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Highlights

Upcoming Meetings

The next dinner meeting is on 5/17.

May 2017

Greetings!

Please join your fellow IMA Members for Guest Night on May 17, 2017 at the HILTON GARDEN INN, 1307 E. MARKET ST., AKRON, OH 44305

Check In is at 5:30 p.m.

DINNER IS BEFORE THE PRE-TECH AT 5:45 pm.

Pre Technical Session: 6:10

Technical Session: 7:10

Cost for Members is \$25.00. Non-members pay \$30.00.

For every Pre-Technical or Technical Session that you attend, you earn 1 CPE towards your CMA or CPA requirements.

Remember, members are always welcome at meetings. Even if you're on a diet or don't feel like eating - come to hear the speakers anyway.... there is NO charge if you are not eating!

Please forward newsletter items to: [IMA Newsletter](#).

Thanks!

Kelly Heil

President's Message

Fellow IMA Members,

Our May IMA dinner meeting is Guest Night. It is the final dinner meeting of the season. Be sure to bring a guest to experience what the IMA brings and remind certified guests that these meetings are worth CPE credits! If they like what they see, they may join the chapter.



The next board meeting is 5/24.

Save the date!

Mr. Excel, aka Bill Jelen, is returning on 10/27! Stay tuned for more details.

Employment News

Please contact [Bob Shapiro](#) if you have a job available or if you are looking for an employment opportunity.

Our first speaker is Abraham Nabors, owner of the Mustard Seed Market & Café. He will speak to us on "How to Live a Happy, Healthy Life". We can all use some good health tips to get us feeling better for summer fun!

The technical session speaker is Reverend John Valencheck, Pastor at St. Sebastian Church. He has a talk entitled "Twin Peaks and Jello Shots Around the Campfire - a Priest's Perspective". This sounds very intriguing, doesn't it?

If you are looking for a fun outside activity, the chapter has a block of tickets for the Akron Rubber Ducks game on August 12. If you are interested in affordable tickets, please contact Andrea Schnee at a.schnee@sbcglobal.net. Also, be sure to tell her if you'd like to be entered in a drawing for a chance to throw out the first pitch at the game! Thanks to Andrea for arranging this wonderful experience!

Remember, the professional development seminar this year will be October 27, with Mr. Excel coming for a FULL DAY! There will be two books involved. The first part of the day will be the normal tips and tricks. The second part of the day will be a new data analytics session. I can't wait!!! Bill Jelen is very entertaining and we learn so much. You don't want to miss this opportunity.

We have just a few crucial board positions left. This is a good opportunity to network with a great group of diverse people and get Board experience on your resume. Please see the article below and let me know if you are interested in learning more about these positions. (linda_garrison@goodyear.com). The more you invest in the IMA, the more rewarding it will be for you. :-)

As always, follow us on Twitter for announcements and information [@AkronChapterIMA](#).

Enjoy your spring!

Linda Garrison
President
Akron Chapter IMA
2016/2017

**Pre-Tech Session -
"How to Live a Happy, Healthy Life"**

**Hilton Garden Inn
May 17, 2017
6:10 P.M. (SHARP)**

**Abraham Nabors**

Owner, Mustard Seed Market & Café

"How to Live a Happy, Healthy Life"

Happiness is the goal for most of us in life. We spend so much time and energy trying to be happy, but how happy can you really be without your health? Rank your health and wellbeing as a #1 priority so you can enjoy life for many, many years to come. Health isn't a pill you take once or an exercise routine you begin. It's everything! Come learn the ABCs of health and wellbeing in

this tour de force of a health lecture. A lifestyle that focuses on prevention is easier to adopt than you might think. Discover how to adopt simple changes that can make a profound difference in your wellbeing.

Abraham Nabors was born and raised in the Highland Square neighborhood of Akron OH. He graduated from Firestone High School in 2001 and earned an Environmental Geography major and Plant Biology minor from Ohio University in 2006. His mother and father, Margaret and Phillip Nabors, founded Mustard Seed Market & Café in Akron in 1981 and still own and run the family business today.

Abraham has worked for Mustard Seed Market since age 12 and began working full time right after college. He has held several leadership roles with Mustard Seed Market & Café, including Café General Manager, Supplements Category Manager, and currently is overseeing Café operations and performing as the Education Coordinator, resulting in hosting over 100 educational lectures per year. Abraham regularly gives health lectures to the community and is passionate about working with people and organizations that promote health and wellbeing.

Abraham enjoys rock climbing, camping, hiking, cycling, yoga, tai chi, qi gong, kung fu, Om Gym, playing guitar, live music and cooking healthy food with friends.

