



# THE QUOTE

## NEWS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

The Silver Anniversary celebration of our Higgins Lake Educational Seminar starts @ 4:30pm on October Third. Registration ends on September 21. You'd better hurry up and get the registration in before you miss out on the opportunity for leaning, comradery and relaxation. The weather promises to be great and you'll be out in time to catch your favorite football game. If you need information, contact any board member.

There is a dinner meeting on September 18 that includes a tour of TRW Steering Division in Portland. This is only a 30-minute drive west of the 127/196 interchange and promises to be a wonderful experience with a free Higgins Lake trip drawing at the dinner. We would love to get your reservation and to see you there.

Are you aware that this newsletter is available via E-Mail? If you would prefer to receive it this way, let one of us know and we will make the change.

### A couple of notes of interest via NAPM and members.

If you are looking to hire in the Purchasing or Materials Management Professions, contact NAPM Employment Services @ <http://www.ndi-services.com/napm.htm> for information on the National Opportunities Bulletin.

On October 23, the Muskegon area Chamber of Commerce is promoting this years West Michigan Supplier Diversity Conference in Muskegon. Contact them at - 231-724-3180 for more information.

Please don't forget that if you receive your CPM or APP certification, NAPM Central Michigan reimburses their members for the costs of the tests.

### Directions to TRW:

September - 9/18/01: 6:00 pm  
 TRW Steering Division plant tour.  
 TRW Steering Division  
 902 Lyons Road  
 Portland, MI 48875

Take 96 to exit 77 - Turn right onto Grand River. Go straight through 3 lights, turn right on to Quarterline which changes into Lyons Road. The plant is on the right-hand side of the road.

**Tour Guide:** Dennis M. Beard

**Restaurant:** Amy's Place  
 126 Kent Street (Main Street in town off Grand River at 4 way light intersection)  
 Portland, MI 48875  
 Ph. (517) 647-4431

RSVP to attend this meeting to: Beckie Beard, Lansing Community College, (517) 483-1790 or Mike Butchart (517) 788-2248 or [mlbutcha@cmsenergy.com](mailto:mlbutcha@cmsenergy.com)

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## DINNER MEETING TOPICS

**October** - "Metrics and Measurements," Dr. Steven Melnyk (ASQ), Kellogg Center. Pre meeting topic: NAPM case study.

**November** - APICS meeting on topic of Vendor Managed Inventory.

**January** - Economist briefing from MSU for the year ahead. Pre meeting topic: Freight Buying.

**February** - power, inc. (internet e-commerce) - Pre meeting topic: Fuels Buying.

**March** - Joint meeting. "Lean Systems" (APICS). Pre meeting topic: Internet research and email.

**April** - R.E. Olds Museum with auto supplier/buyer panel.

**May** - Potter Park Zoo buyer briefing and tour of zoo.

**June** - Luginut outing. Pre meeting topic with Luginut equipment manager.

#### **SATELLITE SEMINAR REMINDER**

Advanced Negotiations: Kicking It Up A Notch - No, we couldn't get Emeril Lagasse, but we do have an outstanding panel discussion planned to explore advanced strategy issues with regard to negotiations.

**When:** Oct 25, 2001, 10:00-2:30 (optional)  
Continental breakfast roundtable 9:00-10:00)

**Where:** MSU Communication Arts Bldg

**Cost:** \$25.00

Registration flyers with details will be mailed the first week of October. Additional information is available at the NAPM website: [www.napm.org](http://www.napm.org)

#### **EVENTS**

##### **October 3-5, 2001**

25<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Purchasing Conference

#### **MORE SATELLITE SEMINARS:**

##### **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

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