



December 2006

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NAPM Meeting 1/9/07 Vernon Manor Hotel

Networking & Registration: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:00 p.m.
Dinner speaker: 6:45 p.m.
Dinner Cost: \$ 25.00

The Dinner Program

2007 Economic Outlook A Cincinnati Perspective



Dick Stevie



George Vredeveld

Dick Stevie has been General Manager, Market Analysis Department for Duke Energy Corp. since 1996. In this capacity Dick is responsible for forecasting, market research, load research, and energy efficiency program design. Dick serves as Chair of the Cincinnati USA Partnership's Economic Advisory Committee. Mr. Stevie has a BA in economics from Thomas More College, MA and Ph.D. in economics from the University of Cincinnati.

George Vredeveld is a Professor of Economics and Director of the Economics Center for Education and Research. He also heads up the Economics Research Group. George has been active in studying the economic changes in Eastern Europe. In 1991, he was a member of a task force, commissioned by the Bulgarian government that developed an economic transformation program for that country. Dr. Vredeveld has a BA from Calvin College, MA from Purdue, and a Ph.D. in economics from Indiana University.

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Please call John Wenderfer at 513-752-6440 by January 5, or E-Mail @ JWENDERF@STELIZABETH.COM to make your reservations for the dinner meeting

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Upcoming Events

Satellite Seminar: February 8, 2007
Topic: Critical Business Skills for Effective
Supply Chain Leaders

Dinner: Tuesday February 13, 2007 5:30 PM
Speaker: Tom Speh Miami University
Topic: State of Strategic Sourcing
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March 2007 **Supply Management Month**

Dinner: Tuesday, March 13, 2007 5:30 PM
Topic: Supplier Scorecarding
Roundtable Speakers:
Greg DeSimone, Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc.
Mark Thiem, Schneider Electric
Andy Jamieson, OPW Fueling Components
JOINT MEETING WITH THE APICS

Dinner: Tuesday April 10, 5:30 PM
Sponsored by [The Workbook](#)
Speaker: Bruce Boguski
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Satellite Seminar: April 19
Topic: The Business Case for Diversity in a
Social Responsibility Context

Satellite Seminar: June 7
Topic: Project Management for Supply
Professionals

DID YOU KNOW?

In an effort to educate the Cincinnati community about NAPM-Cincinnati we are reaching out to other organizations. One such effort is working with the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce where a member of our Board sits on the committee for "Chance to Meet." The "Chance to Meet" is a perfect fit because it has local purchasing professionals talk about their companies and how they buy. It is a way to glimpse purchasing practices and see how local companies work. If you would hear from a committee member we hope you will agree to speak. Check out the next meeting at the website:

<http://www.nkychamber.com/mx/hm.asp?id=home>



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As many of you know, we have partnered with UC's Applied Economics Research Institute to publish our monthly business survey. This partnership has been beneficial for both of us and increased the visibility of the report. Here is what the UC team had to say:

"The feedback received [on the survey] has been most favorable. We are especially proud that the Cincinnati Purchasing Managers' ROB is now published monthly on the ISM website. In fact, some sources external to the region have indicated our monthly report rivals that of Chicago."

**KEEP YOUR INFORMATION
UPDATED**

Please remember to keep your NAPM information up to date, as you change jobs or move. Twice a year we account to ISM our membership and if we do not receive your dues we take you off our list. To reinstate you costs us money. As a non-profit it is expensive to carry this cost so we are forced to add it to your renewal. A simple call can help us keep you active.

Give Ken an e-mail: marketeria@aol.com

Based on these results, the UC team is looking to increase the sample size of the survey. This is your opportunity to provide your perspective on Greater Cincinnati's economic health. Participants are asked to complete a brief monthly survey. If you are interested in contributing to the survey, please contact **Thomas J. Zinn**, Director of the Applied Economics Research Institute. His e-mail is Zintnj@ucmail.uc.edu



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LOUISVILLE REGIONAL BUSINESS EXPO

**March 28, 2007
Louisville, Kentucky**

ISM BALLOT



The ISM national office has mailed ballots to all ISM "Regular" members which includes proposed bylaw changes that would (# 1) eliminate the Affiliate Support Council (ASC) and (# 2) establish an Affiliate, Groups & Forum Relations "Committee". The NAPM-C Board of Directors asks you to take the time to vote on this issue. We recommend that you vote **AGAINST** this proposal. If you do not vote or if you vote yes your vote will be counted "for" the elimination of the council. The Board of Directors feels that the elimination of the council will be detrimental to the affiliates and will cause the affiliates to have less representation. We feel this is not in the best long-term interest of ALL the affiliates in the ISM organization.

Four Louisville-area professional organizations- The Purchasing Management Association of Louisville (PMAL), The Kentuckiana Project Management Institute, The American Society for Quality ASQ), and the American Production and Inventory Control Society (APICS)-have joined forces to present a unique, day-long professional development event called Regional Business Expo.

The keynote speaker is Tim Jarm, President and CEO of Jewish Hospital in Louisville, KY. Tim Jarm's presentation will focus on the business dynamics of the Healthcare industry and the strategies Jewish Hospital is employing to manage the "Perfect Storm" currently challenging the industry: the effects of costs, technological advancements, financial management issues and the perceived value of the consumer for the services received. He will discuss the business model changes required to take these elements into account without compromising service and quality. He will share how Lean Manufacturing and Six Sigma tools are being applied at Jewish Hospital to achieve this goal.

RBE 2007 will also feature 24 breakout sessions on topics including Project Management, Six Sigma, Customer Service, Career Development, Hiring, Business Intelligence, Process Mapping, Purchasing, and more! We will also have a Trade Show where attendees can learn about the latest tools and services to give your company the competitive edge

The attendance fee is \$125 and includes the keynote, breakout sessions, trade show, and lunch. RBE 2006 was a great success and we expect RBE 2007 to be an even bigger. Space is limited so register early at www.RegionalBusinessExpo.org.