

PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Randy Groff

Welcome to a NEW YEAR! The Central PA Chapter of IFMA's fiscal year started on July 1, 2009. I would like to thank each one of the outgoing Officers for your participation with the Central PA Chapter during 2008-2009.

Our newly elected Officers are: Randy Groff – President; Michele Sinadinos – Vice President; Fred Shankweiler – Secretary; and Tom Hewitt – Treasurer (pictured below). It is with great excitement that we begin our adventure into the 2009-2010 season. We are looking forward to everything that our Chapter has planned for this year and are excited to share it with you.

Information on all activities can be viewed on the Chapter's Website at:

www.ifmacentralpa.org

World Workplace 2009 is just around the corner. WWP is IFMA's premier annual event that is second to none! This year it is held in Orlando, Florida from Oct. 7-9, 2009. From keynote speakers to exceptional educational seminars you will find that WWP is worth your while to attend. Be sure to sign up today at www.worldworkplace.org.

We look forward to seeing you in 2009 - 2010!



Thank you,
Randy Groff



Central Pennsylvania Chapter of IFMA

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HOW TO CREATE A BETTER LIGHTING ENVIRONMENT

NEMA representatives suggest the following tips for improving lighting quality in commercial applications. These do not address day lighting or exterior lighting, but rather interior electric illumination:

1. Increase visual comfort by distributing light on walls and ceilings.
2. Specify a color rendering index (CRI) rating greater than 80 when color rendering is an important issue in the application, along with "white" light sources between 3000K and 4100K in color temperature.
3. Consider lower or translucent partitions in open plan offices.
4. Choose an 80 percent or higher reflectance for ceiling finishes and a 70 percent or higher reflectance for walls and vertical partitions. For indirect lighting and daylighting, a 90 percent ceiling reflectance is preferred.
5. Use lighting systems (lamp-ballast combinations) that provide a minimum maintained efficacy of 90 lumens per watt.
6. Specify occupancy sensors wherever practical to ensure that unused lighting is shut off.
7. Consider high-efficiency fluorescent electronic ballasts.
8. Consider high-lumen "super T8" lamps in combination with low-output ballasts to reduce power or with standard or high-output ballasts and then delamp or reduce fixture count.
9. Consider lower wattage, energy saving T8 lamps (30W, 28W and 25W) with any of the high efficiency electronic ballast options for additional savings.
10. Consider low-wattage ceramic metal halide lamps as an alternative to halogen lamps, and pulse-start metal halide instead of probe-start metal halide. (New metal halide fixtures operating 150 to 500W lamps will utilize pulse-start systems to meet new federal fixture efficiency standards.)
11. Use only electronic ballasts for linear fluorescent, compact fluorescent and metal halide lamps.
12. If using incandescent or halogen lamps, control them with dimmers. Consider compact fluorescent or low-wattage metal halide instead when feasible.
13. Layer the lighting design where practical so that the general lighting system does not do the heavy lifting of task lighting.
14. Choose lamps with maximum service life to minimize maintenance.
15. Choose light fixtures that offer the highest optical efficiency. Fixture design is an often overlooked but powerful strategy for achieving energy efficiency. Select fixtures that get the light where it's needed at the greatest possible efficiency.

Making a Difference

Our Community Service Project at Water Street Ministries is now completed! We were able to construct a much needed restroom in the warehouse at their 210 S. Queen St. facility in Lancaster. The following companies donated either materials and/or labor towards this project:

Armstrong World Industries, Inc.
BELFOR
D&E Telephone
PHEAA
Four Seasons Produce, Inc.
Giant Foods
G.R. Sponaugle Service
Haller Enterprises, Inc.

A special thank you goes out to all who helped out on our work days to make this project successful!

Dave Balinski
Dave Martin (Central Facility Services)
Fred Shankweiler
Jack Christensen
Kurt Twiford
Randy Groff
Tom Hewitt

Thank you!
Randy Groff



2008 Christmas Social and Toy Drive

By Lynn DeSantis

Thank you to EVERYONE who donated items for our Christmas Toy Drive. It is becoming a new tradition for our Chapter to ask for donations at our annual Christmas Social Gathering. This year the toys were donated to the Bethesda Mission's Women and Children's Center. Attached are two thank-you notes I received from them. We offer a very unique quality to our communities which may not always be in the forefront of our initiatives. But quietly in the background, our chapter's members are donating time and goods to many non-profit organizations. We just completed the installation of a bathroom at the Water Street Mission in Lancaster, and will soon be beginning our next project at Camp Hebron. Please watch for updates on items and man hours needed to complete tasks. As always, please be sure to check our website for all updates.

