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President's Commentary

Now that I have survived the recount, it's time to sit down and write my first article as President of the chapter. My first thought is, "My God, what did I get myself into?" Well, I said yes when asked if I would run, so I better make the best of it.

In January 1995, I joined IFMA. I had been looking for a professional organization to affiliate with because I was beginning to feel stale and needed stimulation. I have been a full-time facility manager for about eight years, and like most of you, it wasn't a career I had ever expected to wind up in. And, certainly, I had no thoughts of ever assuming a leadership position in IFMA.

After a few months, it became obvious that if I was going to meet people and get something out of my membership, I had better be more involved so I volunteered to serve on the Program Committee.

In my career as a Jewish communal professional, I have become very familiar with the concept of volunteerism. I understand the role of committees and greatly appreciate and respect those people who give up their time and expertise to better an organization by such participation. My only anxiety is the dearth of volunteers. The other officers, program chairs and I will do our best to make the most of the current services as possible. However, with more help from you, the chapter could do much more for the members and the community.

Local IFMA chapters are entirely dependent on their membership for services. There is no other management structure guiding the process. The committee members plan the programs, educational courses, the golf tournament, the holiday party, and they produce the monthbook and maintain the Chapter Web site. Occasionally, they solicit financial support to enable them to pay for its activities.

In September this year, our chapter is hosting World Workplace-North America. This is a unique opportunity for the chapter and Kansas City. I am hopeful that when you are contacted, you are able to make the most of the way to make the World Workplace experience for the over 8000 IFMA members expect the best ever.

Here is my final pitch, in case you missed it. We need more volunteer help, especially from professional members. The more help we have, the easier it is to operate and the more enjoyable it is. I know you are busy at work, but so are those people who already are involved. Please give me a call and I will try to match up your interests with a job that needs to be done. My number is (913) 234-1111 or you can e-mail me at alanb@jewishkc.org.

