

NEWS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT
August 2003

As your new President, the first thing I would like to do is thank Mike for a great two years he served us. THANKS, Mike! It was a hard two years for him however, because as President, he could never make motions or vote at our Board meetings! If you know Mike, then you know how rough it really was.

Next, I would like to remind everyone that our Board Meetings have an open door policy. There is nothing secret or private about them. Any member is more than welcome to attend. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 5:45 in the conference room in the Purchasing Department of MSU.

If you are marking your calendar, please continue by reserving the third Tuesday of the month for the dinner meetings. They typically alternate between Lansing and Jackson, with registration from 6:00 to 6:30. We are usually on our way home by 9:00.

Mike Hicks, now in charge of our dinners and speakers, already has our September meeting planned. Doug Mills, a U.S. Postal Inspector from Detroit will be telling us all about identity theft. I'll bet he has some horrifying tales to tell! This is the meeting where we give away a free trip to Higgins Lake for one student and one full member. You won't want to miss it,

Student dinners are still \$15 and member and their guests will remain at \$20. At our August Board meeting, a non-member rate of \$25 was added. We will also be trying something new through the end of this year. For any new Direct Recruit member, newly approved member or person wishing to join at our meeting, their first dinner will be free.

As most of you know, fall means Higgins Lake. You should have all received the brochure with all the details of our 27th Annual Michigan Purchasing Conference titled "Have You Got What It Takes?". The committee has done a great job in planning it and has lot of things in the works for its "Survivor" theme. A big turn out is hoped for and should be made easy by getting the information out so soon. Applications are already starting to come in, so get your reservation in early to guarantee a spot at this educational, fun-filled event.

The Grand Rapids affiliate has asked us to remind you of their September 10th seminar presented by Tim Underhill. The topic of this one day event is "Effective MRO Alliances". For more info, contact Lisa Hern at 616-242-9458 or visit www.napmggr.org.

I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer and continues to do so for what short time is left. It's hard to believe football and falling leaves are just around the corner.

Jackie Clair, C.P.M.
President

NEW MEMBERS

Kathy Lynch, Buyer, Michigan State University Purchasing.

Dennis M Beard, MRO Purch Tool Crib Facilitator, TRW Automotive.

Paris A Goines, Tooling Buyer, Wood Concepts.

Thomas C Noall, Mgr of Purch & Matl Control, Motor Products Corp.

Todd J. Alverson, Supply Chain Manager, Air Lift Company.

SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING

The September meeting is set for Zig's in Jackson. The program will be on "Identity Theft" by Doug Mills who is a U.S. Postal Inspector from Detroit. Mr. Mills has a PowerPoint program that he will present that will inform you and surprise you.

Inspector Mills is currently the Michigan Chapter President of the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators and member of the Detroit Metro Identity Theft Task Force. Postal Inspectors are federal law enforcement officers who carry firearms, make arrests and serve federal search warrants and subpoenas. Inspectors work closely with U.S. Attorneys, other law enforcement agencies and local prosecutors to investigate postal cases and prepare them for court. There are approximately 2,000 Postal Inspectors stationed throughout the United States who enforce over 200 federal laws covering investigations of crimes that adversely affect or fraudulently use the U.S. Mail and postal services.

Mark your calendar for the first dinner meeting of the year, September 16, 2003.

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SATELLITE SEMINAR REMINDER

Thursday, October 23, 2003

The Dynamics of Supplier Relationships

Thursday, February 5, 2004

Logistics in Supply Management

Thursday, April 1, 2004

Controlling Costs by Controlling Your Inventory

Thursday, June 10, 2004

Improving Your Role with Effective Project Management

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10th, 2003

The Greater Grand Rapids NAPM chapter is sponsoring a one day seminar about MRO Strategic Alliances with Tim Underhill.

HIGGINS LAKE 2003

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

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