

CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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CHAPTER PRES SPEAKS TO VOLUNTEERISM

What is one of the best uses of your time? It has to be one where the return on the investment significantly exceeds the value of the investment. Most IFMA chapter volunteers, in fact any association's volunteers, will tell you they always get more out of their IFMA work than they put into it. Through volunteering at the chapter level members network with professionals and associates and become better at managing facilities, or better at marketing, or better at sales. The volunteering pays dividends for them.

I do what I do for IFMA because I love it. Back in the mid-80's when I learned about IFMA I knew that this organization was the one to put maintenance, operations, planning, design, construction, real estate, and built

environment responsibilities on the corporate map by calling it Facility Management. IFMA has raised the built environment bar by recognizing that we are in a management profession, facility management. The contributions of the member volunteers and the staff have made it what it is today. The leading FM organization in the world.

We need members to volunteer for all our committees. The Chapter Secretary position needs to be filled beginning in July.

Contact any board member to participate. Our e-mail addresses and telephone numbers are on the website. There is not a better time to start volunteering for the Chapter then now.

My career is in the sunset stage and many times I wonder why I am active in the



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Chapter Highlights:

- Chapter elections –vote!
- Annual recognition awards –now accepting nominations
- Architectural Testing in York in May
- Ergonomic Professional Development Event coming in September

CHAPTER AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Each year in June, the chapter has an awards or recognition luncheon. At this time, the chapter recognizes and presents awards to its top members. These categories are 'FM of the Year', 'Advocate of the Year' and 'Associate of the Year'. The award recipients receive not

only the recognition of their peers but also take home cash prizes. We will send the 'FM of the Year', award winner to San Diego for World Workplace! We are ask-



ing the membership to nominate a fellow IFMA member and tell us why they deserve the award. This part of the nominating process will be web based and start in March and remain open through April 30, 2006. Once the

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WHY IFMA?

If you're involved in any aspect of the built environment - planning, designing, purchasing, managing, or providing workplace-related products and services - then IFMA exists for you.

Top Five Reasons to become an IFMA member:

1. Representation Supporting 18,000+ members throughout 50 countries, IFMA is recognized as the leading authority on facility management.

2. Networking. IFMA supports the most connected community of facility managers and associates in the industry, and our community grows stronger with each year.

3. Professional Development. IFMA's Professional Development Seminars and "hot topic" courses help you acquire valuable tools and techniques, gain insight into the complexities of FM and learn strategies for increasing on-the-job effectiveness.



4. Professional Certification. IFMA's Certified Facility Manager (CFM) program promotes professional excellence, establishes global standards for professional practice, promotes the

added value of the FM and helps to influence the future direction of facility operations worldwide.

5. Member Resources. At no extra cost or at significantly reduced rates, IFMA provides its members with a wealth of educational, career enhancement and personal development resources.

Top Five Reasons to become a member of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter:

1. Local networking with professional peers Our Chapter adds special value to your membership experience. A unique forum for FM professionals to network locally with their peers, our chapter provides many avenues for professional and personal development through monthly meetings, educational courses, social functions and facility tours.

2. Chapter-specific member resources In addition to information and tools available through your IFMA membership, we offer resources specific to our local interests. Central PA maintains our own Web site, publishes newsletters

and a local membership directory. Chapter resources are important to your career growth, industry knowledge and networking.

3. Best practice sharing with local peers Through the Chapter's Web site, meetings and events, you have the opportunity to talk with peers about workplace challenges and pose industry-related questions, receiving timely answers. Chapters bring IFMA resources directly to you, making your membership experience more personal.

4. Local professional development programs Central PA sponsors IFMA educational seminars and present "hot topic" speakers to members. We have also organized a certification study groups designed for members planning to take IFMA's CFM exam. Peer support and knowledge sharing contribute to enhancing your professional development.

5. Leadership opportunities. Committees and leadership positions allow members to contribute in areas such as program and event planning, marketing, Web development and member recruitment. As a source of personal development, participation as a chapter leader or organizer is highly rewarding. Chapter involvement is a source of pride, accomplishment and honor.

Submitted by Lynn DeSantis

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Chapter? You people are terrific, great to work with and sources for me of knowledge and wisdom. Why do I serve as an officer? Clearly this January was a defining moment for me. Dave Balinski you know did a superb job of organizing our Christmas season work project at the Bethesda Mission. Over 20 members

and friends worked that December Saturday and several other days to complete the work. In January I received a letter from the Bethesda Mission which of course thanked us for our work, more important it stated the following regarding their residents, "for many, this is the first time in his or her life that someone has done something [for them]out of love, not ex-

pecting something in return." That's a powerful message. And our chapter volunteers delivered it. That's how and why I get more out of IFMA then I ever put in it.

By volunteering, you will too, "I guarantee it."

