

KANSAS CITY CHAPTER
IFMA



December 2008 Newsletter

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Chapter Members,

NEW RSVP POLICY: Program Meeting RSVPs due Friday at noon and all late RSVPs will not include lunch.

Thank you all for your attendance at our monthly meetings! The last one was a real "best seller"!!

One issue has been recurring at our meetings in the last year or so... RSVP's have not been received in time for the catering order to be placed with accuracy. At the last program, we ran out of food before all were served. Thirteen people RSVP'd after noon on Friday (which was "on time", but after when we had to submit our food order), and another 10 or 12 did not RSVP at all. The caterers will usually provide about a 5-10% overage, but when you start with 50 people, and end up with 75, that's a HUGE difference (50% overage by my grade school math). As a result, the Board made the difficult decision to change the RSVP policy.

Beginning with the February program meeting, we will move the RSVP time to noon on Friday before the meeting. For special events, like the Holiday Party, please check the invitation and/or website for when reservations are due. The web page will not accept reservations beyond the cut-off time. A message will be displayed thanking the respondent for their interest and encouraging their attendance as a "pay at the door", but advising that the catering order has been placed and food will not be available to them.

In addition, those who RSVP but do not attend will be billed/charged for the meeting, since the RSVP is actually a commitment to the chapter to purchase lunch. And lastly, those who do not RSVP at all but come and pay at the door will be asked not to partake of the food.

As a footnote, if you have a pay pack, you must still RSVP before the cutoff in order to be counted for lunch.

I understand that these terms may seem harsh to some of you, but consider the one(s) who RSVP'd and paid in the last few months, arrived on time, and still found the lunch table bare.

Thanks,

Betty Klein, CFM, CFMJ
Chapter President
Kansas Chapter, IFMA

KCIFMA UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event Name	Location
12.16	5:30 - 8:30 PM	2008 Annual Holiday Party	Raglan Road Irish Pub & Restaurant 170 East 14th Street, Kansas City, Missouri
01.13-14	2 Day	Finance Competency Course	IFMA Headquarters 1 E. Greenway Plaza, Suite 1100, Houston, Texas
01.20	11:30 - 1:00 PM	Monthly Meeting - Crisis Communications	Jewish Community Campus 5801 W 115th St, Overland Park, Kansas
01.20-21	2 Day	Sustainable FM: A Practitioner's Guide to Greening Your Facility *Pilot Course Special Pricing*	IFMA Headquarters 1 E. Greenway Plaza, Suite 1100, Houston, Texas
02.12-13	2 Day	Operations and Maintenance Competency Course	IFMA Headquarters 1 E. Greenway Plaza, Suite 1100, Houston, Texas
02.23-25	3 Day	IFMA's FM-3D 2009	The U.S. Grant Hotel San Diego, California
02.27-28	8:00 - 5:00 PM	2 Day CFM Exam Review Course	NBRC/AMP Corporate Headquarters 18000 W 105th St, Olathe, Kansas
		Webinar	
		Monthly Program Meeting	IFMA Education Program
			Other Event



*Let's Celebrate!!
Kansas City IFMA
2008 Holiday Party
A chance to get together and socialize without a
formal program.
Great Food, Drinks, Live Music, Photos, Prizes, Toys
For Tots and Fun!!!*

Tuesday, December 16th, 2008
5:30 - 8:30 pm
(Festive Business Casual)
Raglan Road Irish Pub & Restaurant
170 East 14th Street
Kansas City, MO
Tickets are \$20 per member and
\$30 per non-member
RSVP and payment must be received by
December 10th. Log-on to www.kcifma.com
and RSVP today.

Please bring an unwrapped gift for the Marines



They are in need of gifts for teenagers and toddlers.

**For Details about and to Register for KCIFMA
Activities, visit the website at
www.kcifma.com**

**WELCOME to our Chapter's
Newest Member**

Michael Chick
Midwest Mechanical Service, Inc

Joe Dineen
J&J Industries - J&J/Invision

CFM Exam Review Course
January 27 - 28, 2009
8 - 5 pm



NBRC/AMP Corporate Headquarters
18000 W. 105th St., Olathe, KS

The Kansas City Chapter of IFMA is hosting a CFM Exam Review Course. If you have ever considered pursuing the professional credentials of CFM, now is the time to take action. This will be the only time this year this course will be offered in the Kansas City area! And the course instructor will be our own chapter member, Teena Shouse, CFM, Past IFMA National Board Chair, and Vice President of Facility Engineering Associates in Fairfax, VA.

The objective of the course is to provide a fundamental overview of all of IFMA's Core Competencies. In addition, it allows you to take a "sample" exam, with questions very similar to what you might see on the actual exam.

Our Chapter has significantly underwritten the cost of bringing this course to Kansas City with the primary goal of encouraging more of our members to become CFMs! The cost for Chapter Members is just \$250, and Non-Chapter Members \$350. The fee for this course is normally \$495.

RSVP now on the KC IFMA web site. If you have questions or want further information, please feel free to contact Linda DeTienne, Professional Development Chair, at 913-663-4111, or detienne@ncricat.com.

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