michigan Dinner Meeting will be in Dimondale (S.W. Lansing) at Coyote Creek Grill, on Lansing Rd. Exit 98 on I-96. The restaurant is just south of the exit on the west side of the road. Time: 6:00pm - 6:30pm Social & sign-in, 6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Presentation. Topic: *Opportunities for Improvement: Six Sigma for the Small Business or Non-Manufacturing Organization* by Dave Taylor, C.P.M., Six Sigma Green Belt. Presentation will look at our perception of most quality initiatives, how Six Sigma differs from other programs, and what it can do for you and

your organization even if applied in a limited manner. Since my introduction to Six Sigma three years ago, and certification as a Green Belt, I have seen my thinking process changed. My focus is no longer on the problems, but on the **opportunities** and how to implement the necessary changes. You are invited to an open meeting of APICS & NAPM on common ground. Join us for a fun time and lighthearted Overview – without the statistical process mumbo jumbo so typical of a normal "Quality Initiative." A hand-out will be provided. **Reservations need to be confirmed to:** Dave Taylor dtaylor@parmatube.com, or Mike Butchart mlbutchart@cmsenergy.com by 4:00 pm Friday Sept. 16th. Or call 517-206-9826. Dinner is \$20.00, students \$15.00, with a Cash Bar.

October 18, 2005: NAPM Central Michigan and APICS joint Dinner Meeting. Location: **Bullinger's Pub & Restaurant**, 501 Longfellow, in Jackson, MI, at the intersection of W. Ganson and Wildwood Ave., 3 blocks east of Jackson County Airport. You don't want to miss it! **Opportunities for Mentoring, Networking and Resource Availability** – with Bill Rayl, Exec. Dir., JAMA, Jackson Area Mfrs. Assoc., Mike Foley, Pres., APICS, and Dave Taylor, C.P.M., Pres., NAPM-Central Mi. We will be laying the groundwork for a mentoring program involving area businesses, MSU's student internship and business liaison – John Fitch and the students. Find out how you can "**Mentor**" a **Supplier, a Co-worker or a Student** and have everyone come out a winner! The mentoring program will officially kick off in January.

November 15, 2005: NAPM Central Mi. Dinner Meeting—our speaker just confirmed. Full topic and restaurant details will be announced next month. Speaker: Kimberly Hafley, Marketing, **Two Men and A Truck**, nationally headquartered in Lansing, will be speaking on maintaining, guarding and improving your *Customer Service / Customer Satisfaction*.

NEW MEMBERS

New Regular Member:

John C. Novak, Director of Product Purchasing, DELPHI

New Student Member:

Megan A. Lewis, Michigan State University

NAPM-Central Michigan Calendar of Events

September 2005

- 9/14/05** NAPM-Metro Detroit: Purch. Law Boot Camp 1 Day- Walsh College, Novi Campus- Aiello & Trentacosta
- 9/15/05** NAPM-Metro Detroit Dinner Hotel Baronette, Novi Mi, Dr. George Zsidisin, Managing Risk in the Supply Chain
- Tues. 9/20/05 Dinner Meeting** (Lansing) *Opportunity for Improvement: SixSigma for the Small Business or Non-Manufacturing Organization - an Overview.* Dave Taylor, C.P.M., SixSigma Green Belt
Location: Coyote Creek Grill, 6951 Lansing Rd., SW Lansing (Dimondale) 6:00 pm social, 6:30 dinner
Reservations by Fri. 9/16
- Weds. 09/21/05** first MSU student SCM meeting on Campus

October 2005

- Tues. 10/04/05 Board Meeting**
October 5,6,7, 2005 28th Michigan Purchasing Conference-
Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center, Higgins Lake Mi.
- Tues. 10/18/05 Dinner Meeting** (Jackson) *Opportunities for Mentoring, Networking and Resources-* joint program with JAMA Bill Rayl Executive Dir., Dave Taylor, Pres. NAPM-Central Mi., Mike Foley-APICS
Location: Bullinger's Pub & Restaurant, 501 Longfellow at intersection of W. Ganson and Wildwood Ave. 3 blocks east of Jackson County Airport
- Thurs. 10/20/05 Satellite Seminar: Tools for Negotiations Success**

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- Tues. 11/01/05 Board Meeting**
- Tues. 11/15/05 Dinner Meeting** (Lansing) Speaker: Kimberly Hafley, Marketing, **Two Men and A Truck**, nationally headquartered in Lansing, will be speaking on maintaining, guarding and improving your *Customer Service/Customer Satisfaction*. Full topic and restaurant details in the Lansing area will be announced next month.
- Thurs. 11/24/05 Thanksgiving**

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