Submitted by Charlie Claar

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES 2006 PROJECTS

The Central Pennsylvania Chapter has an active Community Outreach committee and they have announced their 2006 projects. Last year, our chapter participated in three facility related projects including work at the Tri-County Association for the Blind, York YWCA and the Bethesda Mission. This year's projects are to include:



Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Headquarters- interior space planning, carpet replacement and repairs

Children's Home of York- drywall repairs, painting and landscaping
Bethesda Mission- painting, floor covering and other repairs.

We plan to complete the first project with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society by June 2006 and

then work with the Children's Home between June and September of this year. Our year end event with Be-

thesda Mission will likely occur as a work day within the first week of December, 2006.

We will assign team captains for each project and then recruit members who would be willing to donate time, resources and materials for these projects. Please contact our Community Outreach chairman, David Balinski by sending an email to dbalinski@crossgatesinc.com if you are interesting in helping with any of these projects.

Submitted by David Balinski

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'write-in polls' close on April 30, the nominating committee will confirm the information submitted and interview the candidates writing up brief yet detailed bios. These candidates will then be presented back to the membership via the website for final voting. All votes

must be submitted by May 26.

Please take a moment review each category description and submit your candidate. You may provide examples of why you think this person should win now or someone will contact you if your candidate makes it to the top three.

Thank you! Your input is extremely valuable to the chapter.

If you have any questions please contact L. Michele Sinadinios, CFM.
Email: msnadinios@tycoelectronics.com

Submitted by Michele Sinadinios

JULY GOLF OUTING AT VALLEY GREEN

**July 19, 2006
at the**

Valley Green Golf Course
1227 Valley Green Road
Etters, PA 17319
717-938-4200

www.valleygreengolfcourse.com

Time:

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Registration /
Lunch / Range Balls Included
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Shotgun Start /
Golf
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Social and Dinner

Cost:

\$85 per person includes golf, cart, commemorative gift, lunch voucher, dinner, prizes and awards
\$150 Recognition Sponsor, name listed on hole sponsorship signs
\$480 Team Package, foursome plus sponsorship (a \$10 savings!)
\$30 per person, Dinner Only

Make Checks payable to: IFMA - Central PA Chapter and mail to:

IFMA Golf Outing 2006
c/o Tom Hewitt
232 Green Lane Drive
Camp Hill, PA 17011

***Register today! This event fills up fast.
Don't miss it!***

Special added Savings !

Register for golf or a sponsorship online and mail a check before June 14th and receive an additional \$5 discount!

Proceeds from the Tournament will benefit the IFMA scholarship funds for the Central Pennsylvania Chapter – please support the future of our profession.

PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!

In addition to the longest drive, closest to the pin and 2 longest putt contests, we will also be contending for the "pot of gold". Also, taking into account the variety of handicaps, this year's event will again provide prizes to the winning team from three flights. Sorting by final scores and dividing the field into thirds will determine the flights. The lowest team score for each flight will be the winner and will receive fabulous prizes!



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MORE STUFF TO KNOW...



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Charlie Veas
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Steve Williams
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Becky Riley
Compleat Restorations

Roy Garland
Gettle, Inc.

Charles Nguyen,
Milton Hershey School

Mark your calendar....



Monthly Programs & Events

- 5/3 Board meeting
- 5/17 Architectural Testing at York
- 5/16-5/19 Spring Symposium
- 6/7 Board meeting
- 6/21 Annual chapter meeting
- 7/19 Golf Outing
- 8/16 Senator's Game



CFM Study Course Underway!

Training Coordinator: Lesley Fritz
Training Location: 2801 Fulling Mill Road, Harrisburg, PA - Conference Room # 1
Phone: 717-773-2191 (Lesley's cell)

Date/Time: Every other Thursday from Noon - 1:00 - BYOL (Bring your own lunch)

CFM Training Schedule (Every other Thursday):

- *April 20th - Introductions (Lesley - 15-20 min) & Project Management (Tom Hewitt-1 hour) will start at 11:30 a.m.
- May 4th - Leadership & Management (David Balinski)
- May 16th - Real Estate (Brian Wickenheiser)
- June 1st - Finance (Bob Engle)
- June 15th - Quality Assessment & Innovation (TBD)
- *June 29th - Operations & Maintenance (Jeff Overbey - guest from North Carolina-2 hours)
- *July 13th - Communication/Human & Environmental Factors (Lesley - TBD)
- July 27th - Technology (Doug Snell)
- August 10th - Mock Test and Discussion (Lesley Fritz/Michele Sinadinos)

*Note - Please plan on these sessions taking longer.

This will give everyone plenty of time to take the CFM course prior to WWP - San Diego so that you can gain maintenance points for the conference.

Enrollment now closed. Please contact Lesley Fritz, CFM for cancellations or future classes.

Did you know

Josh Millman and Garry Brinton active chapter members will be presenting at WWP 2006?

The title of their presentation is "International Building Code 2006 Edition: How it will affect Facility Management."

See you in San Diego!

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