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Monthly Newsletter

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WITS at Century II Exhibition Hall October 17-19, 2017



The October 17, 2017 ISM-Wichita General Meeting will be at Century II in downtown Wichita! And, yes, that is on a Tuesday and not on our usual second Thursday of the month! This will be the opening day of WITS 2017 and we thought this would be a great venue to have our meeting at the very place where we get most of our funds for scholarships and to operate our ISM Affiliate.

Our "meeting" start time is 6 pm, but we would like to encourage you all to come earlier if you can and start our meeting by attending the WITS show! The show closes at 7 pm and we will call our ISM-Wichita meeting to order in Room 101A across the lobby from Expo Hall in the round building for dinner and have Mr. John D'Angelo - Manager of Division of Arts & Cultural Services for Century II, speaks about the workings of this facility.

Parking may be at a premium due to the WITS Show, so you may want to park in the Hyatt parking garage (at your own expense), the parking garage by Gander Mountain or at Lawrence Dumont Stadium and ride the shuttle to the show (check the WITS website for free locations).

Micca Shipman, Executive Director & Membership Chair for ISM-Wichita and on the WITS Board in charge of volunteers, is now seeking volunteers for the show. So please contact her and sign-up to help us put on the best WITS show ever!

See you at the Show and Meeting!

Gene Sharp, C.P.M .
WITS 2017 Co-Chairman & ISM-Wichita Treasurer

Member Meeting Highlight WITS - Century II Exhibition Hall

Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017

**Location: Century II Exhibition Hall
225 W. Douglas
Wichita, KS 67202**

Meeting Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**Please RSVP when you receive your
Eventbrite meeting notice by replying with
either YES or NO. Feel free to include
comments deemed necessary and they will
be forwarded to the appropriate party.**

Alternative methods of making contact:

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Members and One Guest - Free

President's Message

Greetings All!

I was very pleased to see such a great turnout at our opening meeting for the 2017-18 year. We met at the Sedgwick County Zoo for a behind-the-scenes tour of the commissary and found out how they procure, schedule, prepare, and distribute the food to the animals. We listened to stories about unique and difficult opportunities they incur during these processes. We had openings for 50 attendees and 44 attended. There were many new faces at the meeting and we enjoyed talking to some of you. We had drawings to give away some gifts, with four lucky recipients.



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Coming up this month, our meeting will be at the **WITS show** on **October 17th**, following the show. We are looking for volunteers to work the show. Please contact Micca Shipman to sign up (more information in this newsletter). This event is our **Main Fundraiser for ISM Wichita** and allows us to have these events throughout the year. Please volunteer if you can.

If you are like me, there is always something going on and we are very busy in our business and personal life. Networking is a positive thing to do and opens up many possibilities. Networking allows us to learn from others, meet new contacts/friends, reconnect with old friends, and open our minds to new things.

Our monthly meetings are a great place to network!

We hope to see you at the show and at the monthly meeting.

**Respectfully,
John C. Buche, CPSM
President ISM-Wichita 2017-2018**

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ISM–Wichita Inc. Mission Statement:

“The primary objective of ISM-Wichita is to develop the professional qualities of its members: attitudes, skills, and knowledge in the field of purchasing and supply management.”



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Save The Date of Tuesday, March 21, 2018

Seminar featuring Mr. Juan Johnson

Place: Kansas Star Casino Ballroom, 777 Kansas Star Dr., Mulvane, KS

Time: 8 am - 4 pm, doors open at 7:30 am

Seating is limited

Seminar includes continental breakfast and lunch buffet

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JUAN JOHNSON BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH



Juan Johnson is President of Diversity Leadership in Action, formerly Juan Johnson Consulting and Facilitation, LLC. Juan has been in this role since July 2006, after concluding an extraordinary 21-year career with The Coca-Cola Company.

Juan's original background is accounting and finance. He achieved certifications as both a CPA and CMA and worked for Arthur Andersen & Company before joining Coca-Cola in 1984.

In 1993, at 35 years of age, Juan was elected a full Corporate Vice President by Coke's Board of Directors, making him one of the youngest board-elected Vice Presidents in the Company's history. At the time, Juan was responsible for the Company's Investor Relations function, representing Coke before the professional investment community on Wall Street. During his tenure, Institutional Investor Magazine named Coke the most improved Investor Relations function and noted the Company for having among the best annual investor meetings.

During his career at Coke, Juan held a number of key management positions, including: Vice President and Director, Investor Relations; Vice President, Corporate Communications; Vice President and Director, Learning & Knowledge Management; Vice President & Executive Assistant, Chief Marketing Officer; Vice President and Director, Diversity Strategies; and President, Diversity Leadership Academy.

