

President's Prose

Welcome to Spring! Cabin fever set in pretty deep this year with all the snow we had in Central PA. Now its time to get outside and enjoy the sun! Over the last few months our Chapter has gone through some exciting changes.

First I want to take the time to congratulate our two newest CFM's. Doug Shellenberger, CFM (DPW Facilities Management) and Joseph Wojtysiak, CFM (Exec Director Facilities Mgt Department, HACC). Both attended our Chapter's CFM review course held in March and immediately went to take the test and passed. Congratulations to the both of you!

Second we have a new Chapter Secretary and a new Publicity Chairperson. Nancy O'Halloran (G.R. Sponagle & Sons, Inc.) has stepped up to fill the open Secretary position and Kelsey Fox (Warfel Construction) has volunteered to fill the open Publicity Chair position. Thank you to both of you for volunteering to support the Chapter in these much needed areas! There are many opportunities to volunteer to help sup-

port our Chapter activities. Feel free to reach out to any Board member and we will welcome any help that you can provide.

We have a lot of exciting events coming up including a tour of the Harrisburg University in May, our Annual Meeting in June, the 2010 Central PA Chapter of IFMA Golf Outing to be held in July and we will be enjoying a local baseball game in August. Make sure you watch for those email invitations and come out and enjoy professional networking at it's best!

Early bird registration for this years World Work Place is April 30, 2010. WWP 2010 will be held Atlanta, GA. October 27-29, 2010. This is always a well attended event so you will want to sign up early and reserve a Hotel as well because they fill up fast. Otherwise you will be doing a lot of walking!

See you at our next monthly Chapter Event!

Randy Groff, CFM
President, Central PA Chapter of IFMA

Sustainable FM Event



Mr. Kit Tuveson, president of Tuveson & Associates, LLC, presented "Sustainable FM - A Guide to Greening Your Facility" for the April monthly meeting. Over 40 people attended this insightful seminar, held at the PA Turnpike Commission Headquarters.



CFM Certification

The IFMA Central PA Certification Committee held its second CFM Certification class on March 11 and 12. The class covers the types of information that the test will be asking regarding the 9 competency areas, Finance, Real Estate, Technology, Operations and Maintenance, Communication, Human and Environmental



Factors, Quality Assessment and Innovation, Leadership and Management, and Planning and Project Management. The class is not designed to train a on how to be a facility manager but

is more a prep course for the test. So previous facility management experience is needed for qualification log onto the IFMA Website at www.IFMA.org for details on qualification prerequisites.

The class was hosted by Tyco Electronics on Fulling Mill Road in Middletown, who graciously provided conference room space and

allowed access to their in-house catering service; lunch was paid for by the Chapter and was included in the class price of \$25.00. This \$25.00 dollar cost is a huge discount from the usual price (\$495.00) that would be encountered if the class was taken somewhere else and is another value added benefit of Central Pa. Chapter membership! The class was attended by 5 facility professionals from the area and was taught by IFMA certified trainer Lesley Fritz, CFM. Committee Chair Jack Christensen, CFM and Chapter member Josh Millman, CFM also attended the class and shared facility and certification tips with the class.

Two class members have already tested and achieved their CFM designation with another scheduled to test soon. The Certification Committee is hoping to provide another class later in 2010; when you see it advertised, take on the challenge and enhance your professionalism! Sign up for this training opportunity to get certified. Information can be obtained from Jack Christensen, CFM at jchriste.paturnpike.com.

Newest CFM Members

Please congratulate the newest **Certified Facility Manager[®]** (CFM[®]) members of the Central PA IFMA chapter.

Mr. Charles Douglas Shellenberger, CFM
Section Chief
Department of Public Welfare
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Mr. Joseph Wojtysiak, M.S.A., CFM, CEFM
Senior Director,
Facilities Management Department
Harrisburg Area Community College

Interested in receiving the most respected global credential in facility management? Contact Jack Christensen, CFM at jchriste.paturnpike.com for more information on upcoming Certification classes.

Annual Nominations

It's time to nominate the professionals who deserve recognition by the Chapter for their work during the past year.

This year, at our Annual Meeting, we will again present **Advocate, Associate and Facility Manager of the year awards**.

Nominations for these awards will be open from April 21st through May 12th.

Please take this opportunity to say a few words about a deserving colleague and participate in the nomination process! With your help, we can again field well-qualified and deserving candidates for the ballot this year.

