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Employment News

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

Greetings!

Happy Holidays!

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

Thanks!

Kelly Heil

President's Message

Fellow IMA Members,

It's hard to believe that 2017 is coming to an end and the holidays are here! We are currently in 23rd place, steadily moving up the charts. Hopefully this is another stellar year for Akron Chapter!



I'd like to report that our Goodyear Plant Tour was a great success. Everyone had a good time while earning CPE. We should have another one in the spring, as there were many people who wanted to go and couldn't make it. See article about this tour in this newsletter.

Think about your New Year's resolutions for 2018. Time to pursue that CMA or CSCA certification? We can help. Next year we have programs in February surrounding the CMA that will be educational and fun!

We won't be having a dinner meeting in December because all of you have holiday activities and family to visit. However, we will see you in January for our networking night. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Follow us on Twitter [@AkronChapterIMA](#).

Linda Garrison, President
Akron Chapter IMA
2017/2018

December 2017

2017/2018 Meeting Schedule

Regular meetings for 2017/2018 will be:

January 17, 2018 - "Social Networking Night"

February 21, 2018 - "Students' Night"

March 21, 2018 - "CMA/CFM Night"

April 18, 2018 - "Past Presidents' Night"

May 16, 2018 "Guest Night"

All monthly meetings will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn unless otherwise indicated above.

For meetings at Hilton Garden Inn check-in at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 5:45 p.m., pretech 6:10 p.m., and tech session at 7:30 p.m.

Goodyear ICM Tour

IMA Akron Chapter, including students from the Kent State University Student Chapter toured Goodyear's Innovation Center Manufacturing facility on November 14, 2017. At this facility, located at Goodyear's headquarters, race tires are manufactured. First, David Coleman, Finance Business Partner of the ICM facility gave the group an overview of what this facility does for Goodyear. The company uses the race tire business not only for brand recognition on the track, but it is a great R&D tool. A lot of the technology can be used in everyday consumer tires.

After the group was equipped with the proper safety attire (steel toe slip-on shoes, safety vests, and safety glasses), we proceeded through the plant and witnessed how Goodyear's race tire manufacturing process is all hand made. We learned that Goodyear produces more than 100,000 hand-made tires each year for NASCAR. These tires need to withstand tough conditions. During a race, NASCAR drivers can experience up to 3Gs of force in the turns. This is equivalent to what astronauts will experience during rocket launches. NHRA racers in top fuel can reach speeds of over 300 mph in just a few seconds. Ken May, Senior Industrial Engineer, was very energetic and gave a very informative and interesting tour. We touched samples of the product and witnessed the actual tires being made. Did you know that there are specific left and right-side tires in NASCAR?



Since this tour was so well liked, we will be having another tour in the spring of 2018.

Come to a Board Meeting

If you would like to go behind the scenes and learn what it takes to put on a monthly tech session meeting and run the chapter, consider coming to a Board meeting. The chapter meets at 6 PM on the last Wednesday of the month at Mr. G's Pizzeria, 2955 W. Market Street, Fairlawn 44333 (330-836-1111), except as follows: no meeting in November, December meeting earlier in the month, meeting on Saturday morning in June, occasionally earlier than the last Wednesday if there is a conflict with monthly closings at employers. Here are the remaining meeting dates this fiscal year: January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25, and May 30. Free pizza and soft drinks; see your Board leaders in action.

Welcome New Members!

Date Joined	Name	Employer	Sponsor
10-20-17	Julia Brookhart	Student, Youngstown State U	
10-20-17	Christopher Eichler	Student, Youngstown State U	
10-20-17	Andrew Garret Klapac	Student, Youngstown State U	
10-26-17	Joseph Hughes	Student, University of Akron	Reinstatement 5-1-17 termination
10-27-17	Matthew Paul Burger	Student, Kent State U	Wendy Tietz
11-7-17	Yelena Kemp	Timken Company	Transfer in from Member at Large status
12-1-17	Robert Allan Ball Jr.		
12-4-17	David Casalinova Jr.	Student	

November 9 - 11 Student Leadership Conference in Houston

Seventeen chapter members attended the Nov. 9-11 SLC in Houston and earned 100.5 hours CPE for the chapter - attending from KSU were Diante Bartlett, Karen Bissell, Nadia Dansani, Anthony Durant, Amal Elchatri, Heidi Hanan, and Taylor Sutton; attending from YSU were Julia Brookhart, Christopher Eichler, Emily Huggins, and Mohammad Yusuf; attending from UA were Cassandra Cameron, Joseph Hughes, Courtney Klingenger, Andrew Reed, and Megan Young; and attending from Ashland University was Brenda Sue Mullen. Brenda Mullen was also the faculty advisor for the trip.

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/2017_ima_roster.pdf. The password is "ima 2017". The website was accessible after October 1. Members without an email address were snail-mailed a hard-copy Program Book. Members who attended the September 20 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.

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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IMA National website: www.imanet.org

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

Ohio Council website: www.ohio.imanet.org

Online Program Book: www.yodergraphics.com/ima/2017_ima_roster.pdf

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