

## Pathways for Women in Supply Chain



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#### Visit to Motorists Insurance, October 22

Dave Kaufman, CEO, welcomed the group, talked about Motorists' role as standing by people during bad times; Motorists' role in the community and the recognition received for initiatives such as supporting Ronald McDonald House. Brad Higgins talked about his role with the company including his enjoyment of negotiation; the budgeting process; the challenges of using historical information when budgeting for uncertainties; and how Motorists' makes money. DJ Devaney talked about strategic sourcing, not only for materials but services such as information; also about how managing the supply chain contributes to Motorists' bottom line. Ralph Smithers talked about his career path and toured the group through the Enterprise Excellence space where they learned about how value stream mapping is helping to understand how to better respond to internal requests made of the IT department; the employee gym, noting importance of employee wellness; also toured "21" (the C-Suite) where he discussed the role of the Board of Directors; also the Innovation Space where he emphasized the importance of collaboration overall; also spoke of continued migration from paper to technology for serving customers and interacting corporately.



Thank you Motorists for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of sponsorship and support.

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#### **Future Events**

- November 5 – Visit to Sherwin Williams manufacturing plant
- December 3 – Open, TBD

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