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The Northern Illinois Chapter of IFMA

September Monthly Meeting

Date: September 11, 2007

Location: Grainger

1657 Shermer Rd.
Northbrook, IL 60062

Speaker: **Cliff Woodbury, United States Fire Protection, Inc.**

Topic: NFPA 25 Fire Sprinkler Inspections

About our Speaker:

Cliff Woodbury has been a Professional firefighter since 1998. He is a member of the Northbrook Fire Department. Cliff's current role at United States Fire Protection is new market development and liaison to local fire departments. Cliff has attended NFPA 25 board meetings and recently wrote the fire sprinkler inspector's manual for United States Fire Protection, Inc.

About our Program:

The topic is NFPA 25 fire sprinkler inspections:

- * why it needs to be done
- * what to look for in an inspection company
- * the inspection process
- * how to minimize employee/tenant disruptions
- * interpreting system performance reports and report archiving
- * Q&A

About our Host Site:

Built in 1955, this building was formerly owned and occupied by Culligan. The Grainger Parts Division occupied the space until the Grainger Parts operation was absorbed into the Grainger Distribution Center network in 2006. The Grainger Northbrook Facility now houses Inside Sales and Sales Support totalling 334 people. The building has a gross area of 182,000 square feet.

Renovation in 2006-2007 to the facility (office space) involved conversion of 42,000 square feet of former warehouse and receiving dock space to semi-finished office space; including new lighting, HVAC, carpeting, and painting. A "loft like" effect was created by installing an open grid ceiling (leaving an unfinished ceiling) and exposing the original structural elements and skylights (for daylighting) in the renovated area. Additional "green" features include an autodimming light system (fixtures) that adjusts to the ambient light being provided by the skylights. It is also just blocks from the Northbrook Metra train station, allowing many employees to take public transportation. Other additions to the facility included a 9,000 square foot full service cafeteria with a multipurpose dining area and a state of the art audio visual system, new service corridor, nurses office, a computer lab, new washroom facilities and several new conference rooms.

The architect for the project was Hal Scheffers of Vincent, Lynn and Lee and the general contractor was Pepper Construction.

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President's Message—Dave Falls, CFM, CFMJ



Well, Back to School was the theme of the September 2005 president's letter, Labor Day End of Summer the September 2006 theme.....how do I top that? Sure has been a hot, wet and crazy summer especially last week's storm during which yours truly was without power for 96 hours. I never realized how dependent I was on cable TV and the internet. I also rediscovered something called radio and reading novels by flashlight.

Like me, I'm sure a lot of you have family, friends and neighbors ask you what you do for a living. You answer "Facility Manager" and they give you a blank stare and then you have to try to explain exactly what it is that we do. I am sort of amused that my employer, Grainger, has actually started running radio ads on Mike and Mike in the Morning on ESPN 1000 AM radio and WXRT FM that actually uses the words "facilities managers" so our chosen profession is finally getting some publicity. One of my favorite authors, Ken Follett, even has the heroine of one his recent novels "Whiteout" is the Facilities Director of a medical research firm in Scotland, so perhaps Hollywood will be next to discover our existence.

World Workplace 2007 in New Orleans is just around the corner, October 24 through 26th. Don't worry all you Cubs fans. It's highly unlikely you will miss anything. My fellow White Sox fans and I have adopted your "wait till next year " theme. I hope you don't mind. Back to WWP-New Orleans... our chap-

ter will again be co-sponsoring with the Chicago Chapter a networking event on Thursday of that week at Pat O'Brien's on Bourbon Street (see page 5). This party is always a good time and an opportunity for some great networking. Our Networking Committee Chairperson, Ted Kubek, always comes through with a great event. This will be my first WWP since 2001, and I am looking forward to the excellent educational sessions and vendor exhibits as well as seeing many of you there.

I would like to welcome our two new Membership committee members, Mary Mannucci of Brook Furniture Rental and Kim Murphy of Antron Fiber who have been demonstrating considerable enthusiasm and creating some new programs promoting membership recruitment and retention. More good things to come from the Membership Committee in future months.

Michael DeCaluwe of Integrys has assumed the Program Committee Chairperson role from the inimitable Seaby Bess several months ago and has done a stellar job filling those big shoes. Our meeting venues and speakers have been top notch. The speaker at our September meeting, Cliff Woodbury of US Fire Protection, is a new IFMA NI member. The speaker at our July meeting, Harry Neumayer of Johnsonite is also a member and based on his presentation at the Doubletree, definitely missed

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definitely missed his calling as a standup comedian at a resort in the Catskills. It is really great that we can pull interesting speakers like this from our own membership.

