

PRESIDENT'S MONTH IN REVIEW

Month in review for August, 2007

There are so many positive things happening in this chapter it is an honor to be a part.

First and foremost, on Friday, I was informed we have been selected as the winner of the 2007 Award of Excellence in Membership Marketing, which we will receive at World Workplace's Friday night awards banquet! Hat's off to Grace Cubarrubia, Marca Barr, and the entire membership committee.

Speaking of World Workplace, it looks like we will have a great turnout of Orlando members. Once again, Millicare will sponsor a chapter dinner for all members (and their significant other). We had a memorable evening in San Diego last year and look forward to some excellent New Orleans cuisine. The House of Delegates and Annual IFMA National meeting are Tuesday afternoon, followed by the IFMA Foundation Gala Tuesday night. We have proceeds of the golf tournament and a little more to kick in to benefit the IFMA Foundation.

We gave away two conference registrations, to Larry Simmons, CFM, and Michael Harris of CNL Hospitality. We have heard of several members thinking about driving up together to defray costs, and we also have several members that booked double rooms and have space available if you don't mind sharing. Contact Renee if you need help connecting with someone. It's a great time, and please ask for the money to make World Workplace in your budget next year, which will be in Dallas, so you'll know what to expect when the conference comes to ORLANDO in 2009!

The website is a constantly changing work in progress, we now are doing 2 updates a month, about the first and fifteenth (or 20th in this months case). On the front page this month notice the 4 logo pin designs, from which we'll pick (by member vote) the pin we'll wear proudly and trade with at World Workplace. (Every member will receive a pin). Please email your vote of 1st choice by September 5 to Renee at ifmaorlando@ifmaorlando.org.

The CFM roundtables continue to be fun and popular. This **SECOND TUESDAY** of every month will continue to be an informal, FM education focused session, as long as I remain president and we can schedule a venue. September 11 will be the 3rd 3 competency area's. Look for postings of the past CFM roundtables to show up on the website by October's updates. We may not have professional speakers, but we do have experienced "speaking professionals"! CFM's and FM related professionals that are willing to share their expertise.

The GOLF tournament is next month, Friday Sep 28th again at Stoneybrook East. Should be a great day again, and best of all raise money for a great cause, our friends at the Russell Home.

We have a major sponsor! Thanks to Jack Televast, and Workplace Resource for becoming our first major

sponsor. You will find their logo and link to their website on our website front page, and they will be prominently mentioned over the next year. We expect to have more major sponsor announcements soon.

Thanks again to Kathy Lesiuk of Strictly Commercial for sponsoring our August monthly program. We had a good crowd and a great speaker.

I could go on forever, but you have to be careful, not too much is what I'm told... when you talk, write, or cook, always leave your audience wanting a little more !

But I can't stop yet, a couple quickies first... back at my day job... we're going to head towards LEED EB certification at our building, so I am going to bone up on that, perhaps go for a LEED AP certification, and join the USGBC when I can get the time. And then I do act as FM for our 50k sf HQ in downtown Orlando, a combination new space and old "character" restoration building, where the skylights and old roof have me wondering how they will hold up to a hurricane! But then, on the other hand, they've seen hurricanes for 80 years so whats to wworry about ?

I had hoped to have time to write about the exploits of my 5 day, 4 night bicycle camping trip around Florida I took the last week of July. It was hot, sunny, rainy, wild, and unexpected. I crashed and bent my frame and thought I would have to call my wife to pick me up. But in the morning, the spirit triumphed and I gave it a go, and amazed myself by riding home the 90 miles in sometimes heavy rain the last day. I have pics and a story to write, maybe next month. One more bike thing, my "Day in the life of a bike commuter" made the front page of our company website <http://www.glatting.com>.

Best to all ! See you in September !
Geoff