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President's Podium



This month I'd like to celebrate the CFMs in Kansas City. Our chapter currently has 48 CFMs out of 170 professional members, and that number is growing. Linda DeTienne and her

Professional Development Committee held a two-day CFM exam preparation class last month which was attended by fifteen members of the Kansas City Chapter and as a result, I have learned of at least one who has taken and passed the exam, and several others that have registered for the exam. And for those of you who may be afraid to take the exam because of a fear of failure, fear not! There are many CFMs who can attest to the fact that IFMA lets you take the exam two and even three times!

Just a refresher for why you should become certified... and this isn't the official list, this is the off the top of my head list. **Credibility:** I actually had someone tell another person recently that they should listen to me because I have the certification to prove I know what I'm doing. (Hopefully you don't have to prove you know what you're doing, but it happens.) **Money:** CFMs on an average make a higher salary than non-CFMs in similar positions. **Opportunities:** Add CFM to your credentials on your resume and move to the top of the list when applying for a new job. More and more top level facilities management positions require that the applicant be certified. If it isn't required, it is at least a plus.

So the next time one of the review classes is offered, enroll. And if you've taken the class, take the exam. And then take it again if you need to. And if you still have the fear factor, do what I did and don't tell anybody you've registered for the exam until you know you passed. It can be your little secret. But don't give up! Get Certified. GO CFMs!!!!!!!

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

KCIFMA UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event Name	Location
03.17	4:30-6:00 pm	Monthly Meeting Tour of the Nazarene Headquarters	Church of the Nazarene Headquarters 17001 Prairie Star Parkway, Lenexa, Kansas
03.17-20	4 Day	IFMA Competency Course Business of FM	IFMA Headquarters 1 E. Greenway Plaza, Suite 1100, Houston, Texas
03.19	12:00-1:00 pm	iSession - Accelerating Sustainability: Combining On-site Renewables and Energy Efficiency to Fuel Economic, Environment and Social Progress	Log on to www.ifma.org/learning/isesessions/
03.26	12:00-1:00 pm	iSession The Key to Success in Facilities and Real Estate Management	Log on to www.ifma.org/learning/isesessions/
04.7-8	2 Day	IFMA Competency Course Operations and Maintenance	IFMA Headquarters 1 E. Greenway Plaza, Suite 1100, Houston, Texas
04.9-10	2 Day	IFMA Competency Course Leadership and Management	IFMA Headquarters 1 E. Greenway Plaza, Suite 1100, Houston, Texas
04.14	11:30-1:00 pm	Monthly Meeting Workplace Violence	Stinson Morrison Hecker 1201 Walnut, Kansas City, Missouri
	Webinar	Monthly Program Meeting	IFMA Education Program
			Other Event

**Kansas City Chapter
Monthly Program
March 17, 2009**

Tour of the Nazarene Headquarters
17001 Prairie Star Parkway
Lenexa, Kansas
4:30pm - 6:00pm

Please come join us tour this
fabulous facility and network with your
fellow KCIFMA members and guests.



Annual Golf Outing June 2, 2009

Drumm Farm
15400 E. 34th St
Independence, MO

Perfect Opportunity to get to know
other Chapter Members and have fun.

More information coming soon.

Here are a couple of pictures from last year's outing.



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

WELCOME to our Chapter's Newest Member

Ken Cook
Devine Janitorial

Edward Davis
Bick Group

Matt Henderson
PROSOCO, Inc.

Robert Juarez
*US General Services
Administration*

Santina King
Knoll, Inc.

Jason Laake
CORT

Stephen Linder
Jones Lang LaSalle

Dan McEntee
*US General Services
Administration*

Timothy Morales
*US General Services
Administration*

Darrell Patnode
*US General Services
Administration*

Kevin Santee
*US General Services
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Tim Schaefer
*Service Master Just
Right Restoration*

Greg Shannon
*Kraus-Anderson
Construction Company*

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We are excited about the Chapter's activities planned for the next year and we would like for you to be a part of them! Have you received your Sponsorship Packet in the mail? If not, please let us know by sending an e-mail to info@kcifma.com.