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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear Colleagues,

May is upon us, and with spring comes the usual increase of activity at work as we insert some play time. Unfortunately, we have had some incredibly sad events take place in the past month of April. The horrible events in both Virginia at VT, and in Houston at NASA, which touched our very own IFMA International family, bring home the importance of having emergency plans in place at our work locations.

As facility professionals many of us are responsible for our companies Disaster Recovery Plans and Emergency and Evacuations Plans. Let's use these unfortunate events as reminders to keep our plans current.

IFMA has great online resources to help you at [www.ifma.org](http://www.ifma.org). We have also had two different programs over the past year at our lunch meetings regarding Disaster/ Emergency planning. And for those of you who do not have plans in place, be sure to attend the Tri-Chapter event on 5/10 at Monona Terrace. We are having Curt Siegel and Frank Moriarty from RSM McGladrey at one of the educational break out sessions. They will discuss how to get started in Business Continuity Planning by providing "Tips to Keep From Getting Lost."

As my year as President draws to a close I am continually inspired and in awe of all the work the officers, past presidents, and committee chairs/members put into our Madison Chapter. YOU are what makes IFMAdison great! THANK YOU!

Hope to see you all at the Tri-Chapter at Monona Terrace on May 10th and the Sponsorship Appreciation lunch at Vitense on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Sheri L. Rose, CFM  
President, Madison Chapter  
IFMA

## Chapter Monthly Luncheon May 15 - Vitense Golfland

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This month will be the 2007-2008 Sponsorship Appreciation Lunch.

Location: VITENSE GOLFLAND off Whitney Way

Date: May 15th

Time: 12:00 - 1:30 (Note: Please try to get to Vitense before 12:00 as we have a full schedule)

Address: 5501 W. Beltline Highway (Exiting Whitney Way, it's on the south side of the beltline)

### Venue Details:

We will start with lunch and the awards presentation of our 2007-2008 sponsors. Then we will be holding a 9-hole Indoor Mini Golf Tournament. The teams will be pre-assigned by Vitense Golfland. You will get your team assignment when you register at the door. At the June Luncheon we will announce the Mini Golf Winner and hand out prizes along with showing the highlights of this great networking event!

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** There are only 90 spots available for this event. The sign up will be on a first come, first serve basis. Also, the sign up cut off will be May 4. Please turn in your RSVP's as soon as you can! You can register by replying to the email sent to you by IFMA Mailbag or on our web site: <http://www.ifmadison.org/events.html>

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## Congratulations and THANK YOU!

to

Karyn Biller

And her Sponsorship Committee

of

Cheryl Weisensel, Tim Lerdahl, and Steve Holtzhauer

Their goal this year was to raise \$16,000

**They Raised over \$25,000**

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## Golf Weather and Golf Outing are Approaching

The Madison IFMA Golf Outing is scheduled for Tuesday, July 24 at Stoughton Country Club. Notice it's a little later this year so please mark your calendars. Gather your foursomes now!

We have a limited number of hole and event sponsorships so if you are interested, please contact Paula Roberts or Vickie Wenzel now to secure your spot! **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!** Of course we are always looking for prize donations too, so please let us know if you would like to donate something for the big day!

\$100 to sponsor a hole

\$150 to sponsor beer or an event

Contact us today at [probert1@steelcase.com](mailto:probert1@steelcase.com) or [vickie.wenzel@target.com](mailto:vickie.wenzel@target.com).

As always, it promises to be a great day with lots of sun and fun!

Sponsorships to Date:

Steelcase Inc. – beer sponsor

Target Commercial Interiors – hole sponsor

## New Member Event

Our next New Member Event will feature a Pig Roast at A&J Specialties; June 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30 p.m. - Welcoming all new and prospective members.

If you've joined IFMA in the last year, you're invited to attend. The folks at A&J welcome you to network with IFMA committee chairs and learn about what IFMA Madison offers.

