

President's Corner



It is with a thankful heart that I address this, my final President's Letter, to the Membership of IFMA-Hampton Roads. Having the honor of serving as your leader over the last two years had been gratifying and humbling. We have had many great steps forward over the past two years and they represent a team effort on the part of all the Board Members and you, the Member.

We have celebrated two Holiday Socials and been able to produce revenue to support our yearly contribution to the FoodBank of Southeastern Virginia (this is 17-year ongoing support) and had the opportunity to share the time together and the delicious food prepared by the Rustic Gourmet Caterer, Todd Petteway.

We have put on four Pig & Oyster Roast and Golf Tournaments that have provided funds that support our joint efforts with the local ASHRAE Chapter and the E4Kids Project that upgrades local charities facilities with HVAC&R, lighting, and other energy saving improvements to allow that organization to put more of their money toward their Mission. Thank to Jenny Greiner and her work as Sponsor Chair, and Ray Williamson Education and Programs Chair, we continue to be able to offer top quality tours and seminars to our Members through our monthly meetings. Shannan Kujawski or Newsletter Chair has kept that camera rolling and our Quarterly Newsletter reflects our Member activities. Nancy Mitchell-Veeck, Judy Ewell, and Kris Turner have overseen the work of our Community Outreach and selecting the best organizations to receive our E4Kids work. Dainan Gibson & Lisa Hall Co-chairs of Membership, along with the help of Kris Turner, have introduced The Coffee Chat member-recruitment program and have helped grow out membership by 15% to a new high level of 82. Their goals is to move us to 100 Members and with their enthusiasm, we know they will be successful.

Richard Cilley, our Treasurer, is the best when it comes to making sure we are a financially-sound, well run organization. His face at the registration table makes him the Vice President of Welcome for our group and his keeping track of all

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IFMA/ASHRAE Pig & Oyster Roast

Annual event benefitting Southside Boys and Girls Club



President Rick thanks the group

Chesapeake Park was the site of this year’s IFMA/ASHRAE Pig & Oyster Roast to raise funds for our Community Project. Over 125 people attended the event which featured fried chicken and all the fixings cooked to perfection by John “Rusty” Donaldson and his crew. Everyone had as much chicken and oysters as they could eat, and we were joined by the folks from the Southside Boys and Girls Club – beneficiaries of this year’s project. The Club, located in the Berkley section of Norfolk, serves a large community of kids from the ages of 7 through 16 years old with educational activities and sports. Their motto is, “We believe that every child should have a world-class club experience that will develop their potential to be great, to be productive, to succeed and to soar.” Our combined efforts helped by re-lamping the entire facility to provide exceptional indoor lighting. Thanks to IFMA Member Independent Lighting and their representative, Stacy Ferris, the Club now has plenty of new LED lighting fixtures for the reading room and all other activity spaces.

The Pig & Oyster Roast is held each year in to fund the Community Outreach project which is done jointly by IFMA and ASHRAE to help local groups that work with young people to conserve their facility energy usage so that more of their funds can be directed to their Mission.

2018 IFMAHR Meeting Schedule

Board Meetings	Chapter Meetings	Topics
May 17	Golf Tournament	IFMA/ASHRAE Golf Outing-Sleepy Hole
June 12	June 19	Annual Meeting & Elections (S) TBA
July 10		Annual Board & Planning Meeting

T = Tour to be held at various locations.

S = Seminar to be held at the Capital Group Building – 5300 Robin Hood Rd., Norfolk, unless otherwise noted.

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the funds is a double benefit. Michelle Gold faithfully and accurately has been our Corporate Secretary for many years and does a great job in making sure all our Board meeting business is completed and recorded for the Minutes. Thanks Richard and Michelle!

Last but far from least, I would like to thank Al Veeck. Al has been an invaluable administrator. He ensures the planning and coordination of all our events ensuring seamless execution. We have had successful, entertaining, and fun events thanks to his hard work.

