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**Monthly Newsletter**

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**NOVEMBER 2023  
ISM-Wichita**

**Thursday, November 16, 2023**

**Dinner & Discussion: Starts at 6:00 pm**

**Tour following the Discussion**

ISM Wichita will have the pleasure of having President of Empire Management Group, LLC, Ms. Kim Patterson, lead us on a tour and she will discuss with us Empires Group's goals and future mission in Wichita.



Kim Patterson, CEO  
Empire Management Group LLC

Kim Patterson is a native of Wichita and a WSU College of Engineering Alumni.

She was inspired to be an entrepreneur at a young age, when she worked for Wichita Vending refurbishing pop and snack machines. After completing her degree in Industrial Engineering, Kim worked for Textron Aviation for 15 years. Her desire to run a business persisted.

In 2019, Kim became Vice President of Premier Food Service, formerly Wichita Vending Company.

In 2022, Kim started her own food service company - Empire Management Group. Today, Empire Management Group is a growing restaurant management company that owns multiple Little Caesars restaurants and provides Cafeteria Services to businesses in Kansas.

Please register by November 14<sup>th</sup> (see our **President's Message** regarding registration).

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# President's Message

**Hello ISM Wichita Chapter Members,**

Wow, what a busy month! Hope you are doing well. The Wichita Industrial Trade Show (WITS) is behind us now. It was a great success with record number of exhibitors from around the world and record number of attendees. I hope you were able to attend and take it all in. I want to say thank you, to all our volunteers that helped. There were times that we were very busy, we learned a few things that will be captured and documented in lessons learned to improve on next show in two years.

We are finalizing details for our next meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> with a presentation from someone that appears to be dynamic and informative. Business owner and experience in supply management.

Get registered now! Mark your calendar and plan to be there. Other details will be sent out.

Note: we are not using Eventbrite anymore for registration.

All members and non-members can register using the instructions below.

## ***Instructions to register for events:***

Members & Non-members

1. Go to [ISMworld.org](http://ISMworld.org) site, look for Meet & Connect on header, click on to see drop down.
2. Select Meetings & Event.
3. Scroll down to Upcoming events.
4. Click on Register Now.
5. Login (if member) Non-Member can register with email address & name, create a password & fill in info.
6. Select qty. and click on Proceed to checkout.
7. Verify Address and click next.
8. Verify event, time & date, click next.
9. Click on I am not a Robot & Complete Registration.



Also, we want to hear from you. What do you want to get out of your chapter and your membership?

What type of events or learning opportunities would you like to see?

Look for a survey to come your way soon and please take the time to reply.

We want to hear your thoughts and see if we are focusing and serving your needs. Have a wonderful week!

Respectfully,

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**Mission Statement of ISM-Wichita:**

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.

# ISM-WICHITA

## 2023 NOVEMBER

### GENERAL MEETING



Kim Patterson, CEO  
Empire Management Group LLC

[wichita.ismworld.org](http://wichita.ismworld.org)

**Location:** Wichita State University - John Bardo Center |  
College of Engineering 1800 Innovation Blvd, Wichita, KS 67208

**Room:** EE Lobby

**Time:** Dinner and discussion will start 6pm  
Tour following the discussion

# *Gene Sharp*

## *Emeritus Treasurer Co-Chair*

### *In Gene's own words:*

If I can remember back to the late 60's, I joined the PMA (Purchasing Management Association), which later became NAPM (National Association of Purchasing Management) and into the 21st century (wow, that really makes me seem old) where we are now as ISM-Wichita!

After studying a year and a half at WU (yes, before they added the "S") they decided to change their catalogue which would force me to start my education all over, so I went to work at Frontier Chemical as a clerk in 1959.

In '62, I joined the U.S. Army and became a construction surveyor for three years and went back to civilian status in January 1965 and went back to Vulcan Chemicals (they got bought out and changed the name) as inventory control in their storeroom/warehouse and moved to Buyer position when it opened and joined PMA.

In 1970, I went to Litwin Engineering & Construction as a Purchasing Agent of all materials needed to build refineries or chemical plants until 1983 when they terminated their procurement department and moved to Houston (that's another story for a different time).

While at Litwin I achieved my C.P.M. certification which was instrumental in landing me a job with Boeing and I became an aircraft parts Buyer!

My first experience with the NAPM Board was in 1978 when I volunteered for Pro-D Committee to award scholarships and have been on the Board ever since progressing to Pro-D Chair, 2nd VP, 1st VP, President (2 times), Executive Director (5 times), then as Treasurer, and now as Emeritus Member!

After 16 years at Boeing, I was caught in a work force reduction without having 20 years of service! A few weeks later, John Rice called and asked if I would like to become contract labor for Cessna, so for 5 1/2 years with a few interruptions that's something that worked out well. My last employer was Dakota Moon Enterprises as contract labor working with Boeing in Tulsa!

The last part of the story is the connection with the Wichita Industrial Trade Show as a Past President of NAPM/ISM and representing our organization I volunteered as Advertising Chair on the WITS Board and then became Co-Chairman in 2006 and wrapped up my ninth show a couple of weeks ago for 2023! What a ride! I think I have recruited a new WITS replacement, but that's another story! Thanks for the opportunities!





