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Monthly Meeting - June, 2006

State of the Chapter

Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Time: 11:30 - 1:00

Location: Pierpont's Restaurant, The Silver Streak Room

NEW OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED:

President: Teresa Reicherter, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of KC

Vice President: Betty Klein, STG International, Inc.

Secretary: Courtnay Klimowicz, Team Office

Co-Treasurers: Doug Gills, Colliers Turley Martin Tucker

Jim Wilkinson, Image Flooring

PAST PRESIDENT, FUTURE PRESIDENT & EACH COMMITTEE

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT REWARDS

Find out what's in store for the new 2006-07 year!

RSVP's are required for this event and must be received no later than 36 hours before the event or late fee will be applied.

URL: <http://www.kcifma.com/events.cfm>

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President's Podium

And Now A Word From Our President



Brittany Gamble

Hi All,

Here it is, June 2006, the end of my term (and a half) as President. It's been a whirlwind and so much fun. So much has happened in the past year and a half that I don't even know where to start with my all my thank yous. I truly have had the honor and pleasure of working with the greatest people.

When I began as President in January 2005, our previous President, Donna Koontz,

had begun to take our website to a new level by adding online credit card payments for Events and Meetings. It immediately became a goal of our Board to continue what Donna had started. In addition, the website now uses online banking, which makes accounting much easier and accurate for you and for our Treasurer. The web also tracks member attendance so Pay Packs no longer expire and we've recently added a function so that we may offer different discounts for early bird sign-ups, etc. It also allows us to send broadcast emails with clear graphic content, attachments and links. And because our emails originate at our server rather than from a third party service like Evite, we've been better able to customize our email's characteristics to try and avoid the newer and more sophisticated anti-spam and firewall software. In addition, the web was designed so that we can easily post information, make edits and customize the web. The Web Committee, co-chaired by Shelley, has done an extraordinary job continuing to improve and offer more features and communication opportunities via the web. If you want the latest in KCIFMA happenings, check our website, www.kcifma.com.

Another achievement this year is our newly renewed friendship with many affiliate organizations. We feel that in order to continue as the premier association for facility professionals we need to know how we're doing compared to our friends and competition. Our Affiliate Organization Liaison, Cori Izsak-Gale, has managed to learn just about everything there is to know about every other organization in town. A link to KC IFMA and our Events is posted on a number of other organization's web pages. In addition, if an affiliate organization is hosting an event or educational seminar that we feel may be beneficial to KCIFMA members, you may find it posted under the new "Affiliate Organization Events" tab located next to our chapter's Events on our www.kcifma.com. Also, you may look forward to upcoming joint meetings with other organizations as well. We think the "Tour of Legends" joint program meeting with BOMA was a huge success. If you were able to attend, I'm sure you'd agree.

It was also this past December that our Events Committee, chaired by Peggy Hopkins, put together a party to remember!! Thanks to our many special event sponsors, our corporate sponsors and those who participated in our wonderful (and slightly crazy) silent auction, we were able to celebrate in style and raise over \$3000 for scholarships.Remember, KCIFMA's 20th Anniversary is just around the corner. Be sure to contact Peggy if you want to get involved in our next big party or any other fun Events!!

This year, with help from our Treasurer Debbie Deason and information gathered by our Affiliate Organization Liaison, the Board attempted a revamp of our Corporate Sponsorship. We felt our sponsorship program was neither in line with other comparable IFMA chapters nor with other similar organizations in our community. In addition, it seemed the benefits were directed towards Associate members—the greatest single benefit being golf. The new program is designed to give sponsors a choice of golf or free education. Professional members especially (and non-golfers) will hopefully find this new program much more appealing. However, with all its improvements, the new program is certainly not yet perfect. There are definitely a few kinks yet to be worked out, and shifting our fiscal year during the first run of the new program greatly compounded all the pains of change. The Corporate Development committee is anxious to receive new volunteers so that further

adjustments and improvements can be made to this new program. Please contact Lene Yeo, our new Corporate Development Chair to get involved with sponsorship improvements. Thank you to our corporate sponsors--it is their dedication and contribution that provides the funding for our programs and services.

Our Programs Committee, co-chaired by Teresa Reicherter and Sandy Hicks, and now co-chaired by Matt Knopke and Pam Dougan, has made many enhancements to our Program Meetings during the last year and a half, too. The committee has introduced a program/agenda brochure to be distributed at each Program Meeting to give attendees more information about the meeting and/or presenter, include upcoming events, and offer special recognition to our sponsors. We've encouraged and rewarded members for bringing guests by having drawings and giving door prizes. In addition, I'm sure you've noticed the new PowerPoint presentation featured at the beginning of our meetings. We've already received much positive feedback. In fact, Dr. Kashawagi, a prominent guest presenter from Arizona State University, told Teresa that he has made many presentations to IFMA chapters all over the country and he was most impressed with our meeting's organization and pre-meeting / pre-speaker format.

