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Presidents Corner

This is my first column as President of the chapter and I struggled with what I should write about. After hours of mulling it around I had a conversation with our IFMA corporate contact, Linda Beverly. Her comments helped me decide it was appropriate to give a recap of how the chapter has evolved since I joined the chapter. I'll call this the State of the Chapter Address.

First, a little history. I activated my IFMA and West Michigan Chapter membership back in early 1994 when I became involved in warehouse facility consulting. For my first six years or so I felt the chapter operated smoothly with little change. The faces on the board were the same and the meetings seemed similar from month to month. The special events had minimal participation, but were always fun.

About the time of the new millennium, I saw changes start to slowly happen. Over the past five years the board has been infused with new and younger FM professionals. At one time we had two board members under the age of 30. About three years ago I changed jobs and had time to be active on the chapter board as VP of Public Relations. The educational events and tours have become more member-focused by using your feedback from the annual member survey. We are at 25% CFM's in our membership, the highest percentage of any IFMA chapter. We have increased member leadership participation with the formation of new committees: Membership; Programs; Audit; and, the Golf Outing Committee. Membership has slightly increased even with West Michigan in a recession. The golf outing was been a popular event and has raised thousands of dollars for student scholarships. The rebirth of the newsletter and the introduction of our new award-winning chapter web site have increased communication with members. A new chapter logo and promotional items have helped us show our chapter support.

These things are all good and show how the chapter has grown, but we need to continue to focus on these efforts and look for other ways to improve the chapter. The Past-Presidents, Wayne Veneklasen and Dave Kuiper, have done a great job the last four years rebuilding the look and feel of the chapter, and those are some big shoes to fill. To continue this growth we all need to attend more chapter meetings, maybe join a committee, participate at special events, and maybe even serve on the board. My closing comment is not a new one, but one that is sometimes hard for us to do with our busy schedules...GET INVOLVED!

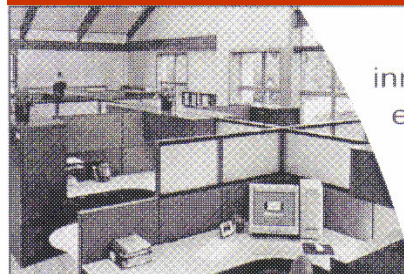


Jim Corby

Informational Meeting at Custer

We want to thank John Morrison who hosted a very informational evening at the new downtown headquarters of Custer Office Environments on Grandville. After introductions by our new president, Jim Corby, we were welcomed by COO Joe Schmieder. He described the challenges of renovating such a unique structure and gave much credit to his staff. We then had an opportunity to tour various parts of the building and see for ourselves the tremendous work environment they created. The building is very impressive. The food was great too! Our thanks to John and Joe for having us!

World Workplace 2005 25th Anniversary Philadelphia, PA October 23-25



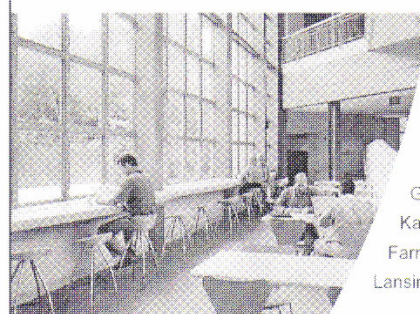
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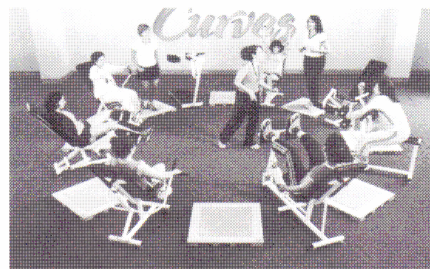
Go Whitecaps!

