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

May 2018

Dear Akron IMA,

Please join your fellow IMA Members for Guest Night on May 16, 2018 at the HILTON GARDEN INN, 1307 E. MARKET ST., AKRON, OH 44305. **RSVP deadline is Friday, May 11th.**

Check In is at 5:30 pm.

Dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. sharp. Pre-Technical Session begins at 6:10 p.m. and Technical Session begins at 7:10 p.m.

Cost for Members is \$25.00. Non-members pay \$30.00.

For every Pre-Technical or Technical Session that you attend, you earn 1 CPE towards your CMA or CPA requirements.

Remember, members are always welcome at meetings. Even if you're on a diet or don't feel like eating - come to hear the speakers anyway.... there is NO charge if you are not eating!

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

Thanks!

Kelly Heil

President's Message

Hello IMA Members,

Here we are at the last meeting of the year already. Where has the time gone? We have two great speakers this month. First, Mohammad Zobair Ali, Director, Microsoft Dynamics NAV Practice at Velosio, will share with us his "ERP Implementation Methodology". Following that, Leslie Genovese, Senior Manager, Major Partners and Corporate Relationships at the Akron-Canton Foodbank, will let us know how we can help with "Filling the Meal Gap in our Community". I



know I have volunteered at the Akron-Canton Foodbank, both as an individual and as part of my company's corporate volunteering efforts, and it is a very well-run and valuable establishment. Be sure to bring a guest as our May meeting is "Guest Night".

I am happy to report that we have set a date for our second tour of Goodyear's ICM Race Tire Facility. This opportunity will be open to the first 20 people who respond. **It will be May 17, 2018 at 5:00 pm.** If we can't make 5:00 pm, they can do 5:30 pm. We will meet at Goodyear Headquarters, just down Innovation Way from the Hilton Garden Inn, where we have our dinner meetings. Please let me know ASAP if you would like to go, so I can get forms out to you and get the security all set up. The first group that went on the tour gave rave reviews.

We also have the tour of the Akron Waterways. See article further on in this newsletter. It will prove very interesting to learn more history about Akron. I have signed up to go.

We are in the process of renewing our Chapter agreement with Gleim. This is a significant discount you will want to take advantage of for sure. If anyone is thinking about purchasing the Gleim review system, check with me to be sure the agreement is in effect so you get all your discounts. Anyone needing a study buddy, we have mentor/mentee relationships available. Just let me know.

Hope to see you at this month's meeting and the upcoming events. Have a safe and relaxing summer!

Follow us on Twitter for announcements and information [@AkronChapterIMA](https://twitter.com/AkronChapterIMA).

Linda Garrison, President
Akron Chapter IMA
2017/2018

2017/2018 Meeting Schedule

Regular meetings for 2017/2018 will be:
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 7:10 p.m.

Pre-Tech Session - "ERP Implementation Methodology"

Hilton Garden Inn
May 16, 2018
6:10 P.M. (SHARP)

Mohammad Zobair Ali

Director, Microsoft Dynamics NAV Practice at Velosio

"ERP Implementation Methodology"

Mohammad Ali helps small to mid-size companies implement business software (ERP) most efficiently and effectively within their budget and allocated time. He is skilled in Business Process, Enterprise Software, Software Development, and Software Implementation. Born in Bangladesh, he moved to Kent, Ohio in 1990 for his graduate study in Physics. He also obtained a MS degree in Computer Science from Kent State University. He started his technology career as a programmer for Apple-Bangladesh before coming to Kent. After graduating from KSU he worked with a local SW development company and developed several MS windows based software until 2003. He joined the technology consulting division of Apple Growth Partners, a local Accounting firm serving north east Ohio, to implement Microsoft Dynamics NAV for small to mid-size companies. He became a Principal and a Partner of this consulting firm in 2005 and eventually his technology division was acquired by Socius (now Velosio) in 2011. Velosio is Microsoft's largest partner in USA with 300+ employees implementing all Dynamics products nationwide. Mohammad is a big fan of the Cavs, likes music, outdoor sports, and also likes to travel and eat. He also played many sports (soccer, cricket, basketball, badminton) back in Bangladesh. He became Kent State University's badminton champion in 1992 when he was a graduate student there. He is a proud father of two sons, the eldest starting college at Case Western Reserve University and the youngest starting at Jackson High School from Fall of 2018.



Technical Session - "Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank - Filling the Meal Gap in Our Community"

Hilton Garden Inn
May 16, 2018
Guest Night

Leslie R. Genovese
Senior Manager, Major Partners & Corporate Relationships, Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank

"Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank - Filling the Meal Gap in Our Community"

Leslie Genovese is currently the Senior Manager, Major Partners and Corporate Relationships for the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, Feeding America's 2012 Food Bank of the Year. The Foodbank was founded in 1982 and serves 8 counties, distributing emergency food to more than 500 member agencies who serve 263,200 clients each year. In 2016, the Foodbank distributed more than 28.8 million pounds of food throughout its network.



During her 13 year tenure at the Foodbank, fundraising revenue increased by more than 400% to \$5.8 million annually. Leslie manages all fundraising initiatives for current and prospective corporate partners in the Foodbank service area raising millions of dollars and thousands of pounds of food for those in need each year.

