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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am continually impressed by the opportunities and value available to us as IFMA members, both locally in the Madison chapter, and at the International level. There is so much information available from IFMA International that at times it can become overwhelming. To that end they've introduced the WIRE, a biweekly email newsletter that delivers all the information you need to make the most of your IFMA membership in one convenient package. You'll find details on educational events, FM community connections, recognition opportunities, upcoming Webinars and the latest IFMA studies and surveys. Plus, you'll get tips for "greening" your facility, solutions to industry problems straight from the council listservs, and access to the FREE, discounted and/or exclusive products and services that are included with IFMA membership. The first issue of The Wire was distributed via email on Friday, January 12, to all IFMA members. This will reduce the number of email announcements you receive from IFMA, but allow you to get the most value out of your IFMA membership.

In addition I just finished reading through the Jan/Feb issue of the FMJ (Facility Managers Journal). What a wealth of information. The articles on professional development, credentialing, and leadership were some of my favorites. Be sure to check it out.

At the local level the talent and commitment from the professionals I've been working with for the upcoming Tri-Chapter event in May remind me of this value almost daily. The speakers have put an enormous amount of time into educational and informational presentations – you won't be disappointed. Barb Unger and her committee deserve a special thank you for all their hard work thus far pulling this awesome day together. It continually reminds me why IFMAdison is so special. In addition, thanks to the folks who donated their time and food to the recent dinner at the Ronald McDonald House. Chuck Gifford's deep fried turkey is quickly becoming an IFMAdison trademark!

So stay involved, enjoy the value, and try to keep warm. Spring is just around the corner.

Sheri Rose, CFM

Chapter Monthly Luncheon The Sheraton, 12 Noon, February 20, 2007

Topic: Energy Management: A Sustainable Activity

Buildings use 38% of all US Energy. 86% of building construction relates to renovation of existing buildings. The utility bills of many recently constructed "high efficiency" buildings have increased by as much as 30% in the first three years. Clearly, the greatest opportunity for overall reduction in US energy use lies within existing buildings. Many facility managers believe that reducing energy use is either very technical or capital intensive, or both. In many cases, significant reduction in utility bills can be achieved with little or no capital investment.

Dick Pearson and Brian Basken will illustrate straightforward ENERGY MANAGEMENT procedures which can be applied by facility managers.

Newsletter to Go Electronic

You may have noticed that you received a link to the last several newsletters via an email. For the next several months, you will receive both the email link as well as the mailed paper copy. Starting in June, we will no longer send out the paper copy. This will provide a great savings to the chapter, allowing the chapter to provide more services to its members. If you did not receive the email link, please contact me at mdarga@twallproperties.com

'07 Sponsorship Drive Off to Good Start

January kicked off IFMA's 8th Annual Sponsorship Drive, and we are up and rolling. Our goal this year is to raise \$16,000, and as this goes to press we already have sponsorships and pledges totaling more than \$12,000. Sponsorship packets are available at the monthly meetings and on our web site. If you have any questions, please contact:

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IFMAdison Member Profile

*This month's member profile is Matt Darga, CFM
Facility Manager for Johnson Controls at
T. Wall Properties.*

Matt, how long have you been involved with IFMA?
Since the fall of 2003.

Give us a brief history of your work experience.

I received a degree from UW Madison with a focus on Geology, Hydrogeology, and Environmental Studies - a perfect background for facilities! Predictably, I started my career in the environmental field. I then made a slight career transition to manufacturing, at Trek Bicycle Corp. While there, I really "cut my teeth" on facilities issues, and I was fortunate to have an excellent mentor. An opportunity arose in a commercial office setting, and I have been officially in the facility management arena since then.

Offices held in IFMA, if any

No offices, but it's amazing to think that I have been involved with the newsletter for almost 2 years!

Family/home life

I have a 5 year old, 3 year old, and 9 month old at home, so there is no spare time. My wife and I have the same hobby - praying for patience and sanity. I rarely possess both at the same time.

Hobbies/interests

If I do find a few minutes, then I exercise. Running, biking, rowing, etc. - whatever I can fit in. Right now, I'm trying to prepare for my 9th Birkie. My friends and I do more drinking and storytelling there than skiing, so I'm not sure how best to prepare. Someday, I hope to have enough time to be able to get out in a rowing shell again on Mendota.

Something that few people know about you

I'm a cancer survivor - it will be 10 years this fall.

What you appreciate most about being an IFMA member

The networking and support from the other members dealing with the same issues.

Favorite IFMA memory

I fondly remember the first Tri-chapter I went to, which was the previous one held in Madison. Most memorable was the CFM review class. Without it, I probably would not have passed.

Tour of New WECC Building



We will be visiting the new WECC Building – time and date to follow via email. Meet at 431 Charmany Drive in the University Research Park. The building is visible at the corner of Whitney Way and Mineral Point Road, but you need to enter from within the Park.

Owner: Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation
Architect: Eppstein Uhen Architects, Madison (Steve Holzhauer, IFMA Member)
Builder: Vogel Bros. Building Company
Engineer: Arnold & O'Sheridan (Mike Schmidt, IFMA Member)

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- Sustainable Materials
- Green Screen Monitor System

Watch your email for announcement of date and time of this tour. The information will also be posted on the IFMAdison web site as soon as it is available.

Tri-Chapter 2007

Save the date! Thursday May 10th is the 2007 Tri-Chapter. This year Madison will be hosting the event at the Monona Terrace. It's going to be a great event. You can expect to hear from some amazing speakers and you will have the opportunity to network with our chapter neighbors from South East Wisconsin and North East Wisconsin. We have an exciting closing keynote speaker, Coach Mike Eaves, the UW Men's Hockey Coach. Bachmann Construction will be sponsoring Coach Eaves! Don't miss this great opportunity to get a day of education in our own backyard.

PS-We're looking for door prizes, if you have something to donate please contact Barb Unger at barb.unger@summitcreditunion.com. We're also looking for anyone interested in helping sponsor the event, either a keynote speaker or the morning or afternoon breaks. The sponsorship would be in \$100 increments, starting with \$100.

Sharing with Ronald McDonald House



Ronald McDonald admires the fried turkey cooked to perfection by Madison IFMA's Chuck Gifford

Madison IFMA received a heartfelt thank you note from Ronald McDonald House for the leftover IFMA Christmas party treats. Noel Pearson delivered cheese, crackers, veggie trays, dips, cookies, etc. for the enjoyment of their guests and staff.

On Monday, January 22, the entire evening meal at Ronald McDonald House was provided for 30 people by the Madison Chapter of IFMA. Chuck Gifford deep fried two turkeys, one donated by J M Brennan, Inc., a Milwaukee Contractor, and another donated by Pearson Engineering. The remainder of the meal was provided by Sheri Rose and Karen Miller (salad) Richard Pierce (green bean casserole), Laura Huttner (vegetables), Noel Pearson (potatoes au gratin), and Barb Wiltzius (Tower Inn, Monona, rolls). Ronald McDonald House Director Laurie Irwin's response to this effort was, "Whoo hoo! I might stay for dinner!"

First Class Mail

Address Correction Requested

IFMA Madison Chapter Calendar of Events

February 2007

- 13 Executive Board Meeting
- 20 Luncheon Meeting - Energy Management
for Facility Managers
- ?? Tour - WECC Buiding (watch for details by
email)

March 2007

- 13 Executive Board Meeting
- 20 Luncheon Meeting - Integrated Technology:
AVI Midwest
- 22 Tour - Blackhawk Church

March Newsletter Deadline
Friday, February 23, 2007

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