## Santa's Helpers Needed

Please consider hosting a **toy drive** for Children 1<sup>st</sup>, where **choice is dignity**.

### Seeks gifts for students:

0 to 3 years olds

Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> (ages 4 -7 years old)

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade through 5<sup>th</sup> (ages 8 - 10 years old)

6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (ages 11 - 13 years old)

### **How it works:**

- The Children1st social workers select parents who will not be able to provide gifts for their children and invite them to the Children 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Store on December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Parents receive tickets for each child (Ages 0 through 13 years old) to select two gifts.
- In the center of the room are items that would make a great second gift, like a book or used toy.
- A runner then takes the gifts to a numbered table where there is wrapping paper and supplies with a Santa Bag.
- Parents can leave with presents wrapped and ready to go in Santa bags for Christmas that they selected for their children. **It is a beautiful way to provide dignity through choice.**

### **Calendar:**

Week of November 13	White collection boxes are delivered
November 21 through December 8th	Collection drive
Week of December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Children 1 <sup>st</sup> team will pick up toys
December 14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup>	Children 1 <sup>st</sup> Christmas Store

### **Sign Up:**

Kathleen Webb

[Children1st@children1stks.org](mailto:Children1st@children1stks.org)

316-303-4083

### **P.S.**

Cash donations are welcome for us to purchase toys where we have a gap. Donate at [www.children1stks.org](http://www.children1stks.org) or request an invoice.

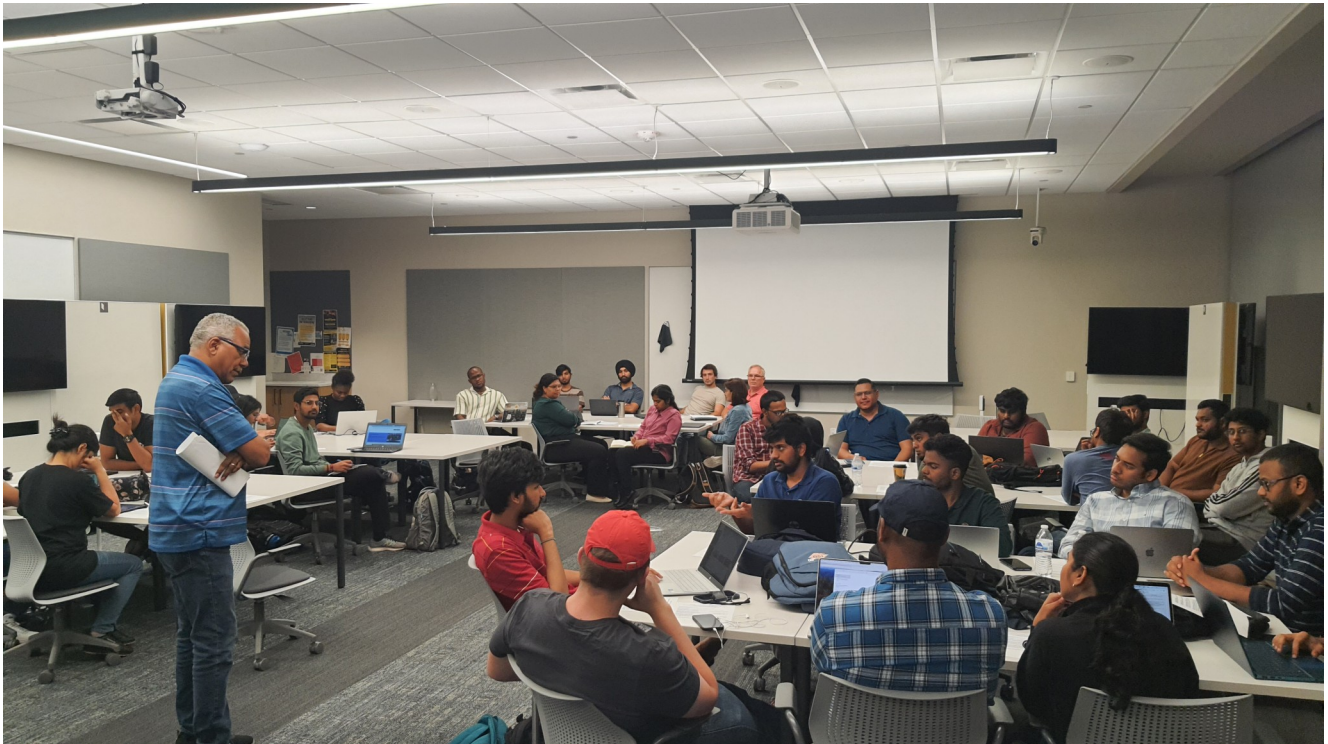


New LOCATION: This year is partnerships with Woodland United Methodist Church, the Christmas store will be held in their large gym. This will provide us more set up and clean up time.



**Last month's meeting featured lively discussions on these cutting edge topics impacting Supply Chain Management (SCM):**

**Artificial Intelligence**  
**Internet of Things**  
**Risk Management / Cybersecurity**  
**Supply Chain as a Service (SCaaS)**  
**Digital Supply Chain Twins**



**Thanks to Dr. Yildirim's students for their lively participation!**



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## Calendar of Events

December 2023 - Holiday Social Event