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President's Podium A Response to the Attack on America



Mark Your Calendar

May 18, 2004
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Speedway

June 3, 2004
Annual Golf Outing
Painted Hills Golf
Course

July 20, 2004
So You Want to
Build a Building
Christ Community
Church

On September 11th, the United States was shocked by the terrorist attack in New York, Washington and Philadelphia. We are still mourning the loss and trying to come to terms with the new danger to our safety this attack has caused. We await our country's response.

One of the effects of victimization by terror is the feeling of being powerless. How can one understand such suicidal actions? How will our future lives be affected? It will be many months and perhaps years before we move to some resolution of the tragedy and its effects upon us. But, what can we do now to begin the healing process?

A few days after the attack on America, my fellow board members called and suggested that the Chapter donate to the disaster relief efforts. I recommended a cautious approach for two reasons. First, it takes a vote of the board to spend such funds, and I felt I should converse. Second, I didn't want the emotions of the moment to rush a decision. It is important that we be certain that whatever donation we make go for the purposes of disaster relief.

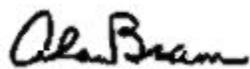
I was quite uncomfortable with the chapter donating \$5,000 until I understood the IFMA Foundation had set up a restricted fund for disaster relief. IFMA also had a disaster relief site established in less than 24 hours after the attack. *This is an organization of which I am proud to be a member.*

A conference call of the Chapter board was held September 19th. We discussed the Chapter's financial position, as we didn't want to hurt the Chapter's ability to provide program services for our members. Thankfully, we have over twenty Chapter Sponsors which support chapter operations through their annual \$1,000 contributions.

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Sam Davidson presented our \$5,000 check to the IFMA Foundation's Disaster Relief Gala Event at World Workplace on September 22. A total of over \$50,000 was raised that evening.



Alan Bram, President
Kansas City IFMA Chapter



THE SHOW MUST GO ON ... AND SO IT DID!

The decision to continue with the 2001 IFMA World Workplace was a bold one, due to the leadership of the IFMA National staff in Houston. What would happen if it was a very large, expensive party, and no one came? Well, the conference did take place and everyone who attended benefited.

Special presenters were recruited at the last minute to address issues such as disaster preparedness, workplace readiness, and security for organizations. These complimented other presentations about everything from facilities technology to managing workplace stress. The Learning Expo was easy to motivate through, which enhanced the ability of service and product providers to spend time with the facility professionals.

The social events gave Kansas City a chance to "show off." Many who attended the Reception were duly impressed with our Union Station. I also heard several positive comments about how convenient the Convention Center was. However, most of all, visitors marveled at the friendliness of Kansas Citians. This is due in large part to all of the great volunteers who contributed to the success of this event. Big Thanks to all of you! It could not have gone so well without you!

Most of all, the facility managers were thankful for the sense of unity they experienced at the conference. New friendships were formed and old ones were strengthened. Facility managers many times have no peers within their organization, so the camaraderie they find among IFMA members is very important. In times like we face today, it is comforting to know that there are still certain things you know you can count on . . . your IFMA family.

October Program Review

Stowers Institute Tour



This is your chance to visit a major center for scientific research here in your hometown. The incredible campus is located on a 10-acre site in the cultural and intellectual heart of Kansas City, MO, formally the home of Menorah Hospital. Virginia and Jim Stowers believe that by bringing a large number of scientists together in a setting conducive to interaction and focusing on their research, would speed breakthroughs in finding cures for cancer and other major diseases, thereby setting the tone for the Stowers Institute.

On the tour, learn about the mechanical systems needed to provide optimal conditions for scientists, as well as their research. Also, you will learn how the facility works to attract and retain top-level scientists, and visit the lab areas and the \$17M administrative building with state-of-art conference rooms.

Due to all the things we will want to see, this month's meeting may last longer than expected. Plan to be a guest of our Chapter's Corporate Sponsors for this month's tour. We will provide a comfortable environment for the 21st Century.

When: Tuesday, October 16th
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Where: Stowers Institute for Medical Research
1000 East 50th Street
Kansas City, MO 64110
(Meet in the classroom area)

Cost: Courtesy of your Chapter's Corporate Sponsors

RSVP: Call the IFMA Program line at 913-906-6000, ext. 1144 by October 10th.
Speak clearly and/or spell your name.



Thank You!

The Board would like to give special recognition to the following companies for sponsorship of the World Workplace Oasis:

Advanced Construction Services, Inc.