IFMA New Member Events always have:

A Great View at a Great Location

Great Food

Great People

A Great Way to get involved

Great Door Prizes at the end

A Great Way to get started with IFMA

IFMA's membership committee would like to welcome the following new members:

- Terrence "Digger" Hellenbrand from Hellenbrand Water Center
- Steve Harms from Tri-North Builders
- Vicky Statz from Office Furniture Resources

## IFMAdison to Host Tri-Chapter May 10

The 2007 Tri-Chapter Symposium will take place on Thursday, May 10th at the Monona Terrace in Madison.

You should have received a multitude of email blasts with registration materials and information. This is going to be a wonderful learning and networking opportunity. The two keynote speakers, Dan Paulson from InVision Business Development and Mike Eaves, the UW Madison Men's Hockey Coach are just two highlights of the day. Plus, they were both sponsored by two of our own chapter businesses, Kraft Foods and Bachmann Construction, respectively.

There are educational speakers in the morning with three concurrent sessions and three more concurrent sessions in the afternoon with new speakers. The door prizes are phenomenal; a WWP registration and additional funds for traveling for a total prize value of \$1000, a projector from AVI Midwest for a value of \$1300, and many more great prizes.

## IFMA's April Tour

Food Concepts, Inc is a recognized leader in the design and fabrication of both custom and cataloged merchandising systems for the food industry. Thursday, April 27 members of the Madison Chapter of IFMA toured the company's Middleton location. In coordination with Durrant Architects of Milwaukee, Food Concepts was able to reclaim materials which would have otherwise been destined for the area's landfills. The glass curtain which surrounds the lobby area was saved from the nearby Greenway Station shopping center. The building itself has been completely gutted and renovated, while still maintaining character of the original structure such as exposed brick both inside and out. Watch the IFMA calendar for more exciting and informative IFMA tours coming soon!

## Era Ends / New One Begins

Starting in July, IFMA Madison will switch to an electronic-only newsletter. As we move forward to a newsletter format that is not restricted by paper size and postage we would like to reevaluate how the content is serving the reader. If anyone has suggestions or comments about what they would like to see added or removed from our publication, please let us know. We would like to make the newsletter a better resource for our members! Feel free to contact Newsletter Committee member Emily Rowe at [emily.rowe@creativebusinessinteriors.com](mailto:emily.rowe@creativebusinessinteriors.com) with your thoughts or suggestions.

## May Anniversaries

### 1 Year

Jeffrey Peterson

Techline Workspace Studio

### 4 Year

Eugene Post

Design Structures

### 6 Years

Paula Roberts

Steelcase, Inc.

Cindy Torstveit

State of Wisconsin

### 8 Years

Kim Keister

UNICCO

### 10 Years

Charles Ross

Covance

### 18 Years

Wayne Clark

General Casualty Companies

### 20 Years

Frank Alfano

Retiree

## By the Way . . . .

### **Office space being used to attract top talent**

Energy companies in Houston are beginning to allocate more office space to employees as an attempt to attract new hires, according to an April 25 article in The Wall Street Journal. Companies are considering increasing the square footage given to each employee by 15 to 20 percent.

### **Next in emergency preparedness: Text messaging**

State-of-the-art communications systems are being adopted to help get the message out in case of an emergency, an April 18 article in The Wall Street Journal reported. These systems send alerts as text messages on cell phones and e-mails to PCs instantaneously. Automated electronic-alert systems have been implemented by a growing number of governments, communities, school systems and universities.

## June Newsletter Deadline

Friday, May 25, 2007

Please submit materials to Matt Darga  
at  
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(as an attached WORD document)

## First Class Mail

*Address Correction Requested*

### IFMA Madison Chapter Calendar of Events

#### May 2007

- 8 Executive Board Meeting
- 10 Tri-Chapter (Madison)
- 15 Luncheon Meeting - Sponsorship  
(Vitense Golfland)

#### June 2007

- 12 Executive Board Meeting
- 19 Luncheon Meeting - Annual Business  
Meeting
- ?? Tour

#### July 2007

- 10 Executive Board Meeting
- 17 Luncheon Meeting - Paving for FM's
- 24 Golf Outing - Stoughton Country Club
- ?? Outdoor Tour TBA

#### August 2007

- 10 Executive Board Meeting
- 17 Luncheon Mtg. - Practical HVAC
- ?? Tour



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