

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

What is IFMA Doing for Me?

Do you ever ask that question? Maybe you keep up with what's going on at the national level by reading the journal, going to the website, reading the e-mails, etc. But I can tell you that I don't often have the luxury of enough time to do that.

So here's a brief update. And it really is brief, and not all-inclusive. And some things mean more to one person than another, so I may not hit your hot button with my update. But here goes...

Advancing the Profession. This is one that at one time I didn't think was a very big deal. I've changed my mind. When I started as an FM in 1986, FM's were not FM's. We had different titles (as we do now), and we knew what we knew because we'd learned it on the job. IFMA was a few years old, but was not strong, at least where I lived. IFMA has and continues to educate the business world on the importance of a well-run facility, not only to keep the boilers stoked and the production line running, but to recruit and retain employees. The recognition of FM as a profession has increased prestige—and salaries. The advancement of the notion of certification and that we should actually have educational opportunities and networking has been extremely beneficial to all of us. The Profession of FM is becoming more recognized, and more businesses are now requiring certification for the professionals they hire.

Education. On a national level, many courses are offered to promote certification AND to provide the opportunity for us to acquire better financial and management skills. On a local level, the Chapter offers monthly educational opportunities. Yes, we have educational programs. But if you have attended a KC IFMA Tour, you know that seeing, touching and feeling another facility provides a wealth of knowledge. And if you've participated in a happy hour or "fun" event, you'll know how nice it is to talk with your peers and share your problem solving, brilliant ideas, and your woes.

My column is filling up and I haven't even hit on things like the IFMA Insider and IFMA WIRE we receive by e-mail every week or so. Or the JOBnet. Or the more in-depth FM Journal. Or the scholarships offered by the Foundation, Or the research papers. And how about the salary survey. I have personal experience with the benefits of THAT survey. After receiving my CFM, I provided my employer with a copy of the survey and received a salary increase in the five figures.

Anyway, I hope you value your membership. IFMA really IS working for you.

Betty Klein
Chapter President
IFMA, Kansas City

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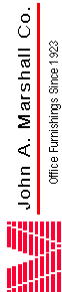
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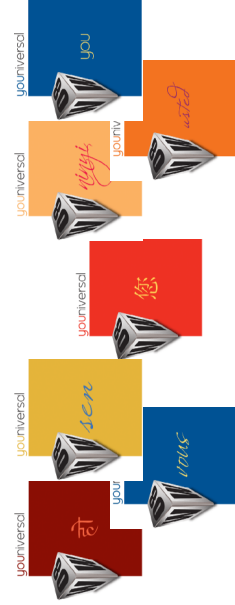


The Kansas City Chapter Scholarship endowed through the IFMA Foundation was presented to David Cutler, a student enrolled in the FM program at Brigham Young University, at World Workplace 2007 in New Orleans. In addition to receiving a scholarship, David received the trip to Worldplace and his registration, and attended the valuable FM related sessions offered there. The opportunity attend World Workplace also affords recipients the opportunity to network and make vital contacts with professionals in the industry.

IFMA's Spring Symposium Phoenix, Arizona

- The Business of FM Course May 13-16
- Competency Courses:
 - Human and Environmental Factors May 13-14
 - Finance May 13-14
 - Planning and Project Management May 13-14
 - Operations and Maintenance May 15-16
 - Leadership and Management May 15-16
 - CFM Exam Review May 15-16

Mark Your Calendars for World Workplace 2008 Dallas, Texas, October 15-17



2008 Coming Events

Program Meetings

1/15/08

Building Security

Jewish Community Campus

11:30—1:00

2/19/08

What Keeps You Up At Night

Jewish Community Campus

11:30—1:00

3/18/08

Tour—Tentative

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Newest Members

Mike Coleman
Blast - It - Clean

David Conradt
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State of Kansas

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- Distinguish Yourself
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- Demonstrate Your Leadership & Initiative
- Advance Your Profession
- Enhance Your Professional Network



Did you know that **Certified Facility Managers (CFMs)** now earn an average of **18% more** than noncertified professionals, an increase of **5%** since 2003?

Chapter Membership

WELCOME to all the members who have joined KC IFMA in the last year, as well as all of you renew your membership year after year. We appreciate you.

Chapter Membership January 2007 — 225.
Chapter Membership November 2007 — 246.

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www.kcifma.com