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Presidents Pen

Rita Wenthold

Summer is always busy with family and outdoor events or chores, but since we still have to focus on making a living and planning for the future, if you were not at our June meeting you certainly missed a great education about the state of the economy and a broad view of steps the governments of the world have taken to facilitate recovery from this recession. The bad news is there is a very hard road to travel through but we were told by Keith Phillips, one of the top economists in the Federal Reserve Bank, that by the end of this year, the economy will be in an upturn. The good news is San Antonio has been less hard hit than the rest of the country due to our diverse company base including the military, and how well some of the major corporations in this area have planned and performed, like H-E-B, USAA and Frost Bank to name a few.



Please don't miss our next meeting on July 23, which will feature Gary Glick of Resources Global speaking to us about Procurement best practices in this economy. Please put this date on your calendar: Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 5:30 and start planning now to attend our FREE MEMBER MIXER at Fatso's. –Cont'd on page 3

New Members- June

Joseph Farrington Marianne Cantu
Bonita Gibson Dennis Korona
Koorosh Moinvafa

MEMBER FACTS

We currently have 189 members and represent over 64 companies citywide. With a year on year comparison we have seen a 1% growth increase.



The board would like to hear from you, to establish how we could best serve and better support your needs for continuing education to perform your jobs better. This will allow us to determine the hours needed to achieve or maintain professional certifications. Please reach out to one our Board Members at your earliest convenience with how we could most assist.

Presidents Pen Cont'd

Watch for the invitation on Cvent and bring everyone you know! We will host all current members for a couple of drinks and snack, and there will be a door prize for the one of you who brings or signs up the most new members at this event. Try to bring your boss as well we are planning to have a topic sign-up sheet for you all Board how to make our meetings or the array of educational programs more useful and easy for you to participate. You can plan on this August Mixer being Fun, Functional, and Future looking. The reason it is FREE to Antonio members is because it is replacing our San Antonio Installation Banquet.



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Don't forget to watch for the date and time for our one scholarship fund raiser to be held this fall at a local put-put golf course as well. This will be another great networking opportunity, for which we are still needing to have you send to Dave

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Sanchez or me the list of all your peers, bosses, and the names your supplier contacts that we should invite as Sponsors to make it the best event possible. Please promote this within your company to help build participation and ask your suppliers to sponsor holes for the recognition that will come with "golfing" with other major company buyers and procurement agents in San Antonio. This will work just like a

normal golf tournament, with prizes for winning teams, a really good meal and a few beverages of your choice.

You may check our local affiliate website, ISM-SanAntonio.org for more details on how to contact us or see updates on the affiliate plans in the board meeting minutes. Any of you are welcome to attend these meetings which begin at 4 PM the same date and location of the dinner meetings - normally at the Petroleum Club the fourth Thursday of each month. Also, I hope you are taking advantage of membership by using the national ISM website for in-depth procurement supply chain topical research, to find updates on the economy, and peruse pertinent data about our profession.

This summer has set records for heat, lack of rainfall and bad news for the economy. Let's use this time to get back to basics and plan for all of those three to turn around. If you do not have your C.P.M. or C.P.S.M., please plan to attend training sessions to sit for the exams and become certified. If you are concerned about your job outlook, get involved and network so that in the event you need to seek work or promotions, there will be a host of help available with advice and support. Professions and careers just like raising a family, can take a lifetime to achieve success. I wish you all the BEST! Rita



Fun

Smiles, grins & humor

from the files of [Reader's Digest!](#)

Friends 'Till the End

It's really humid in the woods, so the two hiking buddies remove their shirts and shoes. But when they spot a sign saying "Beware of bears," one of them stops to put his shoes back on.

"What's the point?" the other says. "You can't outrun a bear."

"Actually," says his friend, "all I have to do is outrun you."

-- Submitted by Don Paquette

**Heartland Pasta**

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 to 1-1/2 pounds fettuccine, cooked
- 3 Tablespoons olive oil
- 6 Tablespoons cooked diced bacon
- 1 Tablespoon chopped garlic
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 Tablespoon fresh rosemary
- 1 pound fresh spinach, torn
- 1/4 cup white wine
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
- Red pepper flakes, to taste
- Pecorino cheese, to taste



Preparation:

In a large saute pan, add olive oil followed by bacon, garlic, onion and rosemary. Saute until tender. Add spinach and continue to saute. Remove mixture and deglaze pan with white wine. Return mixture to pan and add salt, pepper and red pepper flakes. Toss with fettuccine and serve with freshly grated Pecorino cheese.

Note: Kick it up a notch and add some grilled chicken- yum-o!



Monthly Events- July

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AMERICA'S MILITARY HEROES

All of our military personnel are our HEROES!!! Everyone in this great nation knows of a military hero personally!! Whether they are your brother or sister, your mother or father, your cousin, Aunt or Uncle, your neighbor, your spouse, high school friend, or a close family friend when our nation calls on them to defend our freedoms, to protect us, or to help another nation in harm's way they are there!! They are depended on, needed, and get the job done!!

www.HonoringAmericanTroops.com is designed to honor, respect and support the United States of America military members! The U.S. Armed Forces (Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, National Guard, Reservists, Coast Guard....) defends our rights and keep our country Free and Safe! It is our responsibility as AMERICANS to Honor, Respect, and Support our Troops!

I Salute all of the men and women, who have paid the ultimate sacrifice to ensure mine and America's Freedom!
God Bless you and your families!



Have something to say...submit your article, funny joke, favorite recipe, job opportunity to: Dayna Cochran @ dayna.cochran@accenture.com submissions are needed by the end of business the first Thursday of the month.

**Miss the Deadline send the article anyway

