

Thank you to all of the members who attended World Workplace 2009 in sunny (and hot) Orlando Florida. If you were not able to attend this year's World Workplace 2009, I am certain those in attendance would echo that you missed a **GREAT** event. Once again, IFMA presented a superb event complete with excellent educational sessions, powerful key speakers and an expo floor that is second to none. Be sure to mark your calendars now for October 27-29, 2010. World Workplace 2010 will be held in Atlanta, GA. Hope to see you all there!

Calling all FM's! Make sure you support our chapter sponsors! Without their sponsorship we would not be able to provide quality monthly programs and networking events each and every month.

Lastly, take time over this Holiday season to spend time with the ones you love, your family and friends!



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Harrisburg-Carlisle No. 5 on Forbes Fastest-Recovering Cities list!

Diversified industry and relatively stable housing give residents in these metros a measure of economic security.

Though Omaha, Neb., seems second-rate to some, Warren Buffett may have been on to something when he chose it for the headquarters of his massive [holding company](#), **Berkshire Hathaway**. According to our research, the city has hit upon a formula to weather the economic downturn better than any other in the country.

While no region has escaped the recession, in Omaha, three Texas metros, a handful of Northeastern manufacturing bases and select southern cities, diversified industry and relatively stable housing fundamentals have provided local residents with comparatively secure standards of living.

SEE ENTIRE STORY AT: <http://www.forbes.com/2009/11/19/cities-recovery-unemployment-lifestyle-real-estate-top-ten.html>

Recovery City Ranking

- 1 Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA Metro Area
- 2 San Antonio, TX Metro Area
- 3 Austin-Round Rock, TX Metro Area
- 4 Pittsburgh, PA Metro Area
- 5 Harrisburg-Carlisle, PA Metro Area
- 6 Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX Metro Area
- 7 Rochester, NY Metro Area
- 8 Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX Metro Area
- 9 Raleigh-Cary, NC Metro Area
- 10 Baton Rouge, LA Metro Area

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jack Christensen, CFM won the Engineer of the Year Award for the Pennsylvania Facilities Managers Association last at their Annual Banquet. The Engineer of the Year Award is similar to the IFMA Central PA Chapter Facility Manager of the Year Award.



Featured L to R: Robert Kleimenhagen, Jack Christensen and Diane Chamberlin, Director of Office Services.

Community Outreach – Camp Hebron

On a bright late summer Saturday morning in September, a crew of five volunteers gathered in a clearing in the woods near 12 cabins at Camp Hebron. The date was September 19, 2009 and the time was 8am. After a first look, we all said that this is an ambitious project that will likely exceed our estimated completion time of 12 noon. We had among the five volunteers, three professional electricians. Charlie Engle and Justin Page work for Cheran, Inc. Electrical. Sean Beaver is employed as an electrical supervisor at HACC. Kurt Twiford and I served as the untrained helpers. We were glad to have the talent on site, but were still apprehensive about getting the job done for Camp Hebron. The talk among the crew was that we will need to set up a time to return and complete whatever work we could not do on the planned work day. We then quickly learned that we would be short on electrical back boxes and electrical cable.

Undaunted, we began to lay out a plan and work began in earnest about 9am on the first two cabins. Kurt did the advance work to prepare the cabins for laying in the electrical lines and the remaining men split up into two crews to install a light fixture above the cabin signs that would help campers locate their bunk houses in the dark. Well, I will tell you that even though we were occasionally distracted by campers and wildlife (including the discovery of an impressive snake skin above the entrance of one of the cabins- see the picture), we soon got into our rhythm and completed the first set of six cabins by mid morning. The second set of cabins, thanks to the layout and preparation work done by Kurt, went very quickly and we finished the installations for all six cabins a little past 11:30am. Project complete....on time and on budget.



As facility managers and service providers, we know that a well thought through and executed plan of action pays off. OK, I will admit, that we did not have a well thought through plan when we first arrived, but we did have great execution once we got started. Thank you to Camp Hebron for allowing us to serve them in completing this project. Thank you as well to Charlie, Justin and Sean. A dept of gratitude has to go to Kurt Twiford for his connecting with Camp Hebron, recruiting the workers, obtaining the materials and serving as the lead volunteer on the project.

Once again, IFMA is making a big difference in our community. The ability to connect with and bring the talent on site and do the work on time and in a professional manner speaks to the value added that our chapter brings into our community. IFMA volunteers are shining bright and making a difference. Thank you IFMA.

Dave Balinski
Chair, IFMA Community Outreach



IFMA Foundation Scholarships

The Central PA Chapter of IFMA was pleased to award Mark Anderson of Brigham Young University our 2009 Scholarship. Upon graduation in April of 2010, Mark will earn his Bachelor of Facilities and Property Management degree and intends to focus on property management and real estate development. He is fascinated with financing and plans to be active in the budget and finance end of the business.

Sixty-four graduate and undergraduate students representing 26 schools applied for the scholarships, which are awarded based on merit to students pursuing degrees in facility management or a related field. The scholarships range from \$1,500 to \$5,000 per student, and the winners also receive a free trip to World Workplace. The IFMA Foundation presented \$66,000 in scholarships to 27 facility management students on October 8th in Orlando Florida. The Central PA Chapter once again raised funds through our Scholarship Golf Tournament to award a \$2,500 Scholarship. Thanks once again to all our sponsors and golfers.

Please remember that these Scholarships are awarded to students pursuing degrees in facility management OR a related field. We need more local applicants. Please be sure to inform any young professionals you may know who would fall under these categories about the scholarship opportunities.

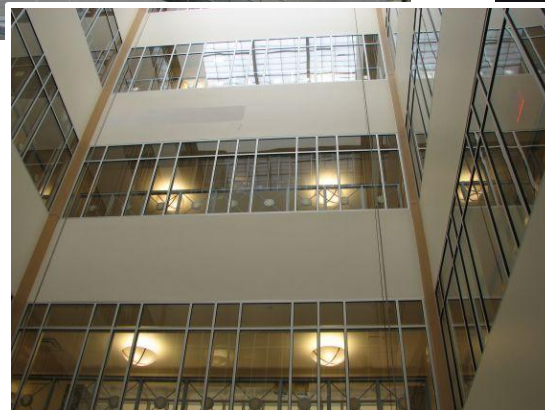
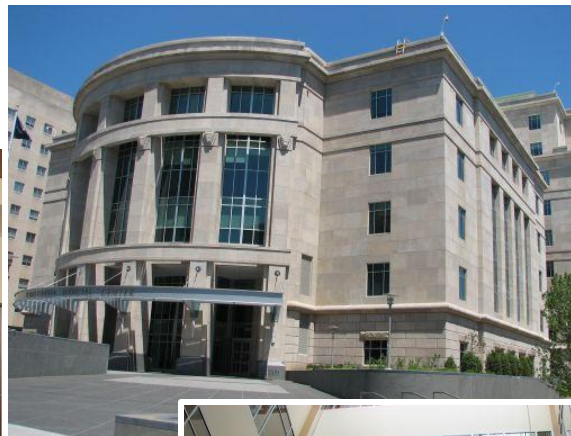


Thursday, October 8, 2009, Orlando, FL

Pat Turnbull – Foundation Chair – Michele Sinadinos, Vice President
– Mark Anderson, Scholarship Recipient

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PA Judicial Center October 21, 2009



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Calendar of Events

December 16 – Christmas Social, Sheraton East
January 20 – Will Your Generator Work?, McClure



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