And speaking of Teresa, I am pleased to be handing the reigns to Ms. Reicherter. She has poured much life, love and effort into KCIFMA, through the Programs Committee, during her months as President-Elect and just about in every way possible. She definitely has a love for this organization. I pass the gavel knowing you'll be in good hands.

As for me next year, I will be joining the Membership Committee. I think our Chapter and Board could use a little reconnection. Don't be surprised if you get a phone call from a fellow IFMA member asking for your expert opinion regarding improving our Chapter and it's contribution to our profession. We already have a few fun ideas up our sleeve. Look forward to a little more "getting to know you" next year.

I also want to thank all of my fellow board members: those I have already mentioned here and Jim Wilkinson - VP Membership, Betty Klein - Newsletter Chair and Linda DeTienne - Professional Development. Thank you to all committee members, too! All your hard work is greatly appreciated and so often goes unrecognized.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you. I am so proud of all our members, proud of this organization and of this profession. At World Workplace last year, I had the pleasure of meeting George Graves, IFMA's first president and a founding member. It was just 25 years ago that this profession – facility management – was first recognized. Recognition is due and deserved. I do not know of any other profession that has such an impact on so many. It is our dedication through continued education and organizations like IFMA that we are able to provide a workplace that is healthy, happy and productive. It is our job, our profession, that designs, builds, implements and maintains the environment where most of the world spends the greater part of their lives.

So, thank you for your continued involvement in KC IFMA, for helping us to continue to bring you better educational program meetings and seminars, for persuing your

FMP and CFM accreditation, and for continuing to better the profession, the community and the world in which we live.

Thank you everyone!

I look forward to seeing you all in 2006-07!

Brittany

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New CFM's

New CFM!

Our Newest Chapter CFM is:



Betty Miller, CFM
Honeywell



CONGRATULATIONS, BETTY!!!

URL: <http://www.kcifma.com/cfm.cfm>

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Welcome New Members

New Members

Welcome to the following new chapter members:

Janet S. Howell, MC Lioness Realty Group LLC
Kevin C. Kirtley, Heart of America United Way Inc.
Theron Krizek, Bank of Blue Valley
Samuel A. Stephens, Trane
Christopher R. Gardner, Humana
Jennifer L. Titus, Sprint
Bill McGowan, GSA 6PW
Michelle K. Wood, CBIZ
Kelly J. Moore, Applebee's
John Mayberry, USD #383
Richard W. Bitterman, Vic's Movers
Tim Payne, Sprint
James P. Cozad, Hallmark Cards, Inc.

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Program Info

July Meeting - New IRS Service Center Tour

If you only think about the IRS on April 15th....Adjust your calendar!!!

You won't want to miss the special tour of the new IRS Service Center we have arranged for our July 18th. The program and tour will start at 4:30 P.M.

This 1.24 million square foot office building project is truly unique. Located near Union Station, it combines 790,000 Square Feet of new office construction with 451,000 square feet of refurbished space in the Historic Post Office Building and other structures. In addition to the office space, there is 1.29 million square feet of new structured parking. The project covers 26 acres and will accommodate 8,000 IRS associates.

You'll want to experience the huge openness of the office areas free of columns with high ceilings, fountains, special lighting, ¾ mile walking and jogging trail, full service café and many more amenities. The building contains more than 20 acres of raised floor space with under floor HVAC!

More specific information will be available soon, but mark your calendar.

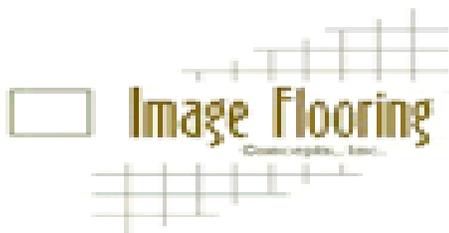
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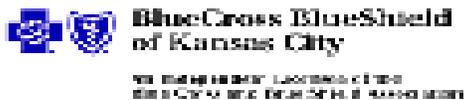
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Sponsors

KC IFMA Chapter 2006/2007 Sponsors

A big THANK YOU to our 2006/2007 Chapter Sponsors:







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Focus Feature

IFMA COUNCILS – Are you in one?

Contributed by Linda DeTienne, CFM, CFMJ

IFMA formed councils to meet the industry-specific networking and information needs of its members. With annual dues of just \$50, councils provide opportunities for interaction that transcend chapter and regional boundaries, enabling members to meet other professionals who share an interest in a specific FM practice or who work in the same business sector.

Truly global in nature, councils are not limited by geographic boundaries. You are able to communicate with colleagues worldwide about issues, concerns and best practices specific to your area of facility management.