A native of Northeast Ohio, Leslie Genovese is a graduate of Northwest High School and earned a BS in Health Administration from Ohio University. Additionally, Leslie is a graduate of the Inaugural Leadership Stark County Spotlight Young Professionals program and a graduate of Leadership Stark County Signature Program Class 28. Mrs. Genovese is also active in the community as a member of the Health Impact Council for the United Way of Greater Stark County, Sustaining member of the Junior League of Stark County, OH, Inc., Alumni member of Torchbearers Akron, and an active member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals Northeast Ohio Chapter. Leslie resides in the Portage Lakes with her husband Jim and daughter Gia (6) and son Bryce (1).

Welcome New Members

Date Joined	Name	Employer	Sponsor
4-6-18	Kimberly Scroggum		Reinstatement from 2016 drop
4-10-18	Dr. Karin Petruska	Youngstown State U	Transfer in from KSU student chapter
4-18-18	Mohamad Khankan	YSU Student	
4-20-18	Jonathan De Lapa	UA Student	Il-Woon Kim
4-20-18	Kevin Kerka	UA Student	Il-Woon Kim
4-25-18	Khalid Yasin	YSU Student	
4-27-18	Austin James Banas	YSU Student	

Tour of Akron Waterways Renewed! Program (Sewer Projects)

The Akron Waterways Renewed! Program is taking reservations for the 2018 AWR Construction Sites Trolley Tour season. The FREE tour meets on Fridays from 1-3 PM at the Mustill Store, 57 W. North Street in Akron, where you will watch a video about the significance and history of the canal, as well as the ongoing Ohio Canal Interceptor Tunnel Work. After the video, you will board a trolley bus which will take you to a variety of storage basins and green infrastructure sites. You will also get to take pictures of "Rosie", Akron's tunnel boring machine, and underground catch basins. There is not much walking. Seven chapter members and one spouse have signed up for the tours on May 18, June 1, and/or June 29. If anyone else is interested, please contact **Ken Bechtol at 330-867-0750** or kpbechtol@neo.rr.com and advise which Fridays during May and June that you will attend.

Meonske Professional Development Conference

The 44th Annual Meonske Professional Development Conference on April 26 & 27 at KSU was an outstanding success. There were about 426 registrants for the two-day conference. From Akron chapter, we had 34 chapter members in attendance. Chapter members Jeff Bissell and Norm Meonske were speakers at the Thursday ethics concurrent session, and we had 4 chapter members on the planning committee (Jeff B., Norm, Jeff Falter, and Susan Pope). Norm was also the Program and Conference Chairman. The attendees earned 501 hours CPE for their participation, including retiree Steve Law who returned from Florida to attend the conference. What a great finish to the IMA year (fiscal year ended April 30), and now,

it's on to Indianapolis in June to pick up our awards at IMA's Annual Conference & Expo.

A New CMA In Town

Congratulations to Brandon Fedor, Manager of Corporate Finance at Cardinal Health, who earned his CMA certificate on 4-19-17.

Past Presidents in attendance at the April 18th Meeting:



Perfect Attendance

Through the April technical session meeting, 4 members have "Perfect Attendance" (7 meetings to date): Ken Bechtol, Jim Campbell, Sherri McGuiness, and Don Mullen.

The following 9 chapter members have missed 1 meeting: Shirley Calvin (September), Bob Davis (September), Bill Dreyer (March), Linda Garrison (September), Wayne Hawkins (October), Roy Howarter (September), Doreen Kuster (October), Bob Shapiro (February), and Linda Simko (February).

The following 4 chapter members have missed two meetings: Kelly Heil (January and February), Christine Niswender (February and April), Joe Richards (September and November), and Andrea Schnee (January and February).

Up to two missed meetings can be made up by obtaining and listening to tapes of the missed meetings (or by viewing the speaker's handouts if no recording is available), or by attending another chapter's meeting before the end of May. Some chapter members have already obtained the makeup materials from Roy Howarter. Don't miss the May 16 meeting to keep your Perfect Attendance record intact.

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 of employers. Here is the remaining meeting this fiscal year - May 30. Free pizza and soft drinks; see your Board leaders in action.

Board of Directors Slate for 2018-2019

Attention Akron chapter IMA members: we are now looking for a few additional Board members for the next fiscal year (Board position marked "**OPEN**" below). Note that if you serve on the Board for five years, you will qualify for reduced dues as an ELM (Emeritus Life Member) when you retire. Serving as a chapter Board member is a volunteer position that doesn't involve a huge time commitment. If interested in volunteering, please contact Linda Garrison at Linda_Garrison@goodyear.com. The following Board positions are still open:

- Chair Audit Committee - **OPEN**
- Director, PD Session - **OPEN**
- Director, Advertising - **OPEN**
- Director, Corporate & Academic Development - **OPEN**
- Director, Special Activities - **OPEN**

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

Internet Reference Page

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Akron chapter website: akron.imanet.org

IMA National website: www.imanet.org

Login : enter user name (your IMA account number)

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

Password is ima2017

Access online recording of chapter meetings:

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