

Plant Tour at Mersen

Wednesday

September 21, 2011

Directions - Easy access from I75 – take exit 153 for E Bay City Road/M-13. Turn right (east) and continue along Saginaw River to Bay City approximately 6 miles. At first traffic light, turn left onto McGraw Street. At end of road, turn right onto Harrison Street. Mersen will be on the left and parking should be available between the buildings or across the street. Address 900 Harrison Street, Bay City MI, Phone 989-894-2911.

5:30 p.m. Networking
6:00 p.m. Presentations
7:30 p.m. Dinner

RSVP by Friday, September 16 to Courtney Schoch via e-mail
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President's Message



Something about the day I flip my calendar over to August makes me feel like the summer is over and I remember that I haven't done half of the things that I wanted. Maybe that is why August always flies by, because I am so busy scheduling all the catch up from the lazy dog days of summer. But don't fear! Your IMA board has been busy and already locked the 2011-2012 schedule in place! We will start the fall with a plant tour of Mersen Bay City, the plant where I work. I hope everyone is as impressed as I am at the variety and complexity of the products we manufacture. For those of you who were here a few years ago, I think you will be surprised at how much has changed. We have almost doubled our footprint and have many new innovative products in the renewal energy markets.

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Jennifer Rezler - President

The CMA Exam – What Should You Expect?

In previous articles I have discussed the importance of being certified and all the benefits that come with the designation, along with provided study tips that will help chapter members prepare for and pass the exam. However, as I talk to CMA candidates, who are at the beginning stages of taking the new 2-part exam or just transitioning from the current 4-part exam to the new 2-part exam, I often hear their concern for the unexpected.

You must have a thorough review to become familiar with the topics you will be expected to know to pass the exam. However, both parts of the New 2-part exam have multiple-choice and essay questions so it is imperative you practice answering both types of questions in an exam environment. Another key skill that will put you in position to succeed is knowing how to budget your time to answer all 100 multiple-choice questions and the two essay questions. If you want to see how the exam will look, what types of questions are on the exam, how they are worded, or what to expect from the essay questions, access the first study unit of the Gleim Online course for Part 1 and/or 2 of the New 2-part CMA exam. As you begin your preparations for the exam, remember you need to have the best tools that are going to put you in position for success. Click here to access the FREE trial today:

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You will be able to complete the first study unit and see what you will encounter when you take the CMA exam at Prometric for both the multiple-choice and essay questions. After you complete the quizzes and essay questions, you will be able to access a Review Session where you can study answer explanations for the correct and incorrect answer choices. Dr. Gleim's philosophy is that you learn more from your mistakes when properly addressed, so this step is essential.

The goal is to get comfortable with what you might expect at the testing center and then take the next step toward passing the CMA exam, whether it is paying the Entrance Fee, registering for your first part, or making that transition from the 4-part to the 2-part exam. Gleim is committed to helping you accomplish your goal of passing the exam and becoming a CMA. Your Saginaw Valley IMA Chapter has partnered with Gleim to ensure your success on the CMA exam! Working together, we will provide you the necessary tools to prepare for this difficult exam. As a Saginaw Valley Chapter member, you receive significant discounts on the Gleim CMA Review materials and Gleim CPE. Contact Melissa Leonard at 800.874.5346 ext. 131 or melissa.leonard@gleim.com to take advantage of the offer or if you have any questions.

Do you have feedback on what you have read or suggestions on future topics? Maybe you are studying for the exam or have recently passed and want to share tactics you used. Email Gleim at imachapters@gleim.com with your comments.

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EMPLOYMENT NEWS AND MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Looking for Position

George J. Voelker, a student member of our Chapter, is looking for either full-time (preferred) or part-time employment. He is in his last two semesters at Delta before transferring to Northwood for his final year. George will welcome any leads and can be contacted directly at georgevoelker@gmail.com or 989.545.9107.

Also, I do have his resume and cover letter should anyone wish to receive it from me.

Member Announcements

Chris Light, CMA has recently moved from SOX Compliance at The Dow Chemical Company to a Senior Finance Manager role in Dow's Purchasing Department. Chris recently co-authored an article on using SAP tools to prevent duplicate payments in the professional journal, *GRCExpert*.

We are always interested in hearing about any new roles or accomplishments of our members. Please let me know of your new announcements to share in our upcoming newsletters.

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2011-2012 Meeting Schedule

Annual Chapter Plant Tour - Mersen Bay City & LinkedIn Presentation
Wednesday, September 21, 2011
Bay City

10th Annual IMA Michigan Fall Conference
Monday, October 24, 2011
East Lansing
<http://www.imamichigan.org/conference.html>

Chapter Tax Update
Wednesday, November 16, 2011
Damon's Saginaw

Chapter Economic Forecast
Wednesday, January 18, 2012
Damon's Saginaw

Chapter Annual Awards Night
Wednesday, March 21, 2012
Northwood NADA, Midland

Be sure to mark your calendars!

Are you LinkedIn?

LinkedIn is an online professional networking site with several million members worldwide. LinkedIn members can connect to professional associates either directly or through groups based on: geography; academic associations; professional certifications or business interests. Members use the site for keeping up to date with colleagues, old and new, regarding industry best practices; IT developments; referrals; employment opportunities; and focused business news. There is no fee for a basic user account and members may control how much they wish to disclose publicly and/or within their networks. There are several LinkedIn groups for accountants, auditors, financial managers, etc. The IMA sponsors an official LinkedIn group called CMA® Connection which has over 10,000 members to date. To learn more or join, see www.linkedin.com.

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