Technical Session - "Twin Peaks and Jello Shots Around the Campfire - a Priest's Perspective"

Hilton Garden Inn

May 17, 2017

Guest Night

Reverend John A. Valencheck

Pastor, St. Sebastian Church

"Twin Peaks and Jello Shots Around the Campfire - a Priest's Perspective"

The Rev. John A. Valencheck has been pastor of St. Sebastian Parish in West Akron for eight years. Recently, he helped found and sits on the Board of the Academy of Culture and Arts at St. Sebastian. Currently, he is working on opening a Catholic School in Akron for children with learning challenges in conjunction with the Julie Billiard School in Lyndhurst OH.

Father Valencheck grew up in Barberton OH and graduated from the University of Akron with a degree in Theater Arts before entering St. Mary, Our Lady of the Lake

Seminary and Graduate School of Theology. He was ordained in 1989 and previously served at St. Ambrose in Brunswick and St. Clare in Lyndhurst. Father Val also worked as an usher in a theater and has many funny stories about his days there.

2016/2017 Meeting Schedule

May 17, 2017 - "Guest Night"

Welcome New Members!

Date Joined	Name	Employer	Sponsor
4-5-17	Taylor Wawrowski	Student, KSU	Wendy Tietz
4-6-17	Karen Bissell	Student, KSU	Wendy Tietz
4-7-17	Lukas Shupe	Student, KSU	Wendy Tietz
4-7-17	Janice Ashton	Julius Zorn, Inc.	Reinstatement from 7-1-15 termination
4-8-17	Anthony Durant	Student, KSU	Wendy Tietz
4-10-17	Quaid Kloha	Student, KSU	Wendy Tietz
4-12-17	Robert Glenn	Student, KSU	Wendy Tietz
4-16-17	Harlie Crouse	Student, KSU	Wendy Tietz
4-17-17	Jacquelyn Tura	Student, KSU	Wendy Tietz
4-20-17	Bridget Murphy	Student, Stark State U	Reinstatement from 1-1-17 termination
4-28-17	Emily Lundgren		
4-29-17	Ana Krusinski	Student, KSU	Wendy Tietz
4-30-17	Evan Gallagher	Deloitte	Reinstatement from 8-1-16 termination

Akron Rubber Ducks Game

We have again arranged for discount tickets to an Akron Rubber Ducks minor league baseball game **with fireworks!!**

The date is August 12th, a Saturday, at 7:05pm.

There will be Fireworks set to Bob Seger music and we will be in section 19, where we



have been in the past, with a great view of the game and fireworks and not too much sun!

All of this for the Bargain price of just \$8 per ticket.

We have arranged for one of our members to THROW OUT THE FIRST PITCH AT THE GAME!!!!!!

If you are interested in tickets and also being the IMA member or guest to throw out the first pitch, please indicate your interest to Andrea Schnee at

a.schnee@sbcglobal.net

The winner of the first pitch will be chosen at random from those indicating an interest.



Past Presidents' Photo

During April's dinner meeting, the attending past presidents gathered for a photo. It was great to catch up with everyone. Thank you all for your past and present service to the Chapter.

Save the date for Mr. Excel

Mr. Excel, aka Bill Jelen, is coming to the Kent State Hotel & Conference Center on Friday, October 27, 2017, to talk about Power Tips for Excel AND Data Analytics using Excel. More details will be forthcoming but save the date for this full-day program!

43rd Annual Meonske Conference

The 43rd Annual Meonske Professional Development Conference and preconference Workshop at Kent State University on April 26-28 were an outstanding success. There were over 500 registrants for the three-day event. From Akron chapter, we had 6 registrants at the Wednesday Workshop, 29 registrants at the Thursday Conference, and 24 registrants at the Friday Conference, earning us 472 hours of CPE credit (plus additional hours earned by Norm Meonske and Jeff Bissell

as Thursday speakers). Norm was the Program and Conference Chairman; joining Norm on the Conference Planning committee were Jeff Bissell, Jeff Falter, Susan Pope, and Diane Saulino. Friday attendees received a power bank as a conference gift. Much of the speaker material will be available for downloading on the Ohio Council website (www.ohio.ima.net.org). What a great finish to the IMA year (fiscal year ended April 30), and now, it's on to Denver in June to pick up our awards at IMA's Annual Conference & Expo.

Annual Program Book Update

The Board of Directors has decided to stay with the pdf online format of the Annual Program Book and, thus, hard-copy Annual Program Books will not be mailed to members with email addresses. Instead, members can view/download the book from the website address www.yodergraphics.com/ima/2016_ima_roster.pdf. The password is "ima2016". The website was accessible after October 1. Members without an email address will still be mailed a hard-copy Program Book. Members who attended the September 21 tech session meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn also received a Program Book. If you need a hard-copy of the Annual Program Book, please contact Linda Garrison at Linda_Garrison@goodyear.com.

