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## ***Upcoming Events at a Glance***

***Wednesday, March 12*** – Professional Development and Networking Event: “New Procurement Paradigms”, Speaker: Althea Pemsel, City of Winter Park, Networking starts at 5:30 p.m., Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tony Roma’s, 8560 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

***Saturday, March 15*** – CPSM/CSM Review Training for Exam 3

***Wednesday, April 9*** –Coca-Cola Plant Tour, 9:00 am – 11:00 am, Orlando Coca-Cola Refreshments Combo Center, 2900 Mercy Dr. Orlando, FL 32808

***To Register:*** Visit [www.ism-cf.org](http://www.ism-cf.org)

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## ***The President's Corner***



### **Networking....**

Dear Members,

“The opposite of Networking is Not Working.” – *Someone Smart*

We've started to see better turnouts at the monthly Professional Development and Networking Events. New and familiar faces alike – this is a very good thing! I hope that you do too. Your network includes members of ISM Central Florida and for those that are searching for their next career step, it's important to maintain and harvest that network. Just being a member is not enough – actively participating is the key! The resources in your network can also help to guide you in your respective goals – there are years and years of experience and expertise amongst all the members! Attending the monthly meetings is a great way to expand your network, as well as learn from other Supply Chain experts.

In addition, each of you has invested in yourself by being a member of ISM Central Florida. For professional career goals, obtaining your CPSM, CSM or CPSD will enhance your ability to reach that next step. Volunteering to be a Board Member or Committee Member is also a way to obtain exposure and enhance your Leadership skills.

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Over the next few months, we will be holding Exam Reviews, calling for Volunteers, and holding Educational Sessions that will support your professional goals. We are actively posting upcoming events on our website ([www.ism-cf.org](http://www.ism-cf.org)), so be sure to visit often. And, if you didn't already know...there are even job postings on the website, plus other useful resources.

Read much more below about what has been going on within ISM-CF and what is still to come.

I look forward to seeing all of you at future events!

Cheers,

*Traci L Nichols*, C.P.M.

President

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# Networking



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## **Professional Development and Networking Event**

**Wednesday, March 12, 2014**

Networking begins at 5:30 p.m., Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.  
Tony Roma's, 8560 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32819

**“New Procurement Paradigms”**

**Speaker:** Althea Pemsel



Althea Pemsel currently serves as the Purchasing Manager for the City of Winter Park, after serving as the Procurement Officer in West Palm Beach. Until 2000, Althea worked for the City of Orlando for almost a decade.

Althea has been instrumental in advancing the public procurement and supply chain professional to be regarded as high performance and value added divisions. Althea has written white papers and given many presentations on topics like Change Management, Tactical to Strategic Procurement, and Adding Value. As an international speaker, her most recent presentation on the topic of intergenerational workforce was given in Hangzhou, China last year.

Althea's career in procurement began in Germany in the late 1980s, and she has worked in public, private and non-profit organizations and instituted cost containment measures and process improvements. The project listing of procurements range from residential and commercial developments, large IT purchases and public works and engineering projects.

Although her educational background is a combination of business and psychology, her doctorate studies focused on philosophy. Althea has received many awards and her most treasured is the Jefferson Award for Community Service.

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**Register Now at [www.ism-cf.org](http://www.ism-cf.org)**

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## April 2014 Plant Tour

### When:

Wednesday April 9, 2014  
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM EDT

### Where:

**Orlando Coca-Cola  
Refreshments Combo Center**  
2900 Mercy Dr.  
Orlando, FL 32808

Join us for a behind the scenes tour of  
**Orlando Coca-Cola Refreshments  
Combo Center.**



ISM-Central Florida invites you to attend the Plant Tour on April 9 at the Orlando Coca-Cola Refreshments Combo Center. The Coca-Cola Company is the world's largest beverage company, refreshing consumers with more than 500 sparkling and still brands. We are privileged to visit one of Cokes 900 global bottling facilities.

This exclusive tour promises to be a world-class experience you do not want to miss. Registration is open to the first 30 members to register.

Register at [www.ism-cf.org](http://www.ism-cf.org)

Hope you can join us. The tour will begin at 9:00 AM sharp. Plan on arriving at least an hour before the tour. Late arrivals will not be admitted. Registration **ends on March 31st** and is limited to 30 people, so register soon!



## Certification Exam Review

To help you successfully pass the certification exams, ISM-CF is providing review classes for Certified Professional Supply Manager (CPSM) certification exams.

The next CPSM Exam Reviews will be held on the following dates:

<b>03/15/14</b>	<b>Exam 3</b>	<b>CPSM/CSM Review</b>
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Ed Wainwright, C.P.M., APP will be instructing the classes using the ISM training materials. Ed taught ISM-CF's C.P.M. review classes from 1985 until 2006. In 2011, he attended the ISM Trainer Course and has taught numerous CPSM Review classes since. The classes provide excellent knowledge and resources to attendees.

The reviews will be held at the OUC Gardenia Facility training room located at 3800 Gardenia Ave, Orlando, FL 32839, from 8:00am to 5:00pm. The cost per review is \$50.00 for ISM-CF members, \$75 for other ISM members and \$100.00 for non-members.

Individuals taking the classes should purchase the CPSM Study Guide and the CPSM Diagnostic Exam. The materials used during the review classes are also an excellent guide for individual study after the class.

Registration is available at [www.ism-cf.org](http://www.ism-cf.org). If you have any questions, please contact Ed Wainwright at (407) 348-2489 or [ed\\_wainwright@hotmail.com](mailto:ed_wainwright@hotmail.com).

**Stay tuned for future dates.**

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## Member Spotlight

In each newsletter, we will be “spotlighting” a member. Our spotlight now shines on **Akilah Beavers**. We are excited to have Akilah as a member. Enjoy and hopefully you will learn something new about Akilah.

**Name:**

Akilah Beavers

**Place of employment and title, and/or past employment/experiences:**

ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex

**Certifications:**

Governmental Contracting and currently studying the CPSM

**Education:**

M.S. Webster University – Procurement and Acquisition Mgmt, B.S. Alabama State University – Accounting

**Hobbies/Interests:**

Reading, Volunteering with Youth

**Tell us something about yourself that no one else may know about you:**

I loved sports so much that I decided to get a M.S. in Sports Administration

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### Seeking Spotlight Candidates

*If you know of someone that would be a good “spotlight” candidate, please have them answer the following questions and email it to [Teddi444@earthlink.net](mailto:Teddi444@earthlink.net). The “spotlight” candidate can be YOU! This is an opportunity for all members to get to know their fellow members a little better, especially with the last question. We have a lot of talented and professional members.*

**SPOTLIGHT QUESTIONS:**

1. Name and Nickname
2. Place of employment and title, and/or past employment/experiences
3. Certifications
4. Education
5. Activity in Organizations/ISM
6. Hobby/Interests
7. Tell us something about yourself that no one else may know about you.