

September 17 Meeting at



[Broadway Street, Mount Pleasant, Michigan](#)

RSVP by Friday, September 12 to Jennifer Rezler at Carbone of America;
Phone: 989-895-7720; Fax: 989-895-7740; E-mail: jennifer.rezler@carbonelorraine.com

Learn About Casino Accounting

6:00-8:00Lecture/Dinner/Tour
Car Pooling? Call Julie Goldman 989-781-5050

SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

We have a great year planned but need your email address to keep in touch. You can change it with **IMA**
<http://www.imanet.org/> or **1-800-638-4427** or write me at jagnow@charter.net and we'll change it with IMA.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER FOR FALL 2008

HARVEST TIME BRINGS NEW ENERGY

Fall is in the air, school is starting and that energy of new things to come and a new beginning is all around us. We have such a great year planned of tremendous learning opportunities from Casino Accounting to the economy's future. Please come to one of the meetings and meet your fellow Valley Accountants.

SAGINAW VALLEY 2008-2009 LECTURE SERIES

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I hope to see you at our meetings. Check out our website to RSVP.

<http://www.imamichigan.org/saginawvalley/svmeetings.html>

Julie Goldman, CMA, President

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Northwood is seeking well qualified individuals to teach accounting, finance and management classes to adult learners. Interested candidates must possess a master's degree in accounting, finance or business. Preference will be given to CPAs with relevant work and education experience.

Interested candidates should send their resume and cover letter to brownb@northwood.edu.

EMPLOYMENT NEWS

As a service to our chapter members, Employment Director Adeline Wicker will keep your current resume on file and send you updates of employment opportunities as soon as they become available. If you're interested in more information, please contact Adeline at amwicker@saginawpowertraininc.com.

Financial Manager **AKT Peerless Environmental Services** **Saginaw, MI**

JOB DESCRIPTION:

- 3-5 years minimum of full-charge bookkeeping and financial management experience is required.
- Candidate must have the background and experience in all facets of the accounting management of a \$7.0 Million plus annual revenue company. Should be able to identify business opportunities, cost control, and concerns with the ability to develop appropriate strategies to address each.
- An understanding of budgeting, forecasting and analysis for a multiple office setting.
- Must know how to prepare financial statements. S/he should be able to direct her/his financial and administrative people with clear guidance and instruction. Must be able to understand and interpret for management results derived through both General Ledger and Cost Accounting functions. Must have the ability to evaluate financial results, appropriately relating financial performance to financial plans. Must understand the role of budgetary and analytical financial analysis in that process. Must have good mathematical aptitude and good written and verbal communication skills.
- Must be able to use normal office equipment such as a fax machine, copier, multi-line phone system, 10-key calculator, computer equipment and peripherals and postage machines. Computer software required is MS Word, MS Excel, MS Outlook, Peachtree Accounting software and Wind2 Financial Management System software with plans on going to Deltek Vision Software after the first of the year.

EDUCATION:

- A Bachelors degree (BA) in Accounting and CPA would be preferable but five to seven years related experience would alternatively offset the lack of a degree since the Company has an outside CPA as an advisor.

LICENSES/CERTIFICATION:

- CPA certification preferred

BENEFITS:

- AKT Peerless offers competitive salary and excellent benefits, including Health, Dental, Vision, Life Insurance and 401(k) with an employer match.

For immediate consideration in our Saginaw office, please e-mail resume to millerj@aktpeerless.com

Accountant (Financial Analysis)

Main Focus: To provide support to the enterprise in the area of financial reporting and analysis, budgeting and forecasting, cost accounting and all related areas.

Principal Responsibilities:

- 20% 1. Create monthly management reporting package with financial statements and supporting documentation and analysis. Prepare necessary documents for Board of Director meetings and reporting to outside partners.
- 25% 2. Assist management in the development of the annual budget and ongoing forecasts.
- 5% 3. Maintains financial reporting systems for financial reporting and budgeting.
- 10% 4. Review and analyze monthly budget variance reports and research explanations.
- 5% 5. Compiles cost accounting reports/analysis to generate cost projections in support of the Corporate Project Office.
- 10% 6. Prepares annual and quarterly premium tax filings.
- 10% 7. Compiles and prepares information for multiple tax and regulatory reporting filings.
- 10% 8. Provides finance expertise to company managers by creating and presenting ad-hoc reports and analyses.
- 5% 9. Oversees statutory financial reporting and compliance and maintenance of statutory ledger.

Summary of Benefits

- Base salary plus bonus based on salary grade.
- Health care coverage with choice of Community Blue PPO, Blue Preferred PPO, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Traditional Plan or HMO at little or no cost to you.
- Dental coverage through several carriers.
- Vision coverage through company funded plan.
- 7 sick/personal days per year. If you don't use they will be rolled over and paid to you in excess of 80 hours.
- Short-term disability at 60% of weekly base pay.
- Long-term disability at 70% of weekly base pay.
- Life insurance benefit of twice your basic yearly salary.
- Business travel accident insurance up to \$100,000.
- Pension plan that you will be vested at 5 years. 20 or more years of service receive 60% of average monthly earnings. Less than 20 years of service receive 3% for each year of service time's average monthly earnings.