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Mark Your Calendar

May 18, 2004
Tour of Kansas
Speedway

June 3, 2004
Annual Golf Outing
Painted Hills Golf
Course

July 20, 2004
So You Want to
Build a Building
Christ Community
Church

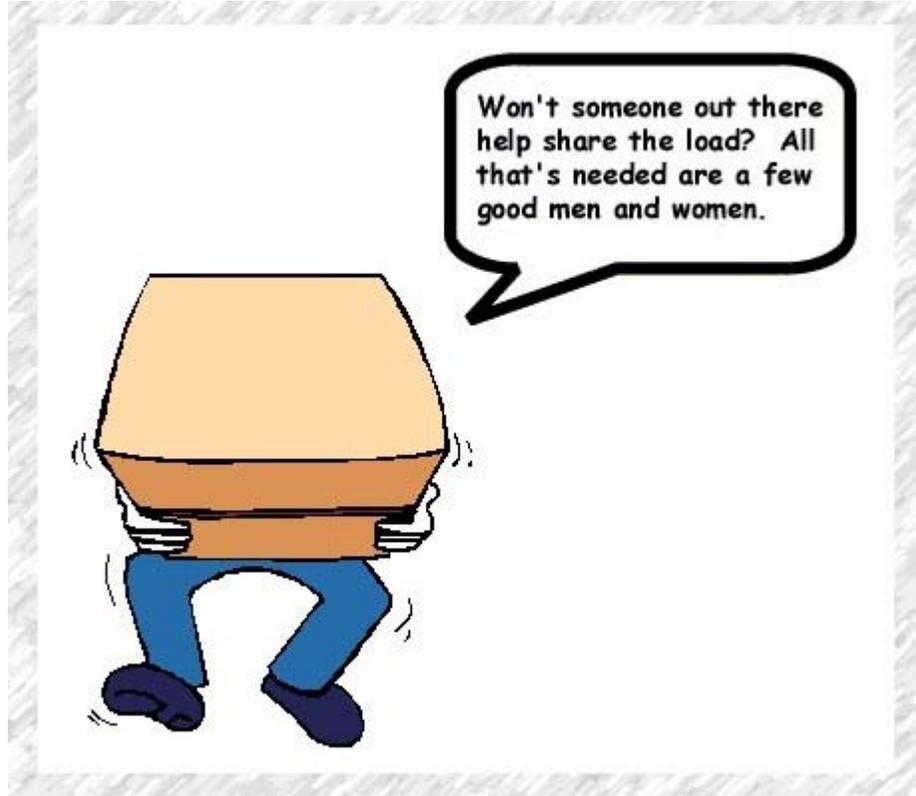
Thank you,



Alan Bram, President
Kansas City IFMA Chapter



*Chapter
President*



**Scholarship Funded by
Kansas City IFMA Chapter!**



Our local Kansas City Chapter completed our scholarship objective by funding a national addition to our local scholarship(s). Shown here at World Workplace 2000 in New Orleans, a mock up of the check to Marc Adelman and Bill Hoffman of the IFMA Foundation Board, Shouse (then Chapter Vice President of Education) and Rick Bond (then Chapter President).

January Program Preview

by Jennell Hall

"Behind the Scenes" Tour of Union Station



In 1914, Kansas City's Union Station was built for a cost of \$5.7 million and was a part of

million railroad development project. Record numbers of travelers passed through the Station but by 1973 only 6 trains a day passed through. The Station was placed on the National Historic Places in 1972 and after several years of working on development plans, the major project began in 1997.

To start the year 2001, Glen Hibbin, FM at Union Station, will give our members and guests the "Scenes" Tour of the renovated Union Station. To see what it takes to effectively run this and nearly one million square foot historic site, please join us "Under the Clock" on Tuesday, January 16th. Registration will begin at 4:30 p.m. with the tour starting promptly at 5:15 p.m.

When:

Tuesday, January 16
4:30p – 6:30p

Where:

Union Station
Pershing Road & Main Street
Kansas City, MO
Free parking behind the Station

Cost:

\$15 for members
\$20 for non-members

RSVP:

Call the IFMA Program line
at 913-906-6000, ext. 1144
by January 12th. Speak clearly
and/or spell your name.

Holiday Party Review

On December 12, fifty-eight stalwart members and guests of the Kansas City Chapter of the IFMA met in the face of inclement weather and met at the Woodside Racquet Club in Westwood for the final get together of the year 2000. Original reservations had called for eighty to attend the Holiday Party but the weather played havoc with some members' plans.

Those in attendance viewed the recognition of the outgoing board officers, the installation of the new board officers for 2001, the honoring of the 17 corporate sponsors of our chapter, the announcement of two scholarship recipients, a call to arms for IFMA's World Workplace 2001 (to be held in Kansas City, September 23-25), and the awarding of lots and lots of raffle prizes.

Members enjoyed a brief video of some chapter highlights of 2000. Thanks to Peggy Hopkins for her hard work in putting together the video.

Many thanks to Jennell Hall, Peggy Hopkins, Rita Beebe, Rick Bond, and everyone who made our December get together a wonderful time of good food and great fun.

And THANKS to the following individuals and corporations for their donations which were used in our raffle:

Barton Protective Services
Gerald Jones Co.
Gladfelter Engineering
Color Art

Herman Miller
Marc Conners
Fry Wagner
Shaw Carpet
Jim Wilkinson
Steel Case/Scott Rice
Johnson Controls
Fortis Benefits
Graf Gallery
Paul Mosiman
Lee's Carpet
Workplace Strategies
Sprint



Check-in at Holiday Party 2000



The food was superb



Members enjoyed the feast!



John Harter, David Diekman, Tony Manella



Outgoing President Rick Bond
congratulates New 2001 President



2001 KC IFMA Board Officers
L to R: Tony Mannella, VP
Membership; Alan Bram,
President; Jim Wilkinson,
Treasurer; Scott Quarterson,

Alan Bram

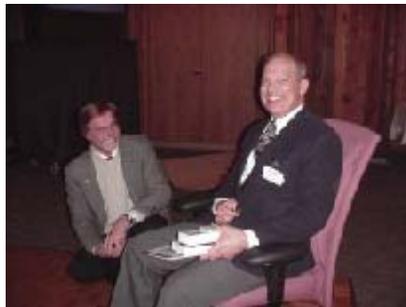
Chapter Liaison; Ken Fancolly,
Secretary; Seated is Linda De
Tienne, VP Education



Last minute rush on chances for prizes



Rita Beebe awards one of the prizes



Alan Bram won a new office chair
from David Kiekman



Alan Bram officially adjourns
Holiday Party 2000!

