



# INFORMATION

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## Presidents Corner



Jim Hickey  
1939-2005

You have all heard about the recent passing of one of the better known and well respected members of the West Michigan Chapter, Jim Hickey, CFM and IFMA Fellow. Some of you attended Jim's wake and others may have attended the funeral. If you attended either, you would have noticed the extremely long lines out the door at the funeral parlor and the nearly full church service. As I talked with people who attended these functions, it was evident that Jim Hickey was known both in West Michigan and around the world for his accomplishments within facility management and more importantly, as a friend, family member, parishioner, husband, and father. When I mentioned IFMA to his niece-she knew of Jim's accomplishments and dedication. Just mention Plan Provide and Manage, and Jim's name will probably come up in the conversation. Jim definitely left a positive legacy that was felt both here and abroad.

So what will your legacy be? How will others within the facility management profession remember you as a facility manager? How will your friends and family remember you and your career? One thing that was evident with Jim Hickey and I hope with myself as well, is that he was the same person both at home and while representing his company, and IFMA. Being a genuine person, dedicated and passionate about your work is critical to a positive and lasting legacy. Never stop learning and teaching others is key to developing and passing on your legacy. Provide guidance to the college students on what courses to take and or some career opportunities. Answer that phone call from that friend who is not sure how to prepare for the CFM exam. Take that week long training course that you have been putting off for two years because you have been too busy. Take a risk and apply for that job that might give you more challenges but less pay.



Volunteer to help out organizations that are your passion. It's time to start leaving our legacy and let's hope we are as successful at leaving a positive mark as our friend, Jim Hickey.

Jim Corby, Chapter President

## Toys For Tots December Meeting

To all of you that attended this annual IFMA event we hope you enjoyed the lunch and had a chance to catch-up with fellow members and share your holiday plans.

The Toys For Tots Toy drive was again a success! We had a "pile of toys" by the end of lunch. Our honored guest from the Marines was Lance Corporal Smith, he gave us an overview of the toy drive, and the details of behind the scenes and what it takes to get donated toys beneath the trees of the under-privileged children. The Baymont Inn, in Byron Center, was the venue for this years event. A big thank you to all that attended!







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## IFMA 17th Anniversary Meeting at the Preserve

Our November meeting was at the Calvin College Ecosystem Preserve and the Vincent & Helen Bunker Interpretive Center. The snowy day was a perfect backdrop for touring the preserve which consists of 90 acres of deciduous forest, wetland, and old fields on the campus of Calvin College. Our tour included environmental features: a photovoltaic array for generating electricity from sunlight, gray water treatment system, passive ventilation system; we were all especially curious about the waterless toilets. This meeting was also the celebration our chapter's 17th birthday—with birthday cake for all!



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## Show Your Chapter Support

Show your support of the West Michigan Chapter by wearing and using our logo items. We have BicClic pens, lapel pins, gray T-shirts, black polo shirts, deluxe travel mugs, and the chapter baseball caps. The pens are \$1, lapel pins \$2, T-shirts \$5, travel mugs \$5, polos \$20, and the caps are only \$8 (check [www.ifma-wm.org](http://www.ifma-wm.org) under Chapter Chatter for pictures of all the items)

To order your chapter logo items contact Jim Corby at 616.246.9748 or by email at [jcorby@steelcase.com](mailto:jcorby@steelcase.com). He'll need to know the item name, quantity and sizes you would like and will coordinate payment (check or cash) and delivery.

## Your Attention Please!!

**This will be the last hardcopy mailed issue of the chapter Newsletter!! Starting with the next issue in April, the newsletter will be posted on the chapter website only.**

**If you do not have internet access, or foresee problems with viewing the online format, please contact Jim Corby at telephone 616.246.9748**



## October Meeting Highlights

Brian Shea of Reliable Energy presented what to expect this winter from current rate structures for availability of natural gas supplies.

Reliable Energy Incorporated provides natural gas and electric service to over 500 facilities throughout the Midwest. Some of what Brian covered included how natural gas costs will be affected by the active hurricane season this year. Brian also touched on current gas storage levels and number of producing wells after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Some of the other information that he shared was how liquefied natural gas is starting to be shipped from overseas and the process of liquefying the gas for shipping and then turning it back to gas for distribution here in the states.

The presentation concluded with a summary of gas rate increases, current utility rate structures, available market prices and current market fundamentals which was very informative and timely for the cold weather months ahead.

## 2006 Kathy Pruden Memorial

**IFMA Student Scholarship** will be given out at the upcoming chapter March Awards Banquet to an outstanding Ferris State University Student enrolled in the Facilities Management program. The application is available on our website: [www.ifma-wm.org](http://www.ifma-wm.org) under the Chapter Chatter section. The completed applications are due to Dave Kuiper by February 17, 2006 (additional details are in the application package).

The Scholarship is named in the memory of Kathy who was past president of the West Michigan Chapter and who lost a valiant battle against cancer nine years ago. Each year the chapter selects the student deemed most deserving of this award.

## Upcoming IFMA Management Summit

Register now for IFMA's summit in 2006 at the Crowne Plaza Riverwalk in San Antonio, Texas. If you are seeking more responsibility in your organization, this event will give you the tools you need and allow you to discuss relevant topics with other managers who share your challenges and goals. For more details and to register online go to: [www.ifma.org/learning/events/management\\_summit](http://www.ifma.org/learning/events/management_summit).

On or before March 8, 2006

IFMA Members: \$425; Nonmembers \$575.

After March 8, 2006

IFMA Members: \$450; Nonmembers \$625.

Registration includes all educational sessions, opening networking reception, lunch on Thursday and networking breaks. Hotel accommodations are not included in the registration fee.

## Welcome New Chapter Members

We thank you for joining us and look forward to your involvement and participation in the IFMA West Michigan Chapter:

Allen L. Boven, Gerber Prod

Jill M. Douglas, Enviro-Clean Services, Inc

Nathan D. Koetje, Feyen-Zylstra LLC

Doran C. Lefaive, Pfizer Inc.

Dave J. Marvin, ARAMARK

Boyd A. Pitney, Century A&E Facilities Design

Eric J. Seaverson, PE, Structure Tec

## ***Urgent!! Volunteers Needed for the Program Committee***

***Please contact Rick Vande Kerkhoff to participate in planning the upcoming IFMA events for the year.***

## Congratulations C.F.M.

Congratulations to Steve Horner, from the Heart of West Michigan, United Way, on achieving his CFM this past fall.

Who will be the next CFM ?

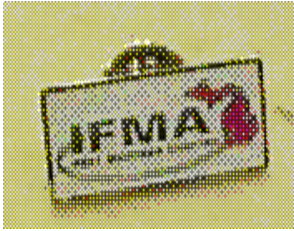


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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monthly Meetings & More...



January 18, 2006, 3:30 –5:00 PM

Location: GRCC-ATC

Topic: Penny Chrzan, President of Bisbee Infrared, Discussion of infrared technologies. Learn how to save energy losses, reduce unscheduled downtime, extend building and equipment life.

February, Space Planning Trends, Details to be announced.

March, IFMA Chapter Awards Dinner, Details to be announced.

*Note: We are looking for nominations for the Professional Member of the Year, Associate Member of the Year, and the Eveready Award. Contact Dave Kuiper with your ideas or for more details. Thank you !!*

April, Associate Member Expo, Details to be announced.

#### ***Our Chapter Mission:***

*The West Michigan Chapter of the International Facility Management Association (IFMA) is a professional association to promote the advancement of the facilities management profession at the local level by providing opportunities for education and creating an environment that encourages its members to share knowledge and experiences.*



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