I don't like baseball. No; correction: I hate baseball. It is a painfully slow game where guys keep huge wads in their cheeks, spit, stare and stall, adjust themselves, play catch with each other and generally take way too long to play the game. I'd rather watch paint dry. So then why do I go to the IFMA July outing at the Whitecaps games every year? I go for four reasons: I look forward to the networking with other members. I really like the opportunity to meet the spouses of the members in a relaxed, social setting. I love the Swimming Pig sandwiches (even though food is provided I still have to buy just one). Lastly, a Whitecaps game is the best value for family entertainment in Grand Rapids. There is always something to watch whether it is Crash racing kids from base to base, singing contests, give-a ways, horse races, fireworks or whatever, there is always something for everyone of every age.

So, even if you hate baseball like I do, come on out to the ball-game. You'll have a great time..... next year.



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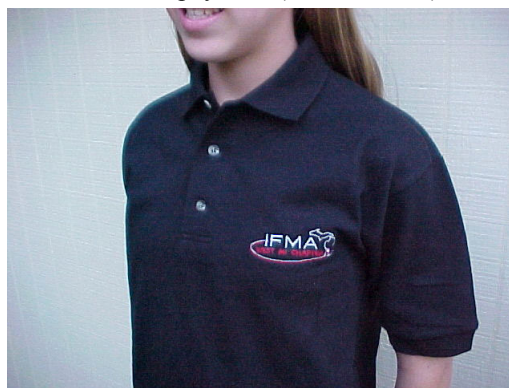
Show Your Chapter Support

World Workplace is just around the corner, so for those of you going to Philly we want you all to show your support by wearing a West Michigan IFMA polo shirt.

For the month of October we will be reducing the cost of the shirt to \$18. "Supplies are limited."

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 NEW chapter baseball caps (see photo below) The pens are \$1, lapel pins \$2, T-shirts \$5, travel mugs \$5, polos \$20, and the NEW caps are only \$8 (check 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. He'll need to know the item name, quantity and sizes you would like and will coordinate payment (check or cash) and delivery.



Golf Outing a Success

The Third Annual IFMA Golf Outing, was held August 5th at Scott Lake Country Club. Ninety golfers participated and over \$3,000 was raised for the IFMA Facilities Management Student Scholarship Fund. Thank you to our committed Platinum Gold-Silver-Bronze sponsors and everyone who participated in making this the most successful IFMA outing yet! We also give a BIG thanks to the hard work of golf committee, headed-up by Jill Wendorf and Rick VandeKerkhoff.

Despite the rain and stormy skies at morning start-time there was only a slight delay—soon the clouds cleared and the “sun and smiles” came out. Congratulations to the various prize winners of the day, and especially to Total Filtration Services for showing-off their golf skills and winning The Team’s Lowest Score! We hope you all enjoyed the lunch, team photos and a great day on the course for a great cause. See you next year!



Welcome New Chapter Members

We are pleased to have you join us and look forward to your involvement and participation in the IFMA West Michigan Chapter:

Michelle K. Bies, Student

Ronald F. Bill Meier, Johnson Controls Inc.

Emily L. Burns, Priority Health

Nathan D. Koetje, Feyen-Zylstra LLC

Ronald J. McCall, Priority Health

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.

Board Member Appointment



The International Facility Management Association (IFMA) West Michigan Chapter has appointed Janice Kitchen, ASID from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber Inc., as Chapter Vice-President of Public Relations for the 2005-2006 term.

Congratulations Janice!

Janice Kitchen
Vice President
Public Relations

West Michigan Board 2005-2007

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly Meetings & More...



October 19, 2005, 3:30–5:00 pm

Location: GRCC-ATC

Topic: Brian Shea with Reliable Energy, Energy Cost Reduction Strategies

November 16, 2005, 3:30-5:00 pm

Location: TBA

Topic: TBA Tour

December 7, 2005, 12:00-1:30 pm

Location: TBA

Topic: New Member/Toys For Tots Luncheon

October 23-25, 2005

Location: Philadelphia, PA

Topic: World Workplace 2005 - 25th Anniversary of IFMA



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