The August meeting at Sim's Bowl and Lounge in Des Plaines was a great success and well attended. Not sure many of us (especially me) are ready for the Pro Bowlers Tour, but a great time was had by all and we raised a nice donation benefiting the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Burn Camp. Many Thanks to all the volunteers who gave their time to sell the raffle and drink tickets.

As you all probably know, IFMA Northern Illinois will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary in 2007. The Board and committee chairs have been busy coming up with ideas to help celebrate this momentous occasion. Our Webmaster, Cecelia Herdegen, CFM has been running the IFMA/NI 20th Anniversary Photo Contest, testing your recall of our previous meeting sites. We also rolled out distribution of the specially designed acrylic paperweights celebrating our anniversary at the August bowling event to all members with a year.

All these efforts lead us toward our IFMA/NI 20th Anniversary Holiday Gala at Medinah Banquets in Addison, IL on Wednesday, December 5. We hope to see many of our past chapter presidents and "alumni" at the celebration as well as a member of the IFMA HQ staff from Houston as our special guest.

Well, enough from me. See you in New Orleans. Go White Sox!

Dave

IFMA is Forming a New 50+ Council!

We hope to launch the new 50+ Council before World Workplace 2007. Membership is open to any IFMA member who is retired from full-time FM employment as well as any member age 50 or older who would like to join prior to retirement.

The new 50+ Council will: Provide a link for IFMA members who are transitioning away from their primary FM employment, develop outreach and mentoring programs, and create opportunities to maximize professional growth while enjoying the fellowship of like-minded FM professionals. For additional information, or if you are interested in becoming a charter member, please contact Kari Stein at kari.stein@ifma.org.

World Work Place Networking Event

We have secured Pat O'Briens for the WWP reception in New Orleans. See website below.

<http://www.patobriens.com/tour.html>

Location: The Briar's Suite

The Briars Suite, located on the second floor above [Pat O's Courtyard Restaurant](#), is an elegant double parlor decorated in French-European style with a complete bar, copper topped grand piano, and private Bourbon Street balcony.

624 Bourbon Street

Date: October 25th

Time: 5:30-7:30pm, Appetizers/drinks

To sponsor this event, please contact our chapter office.



Position Opening

Position Title: Director of General Services

Reports Directly To: Executive Director

Directly Supervises: Managers of Maintenance, Safety, Security, Grounds, Housekeeping, Transportation and Communications

Location: Community

Indirectly Supervises: Employees in General Services

SUMMARY: Operates and maintains all facilities while meeting or exceeding Federal, State and local government regulations, as well as the standards and guidelines of Erickson Retirement Communities. Ensures all facilities are maintained in a safe, sanitary and healthy condition. Provides general support services as required.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: include the following. Other duties may be assigned.

1. To plan, provide and maintain a quality facility with respect to the interior and exterior of the buildings, roads, grounds, tools and equipment to achieve a safe, sanitary and healthy living/working environment for residents and staff, and to provide residents with quality transportation, security, reception and facility services.
2. Lead all departmental employee functions, providing the facility with productive, responsive employees who are well trained and effectively managed.
3. Develop departmental goals/objectives, formulate and implement tools for training/evaluations and methods for follow-up. Maintain accurate documentation and meet Human Resources guidelines.
4. Implement system and controls to achieve financial performance as established by the departmental budget.
5. Orchestrate departmental administration, subordinate groups and departments through effective leadership to enable the community achieve its mission.
6. Assure that all services and programs are in compliance with federal, state and/or local laws and statutes.
7. Demonstrate technical and management knowledge, proficiency and initiative in achieving goals and meeting standards.

QUALIFICATIONS:

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE:

Bachelor degree required.

Contact: Mike Russo mike.russo@erickson.com

NI in the News

(NOTE: some of our best NI IN THE NEWS scoops come from folks simply reading a newspaper or FM publication, or even directly from NI members themselves. So if you or your company have something to "blow your horn" about, email IFMANI@ifmani.com and let us know. Space and editorial content permitting, we'll help you brag!)

Congratulations to Gerard Zawislak on receiving the FMP credential.

