

Central Pennsylvania Chapter



January - March 2008

A Message from our Central PA Chapter President, Lynn DeSantis

Recognizing the importance of professional development in the Facility Management field, the Central Pennsylvania Chapter made a donation on March 12th to the IFMA Foundation. The Foundation has launched a new Recognized Degree Programs (RDP) initiative and the Board voted at the February Board meeting to contribute \$2,500. Our Chapter has long supported the education and development of facility professionals and strives to support the continued education of all facility related professions. Please don't forget to mark your calendars for our annual Golf Tournament on July 16th. All proceeds go towards our scholarship program.

A LOOK AHEAD...

Professional Development: Continuing in our tradition of offering educational opportunities to our membership, we will be hosting another CFM Exam Review Course in the late spring. The chapter will be bringing a certified trainer in to the Harrisburg area to conduct a two-day seminar for all interested members.

Financial Strength: Through our membership dues, enhanced sponsorship program and program fees from non-members, we'll be enabled to maintain our financial independence and contribute positively to the community and our membership.

Chapter Communication: The launch of our new website is your access to facility management services, resources and opportunities.

Volunteer Recognition: Our Community Outreach Committee is in the process of organizing two work projects with one more scheduled for later in the fall. Be sure to watch the website and check emails. Volunteers and donations will be needed for each of these unique projects.

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Central Pennsylvania Chapter of IFMA Save The Date For the 2008 Annual Meeting

Date: June 18, 2008
Where: HACC Midtown Campus
Time: 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Surprise Special Guest

**More to information to follow
Watch the website for details**

**NEW SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM FOR 2008/2009
“DESIGNATE YOUR DOLLARS”**

The Central Pennsylvania Chapter is proud to introduce the New Sponsorship Program.

There are now 5 different levels of Sponsorship available with the ability to
‘DESIGNATE YOUR DOLLARS’

To any of the programs or committees you desire for this upcoming fiscal year!!
(The Chapters Fiscal Year runs July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009)

(The Annual Golf Tournament is a separate Sponsorship and IS NOT part of the Designate
Your Dollars Sponsor Program)

There are many benefits to becoming a Sponsor of our Central PA Chapter of IFMA and they are spelled out in the Program details. However, the greatest benefit to becoming a Sponsor is that you help our Central PA Chapter to continue to grow and prosper!

<http://www.ifmacentralpa.org/sponsorship/sponsorship.htm>

Please consider becoming a 2008/2009 Sponsor of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of IFMA

**IFMA SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM
2008-2009**

“DESIGNATE YOUR DOLLARS CAMPAIGN”

The Central PA Chapter of IFMA’s mission is to provide value to its membership. As we seek to provide benefits to our Chapter, we rely on the generosity of our members and their companies for sponsorship. In the past, many of you have been very generous in your support of our Chapter. This generosity has allowed our Chapter to grow and strengthen and we greatly appreciate those efforts.

The Sponsor Program for 2008-2009 will allow you, the member, to “Designate Your Dollars” by selecting which committee(s) you want your sponsorship investment to benefit. You are now able to assign a dollar amount to that committee as well. In return for your sponsorship, we will provide you with the following:

Benefits	Capitol	Senate	House	Chief of Staff	Page
	\$2000	\$1000	\$500	\$250	\$100
Quarterly Newsletter Recognition	X	X	X	X	X
IFMA Jacket	X	X	X		
Company logo on Chapter website with Company link	X	X	X		
Company logo on Chapter website without Company link				X	X
Guest Passes for regular meetings	10	7	5	3	1
Annual Award Banquet ticket	2	1	1	1	
Recognition by President at meeting	X	X			
Company logo displayed in electronic Monthly Meeting announcements	X	X			
Provide industry “spotlight” in (1) newsletter	X				
Receive advance copy of Chapter event sign-up list	X				

The Chapter has already received five Sponsors for the 2008/2009 Fiscal Year!



News from the Certification Committee
Co-Chairs - Jack Christensen, CFM & Robert Kleimenhagen, Jr., CFM

Are you interested in participating in the next CFM Exam Review Course?

The Certification Committee has been working diligently with IFMA Headquarters to learn more about the new exam and to develop an approved CFM Exam Review Course. In keeping with IFMA's goal of ensuring that the Certified Facility Manager certification is globally recognized as the most reliable standard for distinguishing the achievements of facility management, and in order to maintain its relevance to the practices of today's facility manager, the CFM Exam was updated in July 2007.

It has determined that an approved IFMA CFM Exam Review Course Trainer must be used to proctor all courses. The Committee has reached out to several approved Trainers to determine availability over the next few months and the Chapter is committed to providing this course to our membership.

If you are interested in participating in the CFM Exam Review Course, please contact either Jack Christensen, CFM at 717-787-0466 jchristens@state.pa.us or Robert Kleimenhagen, Jr., CFM at 717-787-7002 rkleimenha@state.pa.us by April 30, 2008.

**The Central Pennsylvania Chapter of IFMA
Welcomes the 1st Quarter New Members**

Bobbie Van Buskirk, Vice President
Powers & Associates

Nancy Ohalloran
G R Sponaugle Service Company

Larry E. Buchanan
Chief Real Estate Unit
DPW/Division of Facilities & Property

Bruce A. Pasker
Director, Division of Facilities & Property Management
Department of Public Welfare
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Joel A. Gerace
Acquisitions Leader - Harrisburg
The Trane Company

Charles Douglas Shellenberger
Facilities Maintenance Manager II
Department of Public Welfare
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Richard H. German, Account Executive
Fibertech Communications

Perry P. Heath
Director of Business Development
RS Mowery & Sons, Inc.

