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State of the Chapter Affairs: Focus and Execution

One of the responsibilities of being Chapter President is providing a monthly article for the newsletter. Being an engineer, this will be one of the tougher, but necessary aspects of the position.

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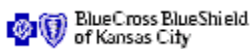
As we enter a new century, the Board has taken on a new look and a new way of operating. We feel this new approach will allow us to better focus on major initiatives and better execute our plans. My goals will be targeted at two areas: education and membership. Serving on the Board over the years, the one emphasis over and over again has been the education of our members through our monthly programs and training seminars. IFMA National has recognized the chapter more than once on its excellence in education. We need to bring the chapter back to that level again and I am confident we can and will accomplish this level and even higher.

With regards to membership, we want to understand who our membership is and reach out to those we do not see much of, especially those out of town. You may not be aware, but our members include individuals in Springfield, Mo., and Manhattan and Burlington, Kan. just to name a few in the immediate Kansas City area.

The Board and Committee Chairs will be meeting in mid-January to set our objectives and develop action plans for the year. My monthly articles will provide information around these plans and let you know how we are doing.

We, your Board and Committee Chairs, want to fulfill your expectations for the association. Please ask questions and comments at any time. This is your chapter and your input is invaluable. Please do not hesitate to give any of us a call. Better yet, we are still filling out our committees, so why not volunteer? We will ensure your expectations are fulfilled.

— Rick Bond, Chapter President



Herman Miller

Mark Your Calendar

May 18, 2004

Tour of Kansas
Speedway

June 3, 2004

Annual Golf Outing
Painted Hills Golf
Course

July 20, 2004

So You Want to
Build a Building
Christ Community
Church



Union Station

by Jane Ann Carmichael

Restoring a landmark to its original magnificence and making it a space that can be enjoyed of all ages — a project that is both exciting as well as monumental. That was the project Station Architects executed, and quite well, by the consensus of visitors to Union Station

Following is an interview with Brian Firkins, project architect with HNTB, representing Union Station Architects about this high profile building.

Q. What was the mission statement for this project?

A. To reestablish Union Station as a vital and active facility within the Kansas City area as conceived by Jarvis Hunt in 1914.

Q. What was the key issue/biggest challenge?

A. Our primary contribution was to upgrade Union Station to meet the current standards to make it a class A facility for the prime tenant, Science City.

Q. What is the most important aspect of this project?

A. People are excited about the building — enjoying space. How people are relating to the place is important. We hear a lot of "remember when.." statements. I believe the Design team did a great job of respecting the original design of the building and preserving it.

Q. Were there historical preservation issues?

A. It was a huge challenge. We had a historian, Ms. Mary Ochline, on the team to research the building restoration. She was able to determine the original paint colors, light fixtures was a difficult job and she was quite successful.

Q. Why would someone from out of state want to come to Union Station?

A. The space alone is worth seeing and experiencing as an architectural example. There are science, entertainment, Science City, City Dome, City Extreme, live theater, several very nice restaurants. You could easily spend two days to see it all.

Q. What is there for children to relate to?

A. Science City is the primary attraction. There is live continued entertainment that a child and adults would enjoy.

Q. What would you say was the "lessons learned" in this project?

A. Electronic Communication. With a project team comprised of Owners, Tenants, Owner representatives, Design Architects, Design Engineers, Production Architects, Production Architects, Special Consultants, General contractor and subcontractors from all over the USA, the timely exchange of information is critical.

Using today's technology to our advantage, we were able to establish a project web site and speed telephone lines to both develop and exchange drawing information quickly. Additionally, the use of digital photography electronically transmitted we were able to keep team members in the field conditions requiring their input, quickly, and economically.

The Union Station Architects were made up of architects from HNTB, BNIM, CDFM2, R&B

Macky Mitchel Zahner Architects. They were responsible for coordination of the project. Architect was KCF & EEK.

Anyone that has visited the Union Station/Science City would agree that Jarvis Hunt would be pleased. Union Station is once again an impressive and stately landmark.

January 2000 Program Preview

IFMA kicks off its January program with a tour of the Sylvester Powell Jr. Community Center Mission, Kan. Steven R. Corry presently serves as the Recreation Director and helped coordinate and implement the physical construction and organizational structure for this facility. This impressive building includes a full-service weight room, aquatic center, racquetball courts, walk/jog track, aerobics room, meeting rooms, arts and crafts facilities, and amenities.

Although only operational for six months, the Center has been in creation for nearly ten years. The City of Mission developed a Citizens Committee in 1990 to determine initial interest and initial funding. In 1991, the City of Mission received a grant from the State of Kansas to fund the initial fund in 1991. Through 1995, approximately six million dollars was accumulated, making the City to fund the construction cost.

Steve Corry relocated to the area in early 1998 after serving as director for Boulder City Recreation in Nevada. Steve has approximately twenty years experience in managing aquatic complexes, health facilities and recreation centers. He will be our host for this program, and we will discuss with him the challenges he faced throughout this project.

(Note: Steven would be a welcomed addition to our Chapter!)

When:

Tuesday, January 18
7:45 to 9:15 a.m.

Where:

Sylvester Powell Jr. Community Center
6200 Martway, Mission, KS
Free parking on the premises

Cost:

\$15 for members
\$20 for non-members

RSVP:

Call 913-906-6000, ext. 1144 by Jan. 14.
Speak clearly and/or spell your name.

December Program Review

Holiday Party Over 80 KC-IFMA members and guests were smiling and spreading holiday cheer during our annual Holiday Party held on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at the Woodside Racquet Club. In the past, this chapter decided to help a charity each year as a part of our holiday celebration. This year's selected charity was St. Vincent's Family Service Center. Through the donation of prizes and financial donations, we raised over \$600 to donate to their "Operation Breakthrough" for children.

A team from Comedy Sportz provided the entertainment. There were lots of laughs during of improvisation based on information gathered from the audience. During one game, we reminded of several words that rhymed with Sam, Joe, Sue and Jack.

We want to thank all the individuals and companies that help raise the funds for St. Vincent their donations.

Appreciation gifts were given to our 1999 Board of Directors, Committee Chairpersons and Sustaining Members are listed on the front of this newsletter and we hope all of them will support by renewing in the future.

We wish everyone a happy and successful 2000!

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