

METRO ACCORD

May 2008

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting May 7, 2008

MI Council-Lansing May 10, 2008

Membership Meeting May 14, 2008

NAIW Week Lunch May 20, 2008

National Convention- June 4 -8

**Membership meeting Dearborn
County Club June 12th**

Golf Outing August 6th

**Please mark your calendars with
these dates for your association of
choice.**

Message from the President

IAMD members:

Our April 9th membership meeting was interesting and informative with our speaker Teresa Masternak, CPIW – Michigan Council Director. She told us about her experiences with NAIW and how she has grown with this organization. It was great timing due to we had some guests who attended. Teresa gave them a snap shot of what you can do and accomplish in NAIW.

The next **Michigan Council meeting is on Saturday, May 10th in Lansing.** Please attend and meet members from Michigan NAIW local associations. It is a great Networking opportunity!

Our next membership meeting is **Wednesday, May 14, 2008** at **Embassy Suites Hotel.** We will be voting new officers and board members in for 2008 – 2009 term and having two association fundraisers.

Putting the Pieces of the Puzzle Together . . .

Betty J. DuRocher
President

bettydurocher@yahoo.com

*Putting the Pieces of
the Puzzle Together*

**You are cordially invited to attend our
May Membership Meeting!**

“IAMD – Putting the Pieces of the Puzzle Together”

Education – Membership – Leadership Development – Mentoring & Networking

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

Annual Association Meeting

**Election of New officers and Directors, and two fundraising events (see
Networking)**

Time: 5:30 pm Networking
6:00 Dinner
7:00 p.m. Elections and Business Meeting

Place: Embassy Suites Hotel
28100 Franklin Road
Southfield, MI
(at US 10 and I-696)
Phone #248-350-2000

Cost: \$30.00 for Members and Guests

RSVP: Brenda Morrison at 248-386-8863 or brenda.morrison@aig.com

Reservations deadline is noon, May 9, 2008.

**Reservations can not be cancelled unless notified by the reservation deadline
date or you will be responsible for payment.**

Membership Report

No Report

EDUCATION REPORT

See the listing of classes to be held at Schoolcraft College or visit their website at www.schoolcraft.edu

Networking & Association Fund Raising 2007-2008

For reservations contact Anita Upson at 248-538-9519 or atupson@comcast.net.

Please join IAMD and Sally Warner for a Fundraising event at the May 14th IAMD membership meeting. Sally will again have beautiful Yurman inspired Jewelry. A percentage of the sales will benefit IAMD. Contact Anita if any questions.

At the May 14th membership meeting we will also be hosting a

“Cash for Gold Party”

Your old gold or silver may be out of style, but GREEN Cash is always in fashion.

This event will include the selling of your gold, silver or platinum items and receiving cash back.

Bring in your old class rings, tangled gold chains, bent or broken jewelry, items with missing stones, gold coins, gold bracelets, cluster rings, dental gold, gold watches, unmatched earrings, gold pins or broaches.

Items accepted; white gold, yellow gold, platinum and silver items. They will remove stones from your old settings if needed, but they will not be responsible for these stones. Any questions; contact Jimmy at 248-515-7811

A percentage of the sales will benefit IAMD.

Bulletin Report

The deadline for April bulletin is May 11th. Plans are to have the bulletin ready for publication by the 23rd. If you have any suggestions for articles or would like to write a special feature for the bulletin, please submit the article to me by the deadline, as a Word document.

Kim Newberry knewberry@meadowbrook.com

Local Association News



ALL HANDS ON DECK! March 26-29, 2009

You will be hearing monthly updates about the Region 2009 Conference which IAMD is hosting. The two Nancy's (Nancy Fournier and Nancy Kramer) are still looking for willing "volunteers" to provide assistance with organizing this conference. If you are willing to help, please contact either Nancy.

PASSPORT TO SUCCESS in 2009

Your Cruise Directors are Nancy J. Fournier (248-615-8616) and Nancy J. Kramer (313-563-7390)

National Headquarter News

Nothing at this time

Region IV News

Region IV Networking Weekend is August 22 – 24, 2008 to be held in South Bend Indiana. See the registration form in this newsletter.

Michigan Council News

Attached is a copy of the registration form for the 5/10/2008 meeting of the Michigan Council of NAIW. I encourage you to attend our last meeting of the 2007-2008 fiscal year. There are a lot of great reasons why you should attend the upcoming meeting, and it's not too late to make your registration (deadline is Friday). Following are just some of the reasons you don't want to miss the meeting!