Janet Anne Knesis-Keller
Administrator Facilities
American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees

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Why So GREEN???

Beginning with this newsletter and continuing throughout 2008, the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of IFMA will feature this *Why So Green* section to highlight topics and discussions on going green talk, what “green” means and why is it so important to be “green conscious”. It is intended to build on the idea that “*Going Green*” can produce advantages in multiple areas within a facility and how it has an overall positive impact on energy, employee working conditions and so much more. To uncover the remarkable benefits received just by attempting to “GO Green” and what steps can be taken to begin such a journey.

Over the next several newsletters we’ll cover topics on individual ways to contribute to a “Greener Facilities” all the way through multiple million dollar projects covering energy conservation measures. We’ll post interview results from local Chapter Members on successful projects conducted in house and discuss measurable results received from implementing “Going Green Projects”. From Private Industry to Public Service, we’ll scan the Central Pennsylvania Region and bring up-to-date progress on this very exciting, very important topic of “WHY SO GREEN”.

Hold on tight; here we go...

Going Green, can start with a simple change in how we dispose of our waste, choosing to recycle or even turning out a light when not in use. All of these choices affect major environmental factors. For example, turning on a light or even printing a single sheet of paper contributes to deforestation and even global warming. However, simple workplace activities like these have impacts that are not visible to us and that may extend beyond our life times. Whether we are aware of them or not, the choices that we make in buying products, how we use them, and how we get rid of them, have environmental impacts that are often negative.

Global warming is one example. Global warming occurs when extra carbon dioxide and other “greenhouse gases” move into the atmosphere and Earth’s temperatures go up as a result. Carbon dioxide is found in green plants, especially trees, and in fossil fuels, like coal, oil, and gas. Although Earth’s temperatures change naturally, activities like cutting down trees for paper and wood and burning fossil fuels for energy intensify and quicken the process. So, the more fossil fuel energy we use and the more paper products we buy, the more we contribute to global warming. More information on this can be found through the Governor's Green Government Council at www.gggc.state.pa.us.

Just the idea that a simple gesture like turning on a single light can have such an impact on our environment is eye opening. It gives an overwhelming realization of how turning on the lights of a multiple story building using hundreds of watts of electricity each day is doing to our environment.

Each conservation step, no matter how small, can have a very large impact on our tomorrow.

“Why So Green” you ask....

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The annual conference and exposition of the International Facility Management Association (IFMA), World Workplace encompasses the vast educational and networking opportunities available through the Association year-round. IFMA's knowledge and resources are consolidated into a three-day, world-class gathering of facility professionals, educators, students and companies for the continued advancement of the profession.

IFMA designed World Workplace as a collaborative forum for facility managers and those in related fields to discuss, evaluate, share and grow, both personally and professionally. The World Workplace experience includes a conference focused entirely on education and a unique tradeshow that incorporates product demonstration and instruction.

World Workplace draws attendees from all over the world and from a variety of workplace-related industries, including technology, engineering, architecture, design, security, real estate and facility management. Attendees are able to experience the best of what IFMA has to offer in one location.

The enduring success of this event is based both on IFMA's reputation as the ultimate resource for facility management and the variety of industries represented in the educational sessions and on the Expo floor. IFMA partners with other highly respected organizations in order to bring attendees the most well-rounded educational experience available.

The **You**niversal Facility Management Experience

IFMA's World Workplace Conference & Expo represents a multi-national, multi-disciplined discussion on the built environment, addressing challenges universal to the facility management profession in order to help you find the best solutions for your workplace.

It's about broadening your perspective of the total facility. It's about sharing experiences and best practices with a supportive community of professionals. It's about taking ownership of the facilities you manage and adding value to your position. It's all about **you**, and it's brought to you by the leading authority on facility management.

Visit: www.ifma.org for more details...

Thank you Chapter Sponsors!



Calendar of Events

Mark your calendars!
Check Website for Details

April 8, 2008

AFE Fifth Energy Conservation Forum

April 16, 2008

Chapter Monthly Program - [Design Build](#)

May 21, 2008

Chapter Monthly Program -
[Thermography in Preventive Maintenance](#)

June 18, 2008

Annual Meeting

2nd Quarter Board of Directors Meeting(s):

May 1, 2008 - Tyco

June 5, 2008 - Tyco

July 10, 2008 - Tyco

Current Officers and Committee Members

Officers:

President - Lynn DeSantis

Vice-President - Randy Groff, CFM

Treasurer - Robert L. Engle

Secretary - Michele Sinadinos, CFM

Committee Members:

Chapter Past President - Charlie Claar, CFM, CFMJ, PE

Associates Committee - Fred Shankweiler

Membership Committee Chair- Curt Twilford

Certification Committee Co-Chair - Jack Christensen, CFM

Certification Committee Co-Chair - Robert Kleimenhagen, Jr., CFM

Professional Development /Program Committee Chair - Thomas A. Hewitt, CFM

Strategic Planning & Past President - Douglas W. Snell, Sr. CFM, CFMJ

Publicity Committee Chair - Danelle Watson

Community Outreach Chair - David Balinski, CFM

Sponsorship and Awards Co-Chair - Michele Kuhn

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Contact information is available on the Chapter Website at

<http://www.ifmacentralpa.org/>

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