

# THE QUOTE

June

2008

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

Did you know that ISM was founded in 1915 and is the largest supply management association in the world? ISM has a membership base of over 40,000 members. The purchasing profession has changed a great deal since 1915. Those of us who were once buyers and purchasing agents are now Supply Managers and have to manage inventories and supplies. Now instead of someone saying, "Hey we are getting low on widgets buy some" We watch the products we are buying from the time they are being made until they get to our customers. We know what they are made from and who made them. We must know if material came from China, Mexico, or the United States. We must be sensitive to the environment and following laws that were never even thought of 20 years ago.

As Bob Dylan said, "The times they are a changing." This organization is a good place to keep up on what is going on and how to handle it. Attend a professional development meeting and share with other members about how you handle the day to day problems. Check out the ISM website for information. We are here to help each other. Our profession is going to continue to evolve and change so we must continue to learn.

If you are thinking about getting your C.P.M. certification you are running out of time. The deadline to register is December 31, 2008. The last day the C.P.M. exam is available is December 31, 2009. There are four modules to pass so don't delay if this is something you are interested in. Would you be interested in NAPM Central Michigan putting on training sessions for the C.P.M. exam? Please let us know if you would like this.

Would you like to serve on the Board? We have an opening for Membership Chair and would like to talk to you about it. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Greg Anderson, has retired and is moving to Florida. Many thanks to Greg for his years of service and we wish the best to him and his family.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Lansing Lugnuts Outing June 24, 2008

Tickets are only \$9 each.

Come watch the Lugnuts at our family outing. The games are lots of fun, with t-shirts and hot dog tosses and Big Lug. Contact Jerry Williams for tickets.



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### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

#### Returning Member:

Steven A Marr, BioLab

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### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations Tim Pinter, Aurora Specialty Products, winner of the NAPM-Central Michigan 2008 Angell Award.

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### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SATELLITE SEMINARS

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