- 1) Council needs to discuss recent International Exec. Committee's instruction that we not vote or conduct business, except at our October Annual Meeting. Council need to determine strategies for making sure business gets done and that our activities continue as normal, while complying with International Bylaws.
- 2) Council's Horizon Plan will be ready for members to review, and you can take it back to your local associations as an example for building your own Horizon Plan.
- 3) Bridging the Membership Gap presentation will educate us about member diversity and will present strategies for leading our associations through conflict and change. Presentation will include a panel discussion that will highlight different types of members and their differing needs and priorities.
- 4) This meeting is our opportunity to give Teresa support and to thank her for her past year of leadership and service to the Michigan Council. Let's show our support by turning out in large numbers!

I hope to see all of you in Lansing on May 10!

Cindy J. Prud'homme Telephone: 248-204-8190

Community Outreach

What: Annual IAMD Golf Outing to be held on August 6, 2008, including a four-person scramble – Modified Shotgun start

Where: Woodlands Golf Course, 39670 Ecorse Rd. – Ecorse, MI 48184

How: Registration deadline is July 27th. Event starts at 8:00 am, with golf to start at 8: 30.

Why: A Benefit for Mercy Education Project and Children with Hair Loss

How Much: \$90.00 per person – includes cart, snacks, lunch, 18 holes of golf and driving range. Lunch only -- \$30.00

Mail Checks and Registration as follows:

INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT, INC. or (I.A.M.D.)

Sue Holbrook, Goodwin Lademan Agency, 20300 Superior Place #250, Taylor, MI 48180
734-287-2400 phone, 734-287-5966 fax, sholbrook@glainsurance.com

or

Florence Nagy, Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, 18518 Fremont,
Livonia, MI 48152. 734-513-0300 phone, 734-513-0318 fax, fnagy@mmrma.org

We are also looking for; hole sponsors at a \$150.00 Minimum, door prize donations, Snack , Lunch Sponsor, and a Beverage Cart sponsor.

The Mercy Education Project is a non-profit organization which serves the needs of girls and women in Southwest Detroit through after-school tutoring, summer enrichment, GED preparation, and other life skills support. Programs are designed to raise self-esteem, support self-sufficiency, and foster service and leadership qualities

Children With Hair Loss offers assistance in the form of hair replacement to children with any form of short or long-term medically-related hair loss. Medically-related is being categorized as Chemotherapy, Radiation, Burns, Accidents, Tricotillomania, all types of Alopecia and Hypomellonosis of Ito.

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SWEET & SASSY
in
SOUTH BEND
REGION IV NETWORKING WEEKEND
AUGUST 22-24, 2008

LOCATION: Holiday Inn-Downtown, 213 W Washington St, South Bend, IN
 (www.southbendinn.com)

For reservations call (574) 232-3941- Remember to mention Insurance Women when you call. (Room Rate- \$104)

THE FUN BEGINS:

Friday 8/22

3:00 to 7:00 - Registration open 5th Floor Hospitality Room 511
 7:30 - Jammies or Jeans Relaxation Party

THE FUN CONTINUES:

Saturday 8/23

- 8:00 - Breakfast Buffet – Hospitality Room
- 10:00 - South Bend Chocolate Factory Tour
- 12:00 - Lunch in the Park, Shopping & Water Action
- 1:00 - Notre Dame Stroll at your Leisure
- 4:00 - Return to the Hotel to Relax and Prepare for the Evening Activities
- 6:00 - Studebaker National Museum -Cocktails Scavenger Hunt including fabulous prizes
- Polish Style Dinner in the company of friends

THE FUN WINDS DOWN:

Sunday 8/24

7:30 - All Good Things Must Come to an End Grab & Go Breakfast - 5th Floor Hospitality Room 511

Please send your \$75 check with the below registration to: Betty Bowling, 11280 Idlewood Dr., Osceola, IN 46561

Name:		
Association:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	
Email:		
Every effort will be made to accommodate those with special dietary needs.		

Friday Night's Sassy festivities will include time to work off the day's stress in the Fitness Center or take a dip in the Hotel Pool. Shop for a bauble or two from the jewelry distributors invited on site just for us!

Enjoy yummy snacks and luscious beverages in the Hospitality Suite while laughing or crying at one of our favorite Chic Flicks or playing Games with a few well chosen friends.