BETHESDA MISSION

Just a little note to thank you for thinking of us here at the Shelter. We truly do appreciate all that you do for us. May God continue Blessing you and yours. Thank you again. The Women @ The Shelter.

Needless to say another year has passed and under our belts. Thank you Lord! The fun times are over for now and it's back to work we go! With God's help we will pull it off again next year. It was a blessing seeing the smiles and hearing laughter coming from all around us. It was hard work but it could not have come to pass without your help. So from one fired Soldier to another, thanks a bunch and continual blessings. All @ the Women's Shelter @ Bethesda Mission



GEOTRIVIA

Did you know ...

In a school energy usage study sampling 150 schools in Illinois, the 20 best performers were all geothermal retrofits of 1960 vintage buildings.

Kirk Mescher's PE
Principal of CM Engineering

2009 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held on the evening of Wednesday, June 24th at the Radisson Penn Harris. Our awards ceremony is a celebration of the dedicated volunteers and companies who continuously support our chapters needs with both time and monetary donations.



← 2009 Award Winners

Lynn DeSantis –
Associate of the Year
Robert Kleimenhagen –
Advocate of the Year
Jack Christensen –
Committee of the Year
Michele Sinadinos –
Facility Manager of the Year



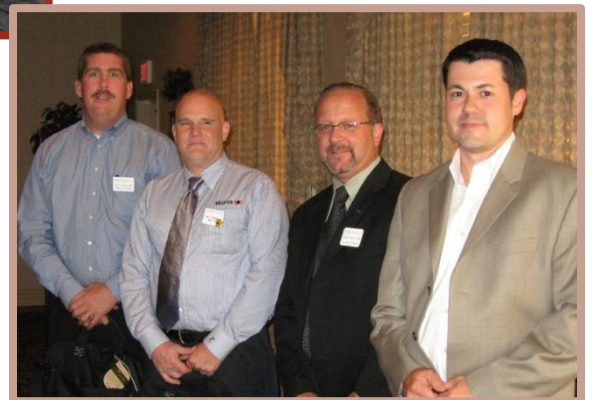
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Industry

Spotlight

We bring mechanical counsel to every job

The mechanical contracting and energy services industries touch the lives of 6.6 billion people around the world. “The two most important environments for most of us are where we live and where we work,” says Thomas F. “Chip” Brown Jr., president of McClure Company. “And both of these areas should be comfortable and safe.”

Energy consumption and energy stewardship are rarely found in the same conversation, but McClure Company, founded in 1953 and a PPL Energy Services Subsidiary, uses them fluently as they take the energy-reduction challenge to a new level. Its insider’s viewpoint — from inside a building’s structure, inside the construction process and physically inside the energy unit — affords the company a unique opportunity to influence a business’s profitability and productivity. If building systems are malfunctioning, low-functioning or energy inefficient, the bottom line is always affected.

When hospitals, schools or office buildings allow valuable energy to escape, productivity and profitability decline. Regardless of a facility’s size or complex energy requirements, McClure Company has the talent, curiosity and 56-year track record in delivering measurable, energy saving solutions.

Headquartered in Harrisburg, and with offices in Wilkes-Barre, State College and Williamsport, the company’s influence is felt in 100-year-old churches, as well as highly specialized data centers and full-service health care facilities. “We crave the thinking jobs, because we know we can resolve even the most complex problems,” says Dan Kerr, director of energy services and recognized as a lead innovator. “What other firms see as engineering obstacles, we see as opportunities to show our pioneering spirit.”

McClure embraces every job as an industry case study — to be executed, studied, measured and learned as a team. Even a retrofit or a modification of an existing office affords exciting challenges: how to engineer and configure an HVAC system that reduces energy, how to install a geothermal unit beneath a building that will deliver decades of bottom-line savings and when to pursue the environmental advantages of a biomass using switch grasses to maximize energy alternatives.

At first glance, a tour through the inner recesses of a Midtown Harrisburg building may not seem exciting, but that’s counterintuitive to the McClure mindset. This is where the McClure pioneering spirit and mechanical curiosity are explored. “Education is expensive, and because we are in many cases designing, building and servicing the mechanical systems, we are well positioned to learn from each project. That cumulative track record provides the confidence to innovate mechanically. Our confidence is in our knowledge base, because we know we can make it work,” says Brown.

McClure’s talent is exhibited in many areas, including design/build services, ESCO services, industrial, commercial/institutional and state and federal government facilities.

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Calendar of Events

September 10 – IFMA Annual Membership Event
Penn National Race Course

October 7-9 – IFMA World Workplace



October 21 – Tour of PA Judicial Center

November 18 – Janitorial Benchmarking

December 16 – Christmas Social

Current Officers and Committee Members

Officers:

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