Perfect Attendance

Through the April technical session meeting, 9 members have "Perfect Attendance" (7 meetings to date): Ken Bechtol, Jim Campbell, Linda Garrison, Wayne Hawkins, Sherri McGuinness, Christine Niswender, Joe Richards, Mike Savage, and Linda Simko. The following 6 chapter members have missed 1 meeting: Shirley Calvin (March), Roy Howarter (November), Doreen Kuster (March), Steve Law (March), Andrea Schnee (October), and Bob Shapiro (March). The following 4 chapter members have missed two meetings: Joan Chamberlain (November and January), Bob Davis (November and March), Bill Dreyer (October and March, but made up March meeting by attending another chapter's meeting), and Wendy Tietz (January and February). Up to two missed meetings can be made up by obtaining and listening to tapes of the missed meetings (or by viewing the speaker's handouts if no recording is available), or by attending another chapter's meeting before the end of May. Some chapter members have already obtained the makeup materials from Roy Howarter. Don't miss the May 17 meeting to keep your Perfect Attendance record intact.

Come to a Board Meeting

If you would like to go behind the scenes and learn what it takes to put on monthly tech session meetings and run the chapter, why not attend a Board meeting? The next meeting will be on **May 24** at 6:15 PM at the **Giant Eagle Market District in Cuyahoga Falls**. Free pizza and soft drinks; see your Board leaders in action.

Board of Directors Slate for 2017-2018

Attention Akron chapter IMA members: We are now looking for a few additional Board members (marked "OPEN" below) to serve the Akron chapter for the next IMA fiscal year. If interested, please contact Linda Garrison at Linda_Garrison@goodyear.com.

Serving as a chapter Board member is a volunteer position that doesn't involve a huge time commitment. This is a great opportunity to become more involved with the Akron chapter and build or enhance your leadership skills.

The Akron chapter relies heavily on our Board of Directors for planning and

executing our activities throughout the IMA year. Without a dedicated and engaged Board, the Akron chapter would not be an award-winning chapter!

The following chapter members were recently appointed to the Board for next year:

Director, Speakers - Christine Niswender

Director, Advertising - Mike Savage

The following Board positions are still open:

Director, Technical and Board Meeting Facilitation & Attendance - OPEN

Director, Corporate & Academic Development - OPEN

Director, Public Relations - OPEN

Director, Young Professionals Committee - OPEN

Director, Retired Professionals - OPEN

CMA Mentoring Program

The Akron chapter IMA is proud to offer its members a mentoring program to assist CMA candidates with strategies to pass the CMA exam. The Akron IMA CMA Mentoring Program will encourage networking and provide career development opportunities designed to help CMA candidates (mentees) and other members (mentors) in our chapter to form valuable mentoring relationships. The success of this program will rely on volunteers to serve as mentors. Mentoring can take place online, by phone, or in person at Akron chapter events or other locations.

The CMA Designation The CMA (Certified Management Accountant) is the advanced professional certification specifically designated to measure the accounting and financial management skills that drive business performance. Achieving the CMA credential demonstrates your mastery of financial planning, analysis, control, and decision support, as well as professional ethics.

The CMA credential is:

Focused - On the critical skills you use in business

Respected - Leading employers seek to hire and promote CMAs

Valued - CMAs on average, earn higher compensation than noncertified professionals

Convenient - CMA exams are offered electronically in hundreds of locations worldwide.

The CMA Mentoring Program - The accreditation process leading to the CMA designation can be a rigorous experience requiring great energy and effort. The CMA candidate will have questions regarding exam content, study materials, test taking strategies, and much more. Without somebody to guide and mentor them, the candidate may become discouraged and abandon the certification program. However, through the Akron IMA CMA Mentoring Program, candidates will be able to seek and obtain the support and guidance of fellow chapter members who have earned their CMA designation.

Mentees and mentors will be matched based on the needs of the mentee and the availability of the mentors. The ideal mentor for this CMA focused program would be an individual who has obtained the CMA certification and / or who has recently passed one or both parts of the newer two part CMA exam structure. All individuals who are currently enrolled in the CMA program and studying for the CMA exam are encouraged to enroll as a mentee. In addition, individuals who are undecided about obtaining the CMA certification and would like additional information or guidance are

encouraged to enroll.

If you would like more information, please contact: Jeff Falter jfalter@roadrunner.com

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Newsletter articles: ima_newsletter@yahoo.com

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Akron chapter website: www.akron.imanet.org

IMA National website: www.imanet.org

Login : enter user name (your IMA account number)

Enter password (last name, unless you changed your password)

Ohio Council website: www.ohio.imanet.org

Online Program Book: www.yodergraphics.com/ima/2016_ima_roster.pdf

Password is ima2016

Access online recording of chapter meetings:

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