- 401K plan that you can contribute up to \$13,000 per year.
- Retiree healthcare benefits if you retire as defined in pension plan.
- Employee assistance program for you and your family that includes family or marital problems, parenting concerns, alcohol or drug abuse psychological or emotional difficulties, legal or financial concerns and career concerns.
- Full relocation benefits including: full pack and move van service, temporary housing, per diem meal account, 2 paid house hunting trips for you and your spouse.
- Care accounts for both health coverage and day care needs.
- 15 paid holidays per year: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve, Holiday Shutdown (12/26-12/30 or 7/5-7/8 your choice of dates).
- Vacation schedule 1-4 years 2 weeks, 5-9 years 3 weeks, 10-19 years 4 weeks, 20 or more years 5 weeks.
- Educational reimbursement for up to 18 credits per year if course is degree and work related.

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- Fax the order form to him at Gleim
- Call him directly at (800) 874-5346, ext. 222
- Send an email to chad.murray@gleim.com

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FREE WEBINAR

Save the date! As a valued IMA Member you are invited to attend this month's FREE Inside Talk Webinar brought to you by Ajilon Finance. Space is limited. Don't miss out – IMA's webinars are highly popular and close out quickly due to the demand.

Topic: Decision Making Beyond the Numbers: Framing Findings & Results
Date: Wednesday September 10, 2008
Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, Eastern Daylight Time
Speakers: Jovi Chavez , Senior Vice President, Ajilon Finance

To register copy and paste the following URL

<https://imanetevents.webex.com/imanetevents/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=662778358> into your web browser.

Once the Event Page opens, you will need to select the Enroll button at the top of the page to access the registration form. On the form, please enter the **Promotional Code: IMA** in the required field to guarantee your spot.

****Please note that live webinars are now eligible for CMA approved CPE credits.** Members not wanting to report CPE credits may view the recording of this event from the IMA Webinar Library on the Friday following the event date. If you have questions about these events, contact Susan Bender at sbender@imanet.org.

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7th Annual IMA Michigan Fall Conference

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

Kellogg Center, Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan

"Excellence & Professionalism in Management Accounting"

Sponsored by the IMA Michigan Council and Robert Half International

8 hours of Continuing Professional Education (Including 2 hours of ethics)

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM – Reception & continental breakfast / Participant welcome

8:30 AM – 9:25 AM - "*Economic Update*" – Mr. Mitchell L. Stapley, CFA, Managing Director - Fifth Third Asset Management

9:25 AM – 10:20 AM - "*Sustainability: Economic Engine*" – Mr. Fred P. Keller, Chairman and CEO of Cascade Engineering

10:20 AM – 10:35 – Morning Break

10:35 – 12:00 PM – "*Accounting, Auditing and Tax Update*" – Mr. Scott Pertill, CPA, Partner and Mr. Martin Comden, CPA - Plante & Moran, East Lansing

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM – Lunch, Awards, and Keynote Speaker

- *Special Awards and Recognition* - Chapter awards, and other special recognitions - Mr. Robert Maddox, IMA Michigan Council President
- *Keynote luncheon speaker* - Mr. John Pollara, CMA, CFM, CPA, Chair-Emeritus of the Institute of Management Accountants - "*From Backyard Business to Public Company - The Role the Management Accountant Plays in Driving Business Performance*"

1:35 PM – 2:30 PM – "*Ethics for Accounting Professionals*" – Dr. James Lampe, PhD, CPA and Dr. Olen Greer, PhD, CMA - Missouri State University

2:30 PM – 2:45 PM – Afternoon Break

2:45 PM – 3:40 PM – "*Ethics for Accounting Professionals*" – Professors Lampe and Greer - Missouri State University (Continued)

3:40 PM – 4:30 PM – "*Avoiding Employee Lawsuits in Your Finance Operations*" – Mr. James B. Thelen, Attorney – Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC.

4:30 PM – Summary and business card exchange

REGISTRATION FORM

IMA Michigan 2008 Fall Conference

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Wednesday, October 29, 2008 - Kellogg Center - Michigan State University

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IMA MEMBER NUMBER AND CHAPTER _____

CERTIFICATION (CPA, CMA, CFM, OTHER) _____

REGISTRATION FEE:

IMA MEMBER RATE - \$110.00 “EARLY BIRD” by SEPT 30
- \$150.00 AFTER SEPT 30

NON-IMA MEMBER RATE - \$165.00 “EARLY BIRD” by SEPT 30
- \$185.00 AFTER SEPT 30

STUDENTS (WHO ARE NOT EMPLOYED FULL TIME) - \$45

Please make your check or money order payable to:

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Attn: Jim Horsch, Conference Chair
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