

NEWS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

SUPPLY MANAGEMENT MONTH

March is Supply Management Month and you may be yawning at hearing this. Instead, let's think of this as a celebratory month and move forward. What is there to celebrate, you ask? I propose that the job you do, the phenomenal asset you are to your employer and the amount of job satisfaction you are able to derive from a job well done are all points to celebrate. I propose that your membership in an organization promoting and inspiring us to be better supply managers should be a feather in your cap. We all know of others who choose not to belong to ISM/NAPM and are unable to reap the benefits of our organization.

On March 18th we have a dinner meeting at Zigs in Jackson that is going to be another way to benefit through our local chapter. Clancy Pitsch, from Consumers Energy and CMS Companies is the head of the Investment Recovery section. He will be talking to us about investment recovery, how to get the biggest bang for your no longer needed material buck and, if we're lucky, how and when to make the decision to get rid of the asset. This will be a meeting well worth your while and a good chance to interact with others during Supply Management Month.

Another benefit of ISM/NAPM membership is our fall conference in October. This will be at beautiful Higgins Lake October 8-10 and will offer a wealth of information to allow us to be better at the procuring we currently do.

ISM has a deal for us, if your interested. Through December 31, 2003, any member that recruits a new member will receive an ISM lapel pin. If you recruit 5 members, ISM will get you a free coffee mug. This is a nice incentive though, personally, I'll stop at 4 for lack of mug space.

Don't forget to contact a board member when you pass your AP or CPM exams. We are willing to refund a part of the costs for taking the tests and would like to present you with your certificates when that happens. So please let us know!

It is still not too late to run for one of the offices in the Central Michigan Chapter of ISM/NAPM. Contact me or any of the board members if this is something you might be interested in doing.

Spring is just around the corner, so come on out on the 18th and join with your fellow members.

MARCH DINNER MEETING

3-18-03 – Jackson

- Zig's Kettle & Brew (formerly Jackson Brewery) – Jackson
- Exit 145 on I-94 (east of US-127)
- Clancy Pitsch, CMIR, Director of IR Operations
- Consumers Energy Co.
- Investment Recovery's Role in the Supply Chain
- Do you have idle assets (equipment, inventory, etc)? Learn about the "Eight R's" of Investment Recovery and how to possibly re-coup those potentially lost \$\$\$\$. You don't need to be a large company to implement an IR program.

To attend the March Dinner Meeting, please contact:

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HIGGINS LAKE 2003

**Higgins Lake 2003 will be held
October 8th, 9th, and 10th.**

Visit our Web Site at
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updates.

SATELLITE SEMINAR REMINDER

April 10, 2003

Leadership Skills for Supply Management

June 12, 2003

Reengineering MRO Procurement to Impact
Your Organization's Bottom line

FUTURE DINNER MEETINGS

March 18, 2003 – Jackson

Investment Recovery's Role in the Supply
Chain

April 15, 2003 – Lansing

Supplier Diversity: Where do you Start?

LUGNUTS OUTING

June 10th, 2003

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