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After working extensively in highly visible areas at Coca-Cola, Juan was tapped to become the Company's first Vice President for Diversity Strategy, reporting directly to the CEO. This appointment came as Coke faced a class action racial discrimination lawsuit. Coke settled the lawsuit and in less than two years was named to Fortune Magazine's list of best companies for minorities. During Juan's tenure, Coke continued to climb on Fortune's list and numerous others, including DiversityInc.com.

In 2001, Juan partnered with the late Dr. R. Roosevelt Thomas, a pioneer in diversity consulting, to create the Diversity Leadership Academy, a leadership development program for executive level business and community leaders. After a successful launch in Atlanta, the program expanded under Juan's leadership to numerous other markets around the country. In South Carolina, Juan serves as a Senior Distinguished Fellow with the Richard W. Riley Institute at Furman University and is the chief designer and facilitator of the Riley Institute's diversity leadership programs across the state. Juan is also the designer and facilitator of the Advance Kansas diversity leadership program at Butler Community College in Wichita, Kansas. These programs bring together leaders from various sectors of society to build diversity leadership skills, forge new and lasting relationships and launch important community building initiatives. Through Juan's work in diversity leadership and community building he has facilitated sessions with hundreds of leaders across a multitude of industries, in the process building a wealth of knowledge which he applies in his consulting and facilitation practice.

Prior to joining Coca-Cola, Juan worked in a number of industries over the course of his career including Utilities, Retail, Technology and Transportation. He has served on numerous local and national boards and has been an adjunct professor of Strategic Diversity Management at Penn State University. He is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of Furman University.

In addition to his accounting certifications, Juan holds an MBA from Atlanta University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Juan also received an honorary Doctor of Humanities Degree from Furman University in 2010.



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This Month's Featured ISM Member: Ashley Gerlach, Pro-D and Academic Affairs - ISM-Wichita

October's Board Member Highlight is Ashley Gerlach.

Ashley is in her second year as the Professional Development Chair for the ISM-Wichita board. She has previously served in board positions of Secretary, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, President, and Executive Director. Ashley greatly enjoys her professional development position as it has brought to her the opportunity to fulfill a life goal and teach at the collegiate level. Via ISM-Wichita's sponsorship of the Global Procurement and Outsourcing course, DS625, Ashley was chosen to teach at Wichita State University's Graduate School where the course is offered in the Spring semesters. The 16 week course engages students in real-life experiences via the different speakers brought in each week to highlight the speaker's career, how they work or have worked in supply chain, and additionally offers a networking aspect for the students to interact with professionals in the Wichita community. In addition to teaching the course at WSU, Ashley is the local instructor for the 8 week CPSM certificate test preparatory course. The Certified Professional in Supply Management certificate is a series of 3 timed exams to test one's knowledge in supply management concepts. The preparatory course assists in learning to take the test with understanding how the questions are asked and how to determine the best answers.



Outside of her position on the ISM-Wichita Board of Directors, Ashley is in her 3rd year as SCM Project Manager at Spirit Aerosystems for the Airbus A350 program with a total of 10 years in supply chain throughout her career. She volunteers her time with Junior League of Wichita and their community projects and has done so for the past 6 years. This year, she serves Junior League of Wichita as the Holiday Galleria Event and Promotions Chair and additionally serves in a 2nd leadership placement as the Mentoring and Career Pathing Chair. When not teaching at WSU, Ashley can still be found close to campus via her advisement of the Kappa Kappa Gamma chapter that is in its 5th year on campus.

Despite her many involvements in the Wichita community, Ashley is the proud wife of 4 years to Matt Gerlach, and proud mother to their 2 children, Gracie, 3, and Gabe, 1. She states that she is only able to be involved as she is by means of the love and support of her husband and their awesome village of family members that enjoy spending time with their children when work, travels or involvements pull them away. It's a moving puzzle, but eventually the pieces all fit.



THE TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGY TO
COMPETE IN A GLOBAL MARKET

Oct. 17-19, 2017

Century II Exhibition Hall
225 W Douglas, Wichita, KS
www.witshow.org

- 23rd Biennial Show
- More Than 200 Exhibitors
- Over 4,800 Attendees

- View the newest technology!
- Face-to-face contact with decision-makers

Established in 1974, the Wichita Industrial Trade Show (WITS) has become a significant marketplace in the heartland of Mid-America for buyers, manufacturing sources, industrial material, machinery and equipment. The show offers a dual opportunity for exhibitors from all sectors of our industrial community to present their products and services and for professionals of all levels to view the exhibits.



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Calendar of Events for 2017- 2018

November 9 - [WSU Innovation Center](#)

December 14 - [Prairie Rose Chuck Wagon \(Entertainment Night\)](#)