Council Benefits –Top Five Reasons to Join an IFMA Council

- 1. Focused Networking** - IFMA councils unite members who have similar responsibilities and working situations. Councils direct their own programs, which are structured to meet the needs of their membership.
- 2. Targeted Information** - Truly global in nature, councils are not limited by location. You are able to communicate with colleagues worldwide about issues, concerns and best practices specific to your area of facility management.
- 3. Community of Interest** - You are a part of a community with common concerns.
- 4. Information Sharing** - Councils provide opportunities for interaction that transcend chapter and regional boundaries, enabling members to meet other professionals who share an interest in a particular FM practice or who work in the same business sector.
- 5. Heightens your marketability** - Validates importance of position through global involvement and networking.

Council benefits may include:

Newsletters: Covering current council news and articles by members on “hot topics.”

Directories: Membership rosters are available to all council members.

Listservs: An e-mail network providing instant access to the entire council membership.

Teleconference meetings: A venue for discussing benchmarking and best practices.

Web sites: Updated frequently to keep council members up to date on discussions and activities.

Seminars and conferences: At a minimum, each council meets at IFMA’s annual conference and expo, World Workplace. Many councils host spring meetings as well.

URL: http://www.ifma.org/chapters_councils/index.cfm

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Golf Tournament

What a wonderful day for golf!!!!

It indeed was that Thursday, June 1, for KCIFMA's annual Scholarship Golf Tournament. We had over 120 golfers registered this year. The change of venue to Drumm Farms was a hit. Everyone had lots of good things to say about the course and the event.

As the golfers began to roll into the clubhouse they were tantalized by the aroma of steaks grilling. And the best part... the steaks were as good as the aroma promised them to be....and once again, as in past years, hardly anyone left the event without at least one prize in tow.

The final tally is not yet in, but it appears we have met our scholarship goal for 2006! There are so many that helped to organize this event, that we cannot begin to name them all, but here are just a few.

We thank Shawn Fox for the selection of the new venue. Drumm Farm was 'all that and more', as he said it would be; Steve Sweetin, who jumped right in there to organize everyone; Sam Davidson, who was suppose to be taking a 'break', but agreed to letting us 'drag' him back; Peggy Hopkins for keeping us all focused and 'on task'; Greg Gladfelter, now doesn't he just have the right touch with our volunteers; Eric Harper, if it weren't for him, there wouldn't have been near as many prizes, and Debbie Deason, who kept us all straight, reworking the spreadsheets, again and again, oh, and again.....

And it couldn't have happened without our corporate sponsors, and Superior Electrical Contractors, who supplied lunch, and of course SEFox and Allsteel who sponsored the drink carts; to all the volunteers, vendors, prize donators, and of course to our golfers, thank you.

Thank you all. Together we made this an incredibly fun and successful event. One of our goals in 2005-06 was to 'fun it up' a bit. And we certainly did that.

Kudos and kudos again to you all!

KC IFMA Scholars

KANSAS CITY CHAPTER
IFMA



Congratulations 2006 KC IFMA Scholarship Recipients



Elissa Bartel



Danielle Garrison



Erin Shelton

The Kansas City Chapter of the International Facility Management Association congratulates this year's scholarship recipients:

Elissa Bartel – Senior – Kansas State University – Interior Design - \$1,000

Justin Clay – Senior – University of Kansas – Civil Engineering - \$1,500
(picture unavailable)

Danielle Garrison – 5th Year Senior – Kansas State University – Interior Architecture - \$1,000

Erin Shelton – Senior – University of Missouri-Columbia – Architectural Studies / Interior Design - \$1,500

Our special thanks to the participants and sponsors of the Annual KC IFMA Golf Tournament. Your support and participation fund the KC IFMA Scholar Program.

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Other Upcoming Events

Audio Seminars
June 9, 2006

The 2006 Hurricane Season: Yesterday's Lessons Are Tomorrow's Successes

Panelists: Pat Case, Mario Rodriguez, Craig Oakman

Location: Team Office

Time: 9:45 - 11:30

June 22, 2006

Quality Data and data infrastructure systems for FM and CRE

Speakers: Will Esterly, Proctor & Gamble, Curtis Knapp, Jones Lang LaSalle

Location: Community America Credit Union

Time: 11:45 - 1:30

July 7, 2006

Technology: How to Effectively Use CAFM

Speaker: Thomas Grogan, Grogan Associates

Location: Community America Credit Union

Time: 9:45 - 11:30

July 20, 2006

Greening Your Organization

Speaker: Meghan Carter, GCA Services *Hot Topic!*

Location: BNIM

Time: 11:45 - 1:30

Aug. 4, 2006

Hot Topic!

Location: Team Office

Time: 9:45 - 11:30

Aug. 17, 2006

Understanding the FM-Productivity Link

Speaker: Tim Springer, Ph.D., HERO Inc.

Location: Johnson County

Time: 11:45 - 1:30

All Audio Edge seminars are presented free. Those that are presented through the lunch period are "bring your own brown bag". As with all chapter events, registration is required. Please go to the KC IFMA website, www.kcifma.com, and click EVENTS to register.

URL: <http://www.kcifma.com>

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Quik Piks

From the Golf Tournament...





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