



IFMA Hampton Roads Chapter's Quarterly Newsletter



Christopher Newport University Tour

On June 6, the Hampton Roads Chapter of IFMA partnered with the Peninsula Chapter of Associated General Contractors of Virginia (AGC) for a tour of the Mary M. Torggler Fine Arts Center located on the campus of Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Virginia. Constructed in 2021, the Fine Arts Center is a modern facility with classrooms, workshops, offices, and an art gallery open to the public. The building includes chiller units and a state-of-the-art HVAC system to maintain temperature and humidity. The demands on the mechanical systems from glass induced heat gain at the atrium, occupant loading, kilns, welding, and other tools, combined with the sensitivity to heat and moisture that many pieces of fine art experience, puts a rigorous demand on the equipment. Structurally, the space is divided for flexibility of moving partitions, ease of access, and flexibility for display purposes.

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WITH ACTION.
SUCCESSFUL
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BUT THEY DON'T
QUIT."
CONRAD HILTON
AMERICAN
BUSINESSMAN

CNU Tour Continued



Director of Facilities Management Scott Gesele provided the group with some information regarding the construction, commissioning, and operation of the facility, while also allowing the group to enjoy the art, which featured a moving display piece in the atrium and a Picasso exhibit in the hall. It was great to see so many faces at the event, learn a bit about the university and this modern building, and appreciate the success that CNU is having the community. We thank Scott for his time and hospitality as well as Brandol Bradshaw (AGC) for his support promoting the event. I look forward to seeing all of you again at future IFMA events.



Social Events

Ballyhoos

September 19, 2023 marked the inaugural event of the 2023-2024 season for the IFMA Hampton Roads Chapter. We assembled at Ballyhoos in Virginia Beach, to enjoy some beverages and some food, and reconnect with old friends. We welcome a number of new members and potential new members to the event. We had a great time and are very excited about the year to come!



Port of Virginia

On October 17, the Hampton Roads Chapter of IFMA was provided with a tour and presentation at the Port of Virginia. IFMA members were escorted to a boardroom overlooking the port cranes and trucking facility. We learned how the automated and semi-automated cranes handled containerized cargo to efficiently transfer it from ships to the stacks, to trucks and vice versa. We were met by several representatives of Virginia International Terminals, include Dave, Alonzo and Ving, who reviewed port operations, statistics, and a vision for the future of the Port. We were then escorted downstairs to the control room where we were able to see, first hand, the good work that the dedicated members of the ILA (International Longshoremen’s Association) provide. The vision and foresight of the port leaders, along with the excellent working relationship that the Port has with it’s union employees, have allowed the Port of Virginia to thrive and become one of the primary engines in our local economy. The future of the Port is bright, and with that, so is the future of Hampton Roads.





PRESIDENT'S NOTE

We made it through the summer, the leaves are starting to change, and the weather is certainly cooling off here in the Hampton Roads area. We recently kicked off our 2023-2024 chapter year at Ballyhoo's in Virginia Beach. We returned many of our officers and committee members from last year, and while it's great to see all of the familiar faces, as a board, we are more than open to having additional volunteers join us on this journey. Sadly, we did say goodbye to one longtime member. Michelle Gold served with the Hampton Roads chapter for over xx years. She served multiple times as President of our chapter, as well as every other elected and unelected position we have. She was instrumental in the success of our chapter, and we all owe her our thanks for the many years that she helped guide us along. She will be missed, but we certainly wish her well in retirement.

Looking forward, the chapter has some great events lined up. From a tour of the Port of Virginia, to our upcoming tour of Life Net and from our annual golf tournament (May 2024) to our annual holiday party (December 12, 2023), we have quite a few fun activities planned. We look forward to seeing all of you out at these events, and we welcome your ideas and your support as we continue to grow the chapter and make it a chapter that serves your needs here in Hampton Roads. I am honored to once again serve as your president, and I look forward to working with each of you into the 2023-2024 season.

Thank you to our wonderful sponsors, including MilliCare at the Gold level, Warwick Electrical at the Silver level, and Causey Contracting, Dunbar Security, ECS Mid-Atlantic, Ferguson, Independent Services of Virginia and OnPoint Building Services at the Bronze level. We appreciate their contributions and encourage all of our members to seek out their services when you have a corresponding need.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events. As always, if there is anything I can do to help you, please don't hesitate to let me know.

See you soon!

Michael

Giving Back

The IFMA 2023 Golf Tournament was able to raise \$1,500.00 for the Freekind organization. Thank you to all who made this donation possible!



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Freekind is dedicated to providing survivors of human trafficking the support they need to recover from the trauma they've experienced. More than that, we unleash the power of kindness to help restore the humanity stolen from them, offering grace to the most vulnerable in our communities as they regain their freedom, their sense of hope, and their sense of belonging.

Awareness

We offer general presentations and industry-specific training and educational resources to increase awareness, prevention, and advocacy in order to build a network of partnerships and collaborations within our community to fight human trafficking, together.

Prevention

We equip the next generation to protect themselves from exploitation and become advocates and leaders to end human trafficking by introducing the Prevention Project™ curriculum to middle and high schools, community-based youth service organizations, colleges and church groups.

Restoration

We empower adult survivors in our community, especially those who have been criminalized because of their trafficker. Through our Offramps program, we seek to minimize revictimization and reincarceration by giving survivors an alternative path forward to a life of freedom.

Join us to help unleash the power of kindness for local survivors of human trafficking.



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be merry

Please join IFMA Hampton Roads for a

Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 12th at 6:00pm
in the **Historic Greenbrier Farms Farmhouse**

Dinner, open bar and tickets for raffle prizes included

To register, visit www.ifma-hamptonroads.org/calendar

**2024 events details will be
announced soon!**

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