

PRESIDENT'S WEEK IN REVIEW

Week in review for April 28, 2007

We had a very busy week this week, so I thought I would send one update, rather than multiple... you know, keep that in-box under control. Perhaps we can get these posted on the website in the future !

We had a great turnout for the CFM roundtable... brown bag event hosted by Larry Simmons, CFM, at the Orlando Facilities location. There is such enthusiasm and positive energy we will soon announce the follow up meeting, and place. It will be in late May to early June.

We have a good turnout for our informal social, bowling at Boardwalk Lanes, Despite the 4:30 start and east colonial drive location. We enjoyed a good time with bowling, refreshments, and networking. Watch for more informal events of this type. For me it was a real revelation... all week I struggled with "geez, how can I come up with a couple hours when I'm so busy"... about halfway through, I realized I hadn't thought about work for over an hour, and was having a great, relaxing, fun time ! So that's what it is all about, believe me, no one did my work for me in the hour I left early Thursday, and it was all there waiting for me Friday ! But for a couple hours, it was just having some fun with some cool people that work just as hard as I do.

IFMA National approved an increase in our chapter dues, which is our first in many years. The additional funding will help us respond to your request for more and better education and professional development programs. More on that later, but as exciting as this year is getting to be, I think we are setting the stage for an even better next year, more programs, more networking, more focus on professional development and certification. We received 2 job listings this week: From Target and Orange County. They are attached.

The May 18 strategic planning session is coming into focus... still looking for a couple members to join us...yes I know it's all day... but we are setting the framework for the next 5 years... imagine... this chapter will probably be close to double our size by then (think of all those networking possibilities) ! If you have interest please contact me or anyone on the board (list on website) www.ifmaorlando.org . Especially would like to have some FM's... long time member, past volunteer, current member, and committee chair.

I met with some of our committee people this week to review our May 8 "new member breakfast" program. It will be at the Citrus club in downtown Orlando, 7:30 to 9:00. A free breakfast, and a chance to get out early and get to know more about the chapter and board members. We will all be there, as well as each committee will be represented... so if you want to get involved, find out more about how the chapter works, or just dress up and have a nice breakfast for a change come on down ! I like wearing a jacket and tie for a change and when my co-workers ask "what's up with you today" casually telling them "oh, my association had a breakfast meeting at the Citrus club, we do that every once in a while"... lol ! Enough fun for this week, I'll see you again in a week or two !
Geoff