Finally, my schedule, like I am sure yours, involves "crisis management" from time to time, and Vice President Jim Robinson has always been there to step in and serve as leader of the Board in my absence. He will serve the group well in the coming years.

Again, my sincere thanks to all the Board, all of the yearly IFMA Sponsors you will find listed on this Newsletter, and to everyone who has put forth their time and talent and funds to make IFMA Hampton Roads a very successful organization.

Warm regards,

Rick Deitz, CFM

IFMA Holiday Social

There is no time of the year quite like the Holiday Season and there is no event like the IFMA Holiday Social. Held at the Lynnhaven House located on the Witchduck Point section of Virginia Beach, some 75 people joined in celebrating the season and the company of friends. As always, Todd Petteway, The Rustic Gourmet Caterer, and his crew did an outstanding job of providing the absolute best in all kinds and all varieties of the best food. In addition, Santa Claus made his annual appearance to the delight of many of the younger and older kids in the group.

The Holiday Social offers Members the chance to bid on and take home gifts from the inventory and this year, we had a wider selection and more of than any previous year. Everyone had a great time and we were able to provide the necessary yearly contribution in support of the FoodBank of Southeastern Virginia – a group IFMA Hampton Roads has supported for over 18 years.



Your IFMA Board of Directors & Santa



Dianan Gibson and Kristen Smith enjoy some of the great food!



Everything seafood

Lynnhaven Mall After Renovation

November IFMAHR Chapter Meeting

IFMA Hampton Roads President, Rick Deitz, presented the “Final Chapter” in the two-year renovation project done to Lynnhaven Mall.

The project, which included a complete transformation of the Food Court, interior design and new furniture, interior and exterior lighting replacement, and many other smaller but very significant changes helped reduce the overall energy usage of Lynnhaven Mall by approximately 50%. Much of this reduction was attributed to the unique outdoor parking lot lighting system which allows for remote setting and special on/off feature that the previous system lacked. Rick explained many of the “pretty standard” issues that go along with every renovation or replacement project and explained some shortcuts to making sure these types of issues do not hinder the speed of completing the project.

Many thanks to Dave & Buster’s personnel for helping us hold the meeting in their facility and for a great meal.



Water Damage and Mold Recovery Tactics

October IFMAHR Chapter Meeting



Our Sponsor-Member, Servpro of Virginia Beach presented our October meeting. Bob Simone, Trainer for Servpro since 1988, is a Certified Restoration Specialist and presented on the several ways that water can get into the interior space of facilities, and the results when it does. Mr. Simone explained the procedures and methods used by restoration industry personnel to remediate and then prevent the reintroduction of contaminants into a building. IFMA Hampton Roads is proud to have several businesses represented in our group and many thanks to Mr. Simone for his informative and educational presentation.

IFly – Virginia Beach

January IFMAHR Chapter Meeting

One of the most unique and interesting attractions now on the Virginia Beach Oceanfront is the IFly facility located at 2412 Pacific Ave. This venue recreates the experience of jumping out of an airplane at 10,000 feet – only with a few subtle differences. You don't have to wear a parachute and you don't have to go up in the airplane.

The facility simulates the experience using 3 large fans and a unique cylinder that provide enough velocity to hold a body in midair. Our January meeting of IFMA got a chance to see all the activity, both out front and behind-the-scenes that make the IFly experience happen for hundreds of young adults and some older ones, every day.

Jason Lavaris, General Manager, Zack Jones, Facilities Manager, his team provided IFMA Members with a presentation, explaining all the physics of IFly, which was followed by a tour – and then the opportunity for several of our Members to step into the air. Under the tutelage of trained instructors, participants in the chamber float easily and do aerobatics as if in free-fall.

The IFly team do classes in aerodynamics and physics for tours of young students who visit their facility, that detail lift, drag, velocity, gravity, and all aspects of the physics of flying. Our sincere thanks to Jason for helping us visit this special Virginia Beach attraction.