Glaze Commercial Real Estate Advisors, Inc.
Color-Art Office Interiors
The Gunlocke Company
Corporate Express
Berkebile Nelson Immenschuh McDowell, Inc
Steve Maturo & Associates
UtiliCorp United
Flooring Resources
Working Spaces
Herman Miller
Lees Carpet
Spaces, Inc.
Image Flooring/Milliken

IFMA Foundation Gala

By Al

The IFMA Foundation Gala at the Arrowhead Pavilion was the "kick off" function for Workplace 2001 in Kansas City. We had great food, good music, and much needed camaraderie. Members who were able to attend, despite the emotional and physical trauma caused by the terrorist attacks of September 11th, enjoyed and appreciated an entire evening with friends. And, we raised over \$4,200 from the silent auction! As always, wonderful Midwest hospitality made our guests feel quite at home. Thank you to the committee - Jennell Hall, Sam Davidson, Rita Beebe, Jim Wilkinson and Sue Mosby.



Members are: Jim Wilkinson, Sue Mosby, Sam Davidson and Allyn Starr



Allyn Starr and Alan Bram



The IFMA Gala event was held at the Pavilion.



There was a wonderful feast supplied by Jack Stax BarBQ.



Members of IFMA joined in singing God Bless America!

Kansas City Chapter Donates \$5,000 to the Disaster Relief Fund

By Sar
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On September 19th, 2001, the KC IFMA Board of Directors, which met via conference call, discussed and unanimously approved a donation of \$5,000 to the newly formed IFMA Foundation Disaster Fund. This fund was established in direct response to the tragedy of September 11, 2001. In addition to a financial contribution, the Chapter expressed its condolences to all of those affected by these terrible events.

IFMA National has received numerous offers from industry professionals to volunteer their knowledge and/or financial contributions. And, the IFMA Foundation was chosen to handle the financial aspects of this aid. The fund monies will be administered and distributed at the discretion of the Foundation Trustees.

A check for \$5,000 was donated to the Foundation at its annual Foundation Gala at the Pavilion at Arrowhead Stadium. In all, the Gala raised over \$80,000, which will further enhance the education, scholarship, and now the disaster relief efforts of the Foundation.

The Kansas City Chapter was proud to be able to contribute to the Gala and the newly formed disaster relief efforts.

A Big Thanks to Kansas City IFMA, and the IFMA Foundation! Keep up the good work!



Sam Davidson presented a \$5,000 donation from the Kansas City IFMA Chapter to the Four Relief Fund.



CFM'S KNOW - DO YOU?

Following is a question which might appear on the CFM (Certified Facility Manager) exam. Can you answer it?

You are halfway through a project when it's canceled. What must you do first?

- A. Evaluate expenditures to date and report them.
- B. Notify all parties involved to terminate activities.
- C. Develop a plan for closing out the project and present to senior management.
- D. Devise a new work schedule for staff assigned to the project.

Answer to last month's question: A. To show how a contractor plans to build something.

Quick Pix

Many KC IFMA members volunteered their time to prepare gift bags to be given to attendees at World Workplace.





Gala Pictures





Gala Attendees were able to see beautiful Arrowhead Stadium.



The Gala offered a plethora of games, including this Motorcycle Challenge Race for all



Jim Wilkinson practiced his basketball shooting.



KC Chapter members and spouses enjoyed the Gala.



The Gala Band sounded great.



Sam Davidson and Tony Mannella were TWINS at the Gala event.



Sam Davidson and Teena Shouse practiced their Queen's waves just in case the Queen



Becky Beilharz



Bill Corbett



Marc O'Connor and Steve Peters



Jim Wilkinson, Beth Mannella, Ken Fancolly, Laura Bram



IFMA Members from across the Country and around the World held a moment of silence for families involved in the terrorists attack on the World Trade Center and the Penta;



Peggy Hopkins and Jim Wilkinson



Presentation to IFMA Staff member.

World Workplace Conference and Expo Trade Show



Glenna Sheahon, Janice Lee and Diane Bashor visited the Expo Trade Show.



The Information Booth at World Workplace was kept very busy.



Lee Kortemeyer, Paige Price, Becky Beilharz and Beverly Deborde worked the Informat



David Gaebler, Leecil Anson, Alan Bram, Jackie Coleman and Beverly Debord



Attendees found themselves in the midst of OZ!



Teena Shouse and Glin Jay presented information on CFM.



Shot of Expo Hall



View east from Bartle Hall

Cow Art in Downtown Kansas City



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