PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Love Your Job Month

I thought that would catch your eye. Since this is the month that we celebrate Valentine’s Day, it made me ponder as to how love might be incorporated into a message relating to facilities management and how it might relate to our jobs and careers. It’s been said that if you love your job, you most likely excel in whatever do and those around you can see it in your work and your actions. The other side of that coin is that if you don’t love the work you are doing you should change either the way you work or change jobs. It’s a tough question to answer on some days and others not. Our jobs as facility managers can be extremely rewarding and exciting on most days, and then others…not so. Luckily for me and many of our IFMA colleagues this doesn’t happen as often. Part of this is due to the continuing education and training opportunities, good old fashion experience, and networking with IFMA chapters and councils.

I believe we should take time to look back at our work and our career at least once or twice a year to reflect on what part of our job we “love” and enjoy. Then, re-evaluate the areas we might need to improve or change to help reduce the number of days where we want to take the first train to Tijuana or Bonaire.

At this writing, Jimmy the Groundhog, Sun Prairie’s prognosticator of Spring, is preparing for his yearly prediction of whether we will have an early Spring or not. So, whether there is more winter or not, get started on your “I love my job” list. I’d love to hear how our members have made changes in their jobs that have helped make it a better place for them and others.

One last thing, we still need some folks for our Education Committee and the Civic Involvement Committee …..Interested, please let me know. It will be fairly painless!

Happy Valentine’s Day!

Laura J. S. Huttner, President

Chapter Monthly Luncheon

The Sheraton, 12 Noon, February 21, 2006

The February luncheon presentation will be given by Dennis Gleason, of Gleason & Associates LLC. Dennis will define construction management (CM), why you need it on your project, and the benefits of CM.

Dennis will also discuss the project cycle and how the Owner group must be involved each step of the way to complete the project successfully. Dennis will emphasize how important it is for the Owner to be represented and actively involved throughout the project.

Dennis Gleason started his career in the construction industry in 1978 as a Carpenter Apprentice, moving then to a journeyman, foreman and finally a superintendent. The scope of work ranged from single family home construction to major hospital renovations. After nineteen years in the field, he took a position with the State of Wisconsin as a Construction Representative for six years. Duties included oversight and maintenance of the budget, schedule, quality control and code compliance of construction work performed on state owned facilities. The work covered the entire spectrum of construction activities and settings - healthcare, university campuses, correctional facilities, state parks, radio towers, historic restorations, and most notably the renovation of the Wisconsin State Capitol.

Dennis is now self employed providing services as an Owner’s Representative. This service assists Owners through the construction process, looking out for their best interest and staying actively represented on their project. A majority of the work load he is involved with is phased medical remodeling but is still as varied as the work with the state.

February Tour Details – To be Announced. Watch for details via email.
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Academic Facilities Council

The Academic Facilities Council will be meeting for their Spring conference in Madison on April 12 - 15, 2006. The Academic Facilities Council is comprised of IFMA members who primarily work at Colleges and Universities. The Academic Council folks are anxious to collaborate on parts of the conference with Madison IFMA. Anyone interested in being Richard Pierce’s contact with the Madison Chapter please call him at 263-4588 or email him at rdnpierce@facstaff.wisc.edu

IFMA Member is a Hero!

The Badger Chapter of the American Red Cross will have its ninth annual Real Heroes event March 2nd.

Our IFMA Chapter nominated one of this year’s winners. Frank Alfano, CFM, will be honored for his lifetime of community service with the “Hero of a Lifetime” award. This is given to an individual with 20+ plus of service or good deeds. Please see the insert in this newsletter.

The Real Heroes event is a very moving and uplifting event, and the financial benefits of the fundraiser stay right here in Dane County with our local Red Cross Chapter!

