

## From the President's Desk

Greetings and a very happy New Year to the Great Lakes Chapter members and families!

My name is Rajesh Sivakumar and it is indeed a great honor for me to serve you as President of our esteemed chapter for 2021.

What a year 2020 turned out to be for the whole world... we could not wait for it to be over. We have now started the New Year with hopes and wishes for it to be a healthy, happy and prosperous one for all.



There were a few things that we learned last year; how to stay strong during adversity, coming together as one big community to help one another and mainly, adapting to the new normal. As a chapter, this was evident in the way we were able to continue to deliver value to our membership.

Our flagship event, the Symposium, had a change in date and most importantly, format. Our very first Virtual Symposium was a BIG HIT, thanks to your support. We had over 400 attendees and we received a “double thumbs up” for the quality and the experience. Drawing from that success and the present state-wide restrictions, we have decided that this year’s Spring Symposium will be virtual as well. The theme is “**Delivering Value in the New Normal**”. We will certainly miss greeting and welcoming you all at the event in person, but we will not miss out on ensuring that it is yet another valuable event for all.

We also have lined up quite a few interesting and knowledgeable speakers who will satiate your hunger for wisdom at the monthly dinner meetings. Hopefully, things will be back to the “old normal” and we can meet up for a round of golf during Summer (Annual Golf outing, my personal favorite 😊), PD Day event in Fall and say cheers at one of the venues during our Happy Hour events. Keeping our fingers crossed...

Please continue to provide the same level of support you have been extending to YOUR Great Lakes Chapter and we will strive to be worthy of it! Please do not forget to renew your membership, encourage your acquaintances to join the chapter, if they are not members already and above all, do not hesitate to chip in when we need extra pairs of hands to do the heavy lifting. 😊

Stay warm, stay safe and let us stay connected!

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