Please see the Web site home page for details, or contact Diana DuMond at 717-720-2130.

Sponsor Spotlight

In 1947, Lawrence E. Houck, a man of integrity and values, had a simple vision and started a small masonry contracting business. In 1980 after serving in the US Army, graduating from Penn State University and working with Houck; his son Gary L. Houck bought the company.



Under Gary's leadership, the company first expanded their capabilities to include masonry restoration services. Then in 1982 he purchased Bader &

Son Roofing and Flooring Company. Over the years, the Houck companies have been honored with numerous local and national awards in recognition to their craftsmanship; and their commitment to safety, their employees, customers, industry and community.

Better known as the **Houck Group, Inc.**, the organization consists of two subsidiaries working throughout PA, MD, VA, DC and the Mid-Atlantic region; from the Valley Forge National Arch ... to Milton Hershey's Founders Hall ... to the Canadian Embassy in Washington DC ... to The Meadowlands Arena in NJ and Beaver Stadium at Penn State University ... to Monuments in Gettysburg ... to Thomas Edison's Home in NJ ... to the Baltimore Cathedral ... to many religious, historical, educational, commercial, industrial and institutional buildings and structures.. In addition, they have performed repair work for their customers in Puerto Rico and Mexico.

Houck & Company, Inc. completes, Masonry Restoration, Concrete Rehabilitation, Caulking/ Joint Systems, Waterproofing and Protective Coatings. Their craftsmen are known for their attention to detail whether it's restoring a religious structure; a historical monument or building; or making repairs to a modern 20 story high-rise building.

Houck Services, Inc. completes roofing, roof

maintenance and Industrial Repair/Floor Systems. They complete all types resinous flooring; chemical, corrosion and traffic resistance floor systems; along with Roofing Systems that include GREEN "and" GARDEN Systems, Single-ply, Hot and Cold Build Up, Modified, Copper, Slate, Shingles, Structural and Architectural Metal. In addition, they offer Roof Preventative Maintenance Programs, including 24/7/365 routine and emergency roof repair service.

Their motto is what sets the Houck organization apart from others ... it's their commitment to Safety, Quality and Performance. They invest time and dollars in their employees; by training and education, improving installation techniques and procedures, understanding the material and work environments and ensuring customers satisfaction on every project. Their recognized Employee Safety Programs ensure that "safe work practices" are emphasized every day.

The Houck Organization recently celebrated its 60th year in business. With their focus on the future; implementing state-of-the-art technology; providing quality products and installation methods and maintaining their core values ... we should see Houck around for another 60 years.



Submit Member Spotlight

We are looking for more Chapter Member Spotlights! This is a great way to get to know our members in a fun and exciting way. Each month we will feature a different member. Simply go to our Chapter website at www.ifmacentralpa.org and click on "Member Updates" and then "Member Spotlight". Click on the "Member Spotlight Form"; answer as many questions as you can and email to ifmacpa@ifmacentralpa.org. Don't forget to send a snapshot of yourself as well.

Upcoming Events

May 19: Tour of Harrisburg University

Join us Wednesday, May 19, for lunch at the

People Place Room

of Strawberry Square.

Following lunch, we

will tour the **Harris-**

burg University camp-

us. Its new 16-story

\$73-million state-of-

the-art Academic

Center in downtown

Harrisburg was com-

pleted in 2009. Please

see the Web site at

www.ifmacentralpa.org for more details and to

register. There is no cost for members to at-

tend.



July 21: Golf Outing 2010

Mark your calendars to attend the IFMA Central PA Golf Outing, to be held at the **Blue**

Ridge Country Club in

Harrisburg. This par 72,

6,880 yard golf course is

rated as one of the best in

Central Pennsylvania, and

you won't want to miss this

great day of golfing, plus a

chance to network with other business profes-

sionals on the course and throughout lunch.

Please see the Web site for further details re-

garding the event.

October 27 - 29: World Workplace 2010

Take a trip to Atlanta for IFMA's World Work-

place, the conference and expo event you won't

want to miss! Being held at the Georgia World

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ties and the most diverse tradeshow in the

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30% discount off Full Event

Registration, if you register

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In addition to the conference and expo, you can

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Blue Ridge
COUNTRY CLUB

Current Officers and Committee Chairpersons

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