IFMA NI August Bowling Event



Thanks to all of our members that gave so generously during our bowling event. We raised a total of over \$700. We would like to thank our sponsors of our raffle prizes. Be sure to check next month for a complete list.

Camp I am Me

All the proceeds from our August event will benefit Camp I am Me. No other IFSA program has received greater attention from the fire service, medical community, general public and the media than has the summer camp for burned children. Burn Camp provides the setting for burn survivors to share their common experiences while being able to play and not feel self-conscious about their scars. The benefits to the campers -- physical, psychological, and emotional -- have been enough to inspire a long list of eager volunteers and contributors.

The mission of the IFSA Burn Camp is to provide a safe environment for children who have experienced significant burn injuries. It is our goal to provide a non-judgemental atmosphere in which children have the opportunity to build their self-esteem as they enjoy the varied activities that make up their camp experience.

A special and unforgettable summer camp experience for children and teenagers who have experienced injuries from burns is being offered by the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance.

Burn Camp provides the setting for burn survivors to share their common experiences while being able to play and not feel self-conscious about what others may be thinking of their scars. Burn Camp provides campers with some of the best friends they will ever make. After camp, the children will continue on with their own lives but it will be different—they will have new friends and realize that they are not the only one with a burn injury.



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note: the following information is provided solely as a convenient listing for IFMA/NI members. Further details may be learned by contacting each group as listed below.

September 4-5

Arc Flash Protection & Electrical Safety

Elk Grove, IL
American Trainco
(877) 978-7246

www.americantrainco.com

September 10-11

Basic Electricity for the Non-Electrician

Naperville, IL
American Trainco
(877) 978-7246

www.americantrainco.com

September 12-13

Electrical Troubleshooting & Preventive Maintenance

Naperville, IL
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(877) 978-7246

www.americantrainco.com

September 17-18

Understanding Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Systems

Naperville, IL
American Trainco
(877) 978-7246

www.americantrainco.com

September 18

What to Do When Construction Projects Go Bad in Illinois

Itasca Country Club
Itasca, IL
Society of Illinois Construction Attorneys/Lorman Education Services
(866) 352-9539
www.lorman.com

September 18-19

Facilities Midwest Conference & Expo

Donald E. Stephens Convention Center
Rosemont, IL
www.facilitiesmidwestexpo.com

September 19-20

Boiler Operation Maintenance & Safety

Naperville, IL
American Trainco
(877) 978-7246

www.americantrainco.com

September 24-25

Arc Flash Protection & Electrical Safety

Naperville, IL
American Trainco
(877) 978-7246

www.americantrainco.com

September 25-27

Plant Engineering & Maintenance Show

Donald E Stephens Convention Center
Rosemont, IL

www.manufacturingweek.com

October 9-10

Energy Modeling for High Performance Buildings

The University of Wisconsin-Madison
College of Engineering-Department of Engineering Professional Development

The Pyle Center
Madison, WI
(800) 462-0876

<http://epd.engr.wisc.edu/>

October 11-12

The Green Building Process: Real-world Strategies and Tools

The University of Wisconsin-Madison
College of Engineering-Department of Engineering Professional Development

The Pyle Center
Madison, WI
(800) 462-0876

<http://epd.engr.wisc.edu/>

October 12-19

National Safety Council Congress & Expo

Chicago, IL
www.congress.nsc.org

October 16-17

Hazardous Waste Management: The Complete Course

Four Points by Sheraton
Chicago, IL
Environmental Resource Center
(800) 537-2372

www.ercweb.com

October 18

DOT Hazardous Materials Training

Four Points by Sheraton
Chicago, IL
Environmental Resource Center
(800) 537-2372

www.ercweb.com

October 23-25

Mechanical System Design for Green Buildings

The University of Wisconsin-Madison
College of Engineering-Department of Engineering Professional Development

The Pyle Center
Madison, WI
(800) 462-0876

<http://epd.engr.wisc.edu/>

October 24-26, 2007

World Workplace 2007

Morial Convention Center
New Orleans, LA

www.worldworkplace.com

October 29-30

Understanding Variable Frequency Drives

Elk Grove, IL
American Trainco
(877) 978-7246

www.americantrainco.com

November 6

Commercial Real Estate Financing in Illinois

Elk Grove, IL
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(866) 352-9539 www.lorman.com

November 7-8

Electrical PM & Best Practices for Facility/Industrial Maintenance

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