Treat yourself by reserving an appointment to have a massage, manicure or pedicure from one of the professionals arranged to assist you achieve maximum relaxation. Visit Trio's Jazz Club and revel in the smooth music and upscale enjoyable atmosphere, or visit other various pubs and clubs within a few blocks walking distance.

*Get some sleep – tomorrow is a big day!

Sweet Saturday begins with a wonderful Breakfast Buffet available at 8:00.

The Charter Bus leaves the Hotel for the South Bend CHOCOLATE Factory tour at approximately 9:30. Experience first hand just how the SB Chocolates are made and sample the sweet treats during the tour. After the tour you will have the opportunity to make purchases at the factory. There is also a South Bend Chocolate Café downtown that can fulfill your sweet cravings if you decide you did not buy enough to share with those at home.

Lunch will be served at the Howard Park where we can all enjoy the great outdoors on a beautiful August day.

A few quaint artsy stores are located within a short walking distance if you have the urge to shop.

The East Race Waterway, the first artificial whitewater course in North America, is also a short walk away and is a great setting to relax, take in some sun and watch the rafters or kayakers maneuver their way in the rushing waters.

For those who wish to tour Notre Dame, the Charter Bus will drop you off on Campus armed with a map and a great deal of enthusiasm and pick you up in time to get back to the Hotel for a bit of rest before the evening activities begin.

The evening begins with a stroll thru a Historic district area of South Bend to the Studebaker National Museum (it's not just about cars) where a Scavenger Hunt for items located within the museum will take place while you enjoy a cocktail or two. Magnificent prizes will be awarded to the winners of the hunt. Note: Magnificent is not in quotation marks nor bolded so it is not defined within this invitation; therefore the interpretation of the word is solely at the discretion of the organizers of this event.

For your dining pleasure, a Polish Style Dinner will be served at approximately 7:00p.m. Possibly interesting factoid--Did you know Czestochowa, Poland is the Sister City of South Bend, IN reflecting an important part of the city's history and heritage? That must be why the South Bend Polish dinners are so very popular.

After a late evening stroll back to the Hotel, you are free to take in the downtown sites, relax in the Hospitality Suite or spend your free time however you choose.

*Get some sleep – tomorrow you drive home.

Sad Sunday morning we pack up our things, including perhaps a few new found treasures, stop by the Grab 'n Go Breakfast in the Hospitality suite and bid our old and new friends a fond farewell. Yes, until next we meet at a State, Regional or National Conference with lots of meetings, seminars and such, it is then we will look back and appreciate the sweet & sassy weekend we spent in South Bend, Indiana doing nothing but purely enjoying each other and the relaxation we shared.

Monday morning. Rested and revived after a great weekend you leap to work at your desk ready for anything the day may bring.

Now you suddenly understand the theme of the weekend as you must admit you do feel just a bit "Sassy" today!

We hope to see you in South Bend in August.

The Holiday Inn Downtown has shuttles that will provide transportation to the Studebaker National Museum venue for those that are unable or do not desire to walk. And yes, we did forget to mention there is local shopping. If you have questions or wish to obtain information regarding a specific location or event you may wish to visit, please contact LuAnn Baldoni for information at lbaldoni@globalassetpro.com or 574-524-1083.



Making Members Smile with Success!

8:45 a.m.	Networking – Coffee/Refreshments
9:15 a.m.	Call to Order
	Welcome & Introductions
9:30 a.m.	Business Meeting
11:00 a.m.	Presentation: Bridging the Membership Gap
Noon	Lunch & Adjourn

Bridging the Membership Gap

Presenter: Janet Holstine, CIC, LIC, CPIW, AIT, DAE

Please RSVP no later than Friday, May 2, 2008.

Cancellations must be received by this date as well, or full payment will be required.

Contact: Jaime Millikin, Public Relations Committee
JMillik@fbinsmi.com

Name: _____ Association: _____

Check payable to Michigan Council of NAIW is enclosed - \$30 per person*

Please mail form with payment to:
Attn: Jaime Millikin
c/o Dennis Miller Agency
649 State Road
P.O. Box 186
Vassar, MI 48768

I will pay at the door - \$30 per person*
 Email form to: JMillik@fbinsmi.com or fax to: 989-823-3943

*Includes continental breakfast, business meeting, presentation, and lunch. No partial refunds are available for attending a portion of the day's events.