Please consider attending [bring a guest!] at an IFMAdison table to support both the Red Cross and Frank. Laura Huttner is collecting names and organizing. Call her today @ 242-6260 or email at Huttner@co.dane.wi.us

Here are the details:

Thursday, March 2nd
Monona Terrace 5:30-8:00 PM
Appetizers, cash bar, dinner, dessert bar
A wonderful program, including videos of each Hero created by John Roach Productions.
$50.00 per ticket

See you there! Call today!
Over 40 IFMA Madison members and guests met on January 26 in the “Town Square” of Electronic Theatre Controls in Middleton for 2 fantastic tours of the 250,000 square foot facility. Strang and ETC co-hosted the event, which included insight into the design process of the project and the corporate culture and social dynamics of a world leader in its industry.

Highlights included the reception desk, which is based on the cafe in Edward Hopper’s “Nighthawks.” the use of expanded metal mesh as a theatrical scrim for the Town Square, the unique manufacturing environment, the garage door on the CEO’s office and the “black box” theatre demonstration area.

Many thanks to ETC and Strang for putting this together to show off one of the truly unique buildings in our area, and all of the members and guests who attended!

**Sponsorship Drive Still Moving Forward!**

Here are the sponsorships we have as of today. Please help us keep the project rolling! Total money received or pledged: $10,350

**GOLD ($1,000)**
Pearson Engineering, LLC
FacilityNow
Strang

**SILVER ($500)**
Ahern Fire Protection
SRI Consultants, Inc.
Environment Control of Wisconsin
Whiteside Facility Engineering, LLC
DATAKEEP
Servicemaster Building Maintenance
Eppstein Uhen
Plunkett Raysich Architects
FLAD and Associates
Welton Enterprises, Inc.

**BRONZE ($250)**
Badgerland Farm Credit Services
Foremost Farms USA
Bachmann Construction Company, Inc.
Rettler Corporation
Emmons Business Interiors
Potter Lawson
Henrickson & Company, Inc.
InteriorLOGIC Facility Planning
Paragon

**FRIENDS ($100)**
Forward Electric

The following is a brief excerpt, taken from the complete announcement on JOBNET on IFMA’s website.

**Plexus Corp of Neenah, WI** is currently seeking a Director – Corporate Facilities who will be responsible for the overall facilities management, including planning, maintenance, repair, modification and construction planning for all physical property in the Corporation. Direct the operations of the Facility Department (and Security departments). Apply at [www.plexus.com](http://www.plexus.com)

Several positions have also been listed on the website of our neighboring southeastern Wisconsin chapter. Go to the following link, then click on employment. [http://sewifma.org/](http://sewifma.org/)

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**IFMA Anniversaries for February**

1 Year
Glenn Bolt Honeywell International
Jim Carrel Johnson Controls
Chris Fawcett Covance Laboratories
George Keehn JWC Building Specialties, Inc.
Matthew McConnell Madison Gas & Electric
Scott Olsen American Family Insurance
John O’Neill Midwest Patrol & Investigative LLC

2 Years
Shawn Smith Plunkett Raysich Architects
Jane Carroll Interior Investments
Judith Stich ARAMARK Corporation
Doug Hearn Dane County
Greg Brockmeyer InteriorLogic Facility Planning
Kevin Sorg InteriorLogic Facility Planning
Wayne Schroeder Beaver Dam Community Hospital

9 Years
Jack Mitchell Facilities Management Consultant

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**March Newsletter Deadline**
Friday, February 24, 2006

Please submit materials to Matt Darga at mdarga@greenwaycenter.com (as an attached WORD document)

Visit the IFMA Madison Web Sit at: IFMAAdison.org
**February 2006**
- 14 Executive Board Meeting
- 21 Luncheon Meeting - Construction Management
- ?? Tour - Gordon Flesch?

**March 2006**
- 14 Executive Board Meeting
- 21 Luncheon Meeting - Panel Discussion on Carpets
- ?? Tour / Monona Terrace (?)

**April 2006**
- 11 Executive Board Meeting
- 18 Luncheon Meeting - Elevators
- ?? Tour

**May 2006**
- 09 Executive Board Meeting
- 16 Luncheon Meeting - Sponsorship
- ?? Tour / Monona Terrace (?)

**June 2006**
- 14 Executive Board Meeting
- 21 Luncheon Mtg. – Annual Business Meeting
- 27 Golf Outing