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Happy New Year to you all!

Just to let you know, I am not the "reflecting" type, so don't expect a solemn recitation of the good, the bad, or the ugly for this article. But I will say, the Holiday Party at Raglan Road was a SUPER event, and lots of toys were collected for Toys For Tots, so it was a total success.

The real message for this January newsletter is this ...

**IFMA is here for you, and will continue to work on your behalf.** The economic outlook has darkened a bit in the past year, and one of the ways the Chapters have noticed it is in memberships. Companies are cutting back on a lot of the benefits that were provided in the past. And for some companies, that means no longer subsidizing or reimbursing employees' memberships in and activities within professional organizations.

Some members are reluctant to pay their own way. They may feel that the cost (\$\$\$) is too great, and that the company is deriving the benefit, so the company should pay.

My hope is that you see the value in the educational programs and networking opportunities that IFMA affords you, and know that this is for your personal benefit and professional enhancement, wherever you are or may be employed now and in the future.

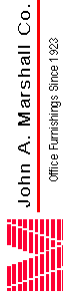
My hope is also that we are meeting your expectations in what we are providing. If we are not, we want to know it. Seriously, we really want to know!! You can e-mail me at [KCIFMAPresident@gmail.com](mailto:KCIFMAPresident@gmail.com), and my phone number is in the member directory. If you'd prefer to remain anonymous, click "[Contact Us](#)," located at the top of the KCIFMA homepage or at the bottom of every page on the KCIFMA website. The Name and Email fields are not required fields.

And then my hope is that you will, if required, dig deep and continue your membership in IFMA. **You ARE IFMA.** IFMA is not staff at headquarters, or officers. IFMA is YOU.

There are ways that national can help, and other things the Chapter does that you may not know about. Rather than paying your dues in an annual check, you may elect to **pay your dues quarterly**. Also, the Kansas City Chapter Board recently approved a new policy to help. If you are a Chapter member and have become unemployed, KCIFMA will continue your local Chapter membership free of charge, in exchange for your active participation on a Chapter Committee, a win/win opportunity for KCIFMA and the member. During unemployment it is especially important that you continue your **learning and networking**. We believe you will re-join when you are re-employed. Both National and the Chapter offer job postings, and on the [www.ifma.org](http://www.ifma.org) site is also a place to post resumes anonymously.

In closing, keep the boilers stoked, the sidewalks cleared and your company's employees comfortable and productive at their workplace. Our companies would certainly have difficulty running their businesses without us!

Betty Klein, CFM, CFMJ, President of KCIFMA



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**Newsletter**

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Save a Tree

**CFM Exam Review Course**  
**January 27 - 28, 2009**  
**Just 3 Weeks Away -**  
**Register Now!**



If you have ever considered pursuing the professional credentials of CFM, now is the time to take action. This will be the only time in 2009 this course will be offered in the Kansas City area.

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.

Course instructor will be our own chapter member, Teena Shouse, CFM, Past IFMA National Board Chair, and Senior FM Consultant for Facility Engineering Associates in Fairfax, VA. The course will be from 8-5, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 27-28, and will include continental breakfast and lunch each day. It will be held in the Training Facilities of the beautiful, newly constructed NBRC/AMP Corporate Headquarters at 18000 W. 105<sup>th</sup> St., Olathe, KS.

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 when taken outside the area, plus you would have the additional costs of travel, hotel, food, etc.

Registration is now available on the KCIFMA web site, [www.kcifma.com](http://www.kcifma.com). In the meantime, 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](mailto:detienne@ncricat.com).

- First 15 KCIFMA Chapter Members to register and pay for the course will receive a special IFMA gift.
- Registration Deadline is January 16th, 2009.
- On the evening of the 27th, all attending will have the option of joining Teena and fellow attendees after class for dinner.

**Become a CFM!**

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

**Tim Bowman**  
 ATK Lake City Ammunition

**Marcia Cline**  
 Walton Construction Company, LLC

**New RSVP Policy**  
**will begin with the**  
**February Program Meeting**

Starting with the February Program Meeting, the new RSVP Policy will be in effect. This is how it will work:

- Reservations (Registrations/RSVPs) are due 48 business hours before the Program Meeting. I.e. for a typical Tuesday Program Meeting, RSVPs must be received by 11:30 a.m. the prior Friday.
- The on-line reservation system will not accept RSVP's after the deadline.
- Due to catering order requirements, if your registration is not received by the RSVP deadline, we will not be able to provide you with food or drink. We do, however, encourage you to attend. To do so, please pay the regular program fee at the door by cash or check.
- Again, due to catering order requirements, if you registered but do not attend, you will be billed/charged for the meeting.
- Reminder, if you are using a Pay Pack, you must still RSVP before the deadline to receive food and drink. If you do not RSVP, you may attend but no food and drink will be provided.

\*Please check the website or invitation for when reservations are due for special events or parties.

**For Details about and to Register for KCIFMA**  
**Activities, visit the website at**  
[www.kcifma.com](http://www.kcifma.com)

Date	Time	Event Name	Location
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
01-27-28	2 Day	2 Day CFM Exam Review Course	NBRC/AMP Corporate Headquarters 18000 W 105th St, Olathe, Kansas
02-10-11	2 Day	Sustainable FM: A Practitioner's Guide to Greening Your Facility	Elements IV Interiors 3680 Wyse Road, Dayton, Ohio
02-12-13	2 Day	Operations and Maintenance Competency Course	Elements IV Interiors 3680 Wyse Road, Dayton, Ohio
02-17	TBD	Monthly Meeting - Understanding and Applying Six Sigma for Real Estate Facilities Professionals	Sprint Campus More Info Coming Soon
02-23-25	3 Day	IFMA's FM-3D 2009	The U.S. GRANT Hotel San Diego, California
		Webinar	Other Event
		Monthly Program Meeting	IFMA Education Program

**KCIFMA UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**