KCIFMA Chapter Awards Scholarships

by Teresa Reicherter



In late Spring we mailed announcements out to local Universities regarding the Scholarships for the Fall of 2000, consisting of an Undergraduate award for \$1,250 and a Graduate award for \$1,750.

At the end of summer, we mailed letters and application materials for the scholarship to the Universities. Information about the two available

scholarships and the application were also available on our local IFMA web page for the first time this year. Applications were due back mid October. The selection committee, comprised of Teresa Reicherter, Linda Atha, Paige Price, Randi Wertz, and Brittany Gamble, reviewed the four applications received. During early December we held personal interviews as the final step in determining the winners.

Nitin Vir Jain, a graduate student from Kansas State, studying Environmental Planning and Management, was selected to receive the Graduate Award. Lindsey Fair, a junior at Kansas State, studying for her B.S. in Marketing and International Business, was selected for the Undergraduate Award. Both are extremely deserving students with excellent skills to excel in their areas of study. The selection committee walked away with a little greater insight and knowledge just from our brief interviews with these two students.

Both students have asked me to extend their heartfelt thanks to the IFMA members, and both hope to have the opportunity to meet with our local chapter in one of our upcoming meetings.

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Editor's Farewell



by Linda DeTienne

Just one year ago I accepted the challenge of becoming Newsletter Editor for the Kansas City IFMA Chapter. What a rewarding experience it has been!

We successfully transitioned the newsletter from hard print to electronic media through the glorious benefits of The Web. In so doing, we eliminated the previous space constraints for information and articles, added the benefit of unlimited color photographs, and introduced the newsletter to our membership more efficiently each month.

My thanks go to so many who helped me enjoy my "Editorship" in 2000:

- To Lisa McCracken who served as Editor before me and passed along a well organized process, which made it easy to follow – even for me!
- To the members of the Newsletter Committee: Jane Ann Carmichael, Marie Galvas, John Harter, Lisa Howard and Julie Pruden – who brought great ideas and even greater talent in pulling together focus articles throughout the year.

- To Teena Shouse who was the driving force in the effort to get the KC IFMA Web Site up and running, which serves as the framework housing the newsletter.
- To Rick Bond as Chapter President during the year and to all the Officers, Committee Chairs and volunteers who contributed articles, pictures, information and resources for the newsletter.
- To Suzanne earlier in the year, now Karen, and Scott at 21st Century Solutions for working miracles with what I provided them each month!

As I venture into another challenge, that of serving as Vice President of Education for the Chapter, I leave the reigns of the newsletter in the very capable hands of Sheryl Wolfe of Sprint. She will be coordinating the gathering of information each month and transforming it into the web site news source. But she needs your help – Do Your Part! If you have any ideas, information, announcements, articles, etc., which you would like to have included in the newsletter, please contact Sheryl at (913) 315-3044, or email her at wolfekcifma@earthlink.net

Thanks again for the great opportunity and experience! Now I'm gonna go lurn 'bout edyoukashun!

Linda DeTienne
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CFM'S KNOW - DO YOU?

Following is a question which might appear on the CFM (Certified Facility Manager) exam. Can you answer it?

What process for forecasting space needs is most effective for a production or manufacturing facility?

- A. Department growth.
- B. Production growth.
- C. Period growth.
- D. Employee growth.

Answer to last month's question: B. Utilities and housekeeping

International Facility Management Association's

World Workplace 2001
Will be held in Kansas City!

Plan now to be a part of this outstanding conference.

September 23-25, 2001

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HOLIDAY PARTY 2000



