On one of the most beautiful evenings this summer a major escape occurred when over 50 members, sponsors, and guests attended the annual Sponsor appreciation party at the Duck Inn. Escaping Facility Managers, sponsors and their guests were caught up in a dragnet of fun and games, great food, and a beautiful sunset as they celebrated another successful year for the Hampton Roads Chapter of the IFMA association.

Paul Graham from American Funds was the winner in the LOUDEST tropical shirt contest. The most lei’d award (don’t ask, don’t tell) went to Deb Tate, and Michelle Gold took home the gold medal for going sooooo low with limbo!

Many thanks to all who worked to put the evening together headed by Michelle Gold, with help from Pete Burke, Phyllis Woodhead, Micheal Lee, Andrea Ward, Al Veeck, and Terry Driscoll. In addition to our Gold and Silver Sponsors, the following contributed door prizes for the evening; Cherry Carpet, Drying Solutions, Prestige Floors, Lizotte Assoc. ServiceMaster, Damuth, Creative Gifts Galore, Independent Lighting, and Interface Flooring.
Elected officers and “volunteers” accept their responsibilities for the new terms of office. Not present was Andrea Ward, Sponsorship Chair. The first board meeting was held in July where goals, strategies, and membership needs were discussed and action plans developed. “We’re looking forward to having such an active and enthusiastic board in place for the 2004-2005 term” stated president, Pete Burke.

From left to right, Pete Burke, President; Michelle Gold, Treasurer; Bud Schlademan, Vice-President; Laura Havern, Secretary; Micheal Lee, Membership; Phyllis Woodhead, Communications; Scott Herring, Programs
TOUR BEHIND THE SCENES AT BUSCH GARDENS

On October 19, 2004 last year’s IFMA scheduled tour at Busch Gardens will finally be ready to resume. In case your don’t remember, Hurricane Isabel blew threw almost 1 year ago only two days before our scheduled tour.

This year it seems Florida is taking all the hurricane hits so we may be spared the brunt of these storms. The clean up following Isabel was formidable for many areas, but particularly hard hit were those with lots of trees, especially towering pines like those that surrounded the park.

You can well imagine the scene at Busch gardens the day after Oct. 13th 2003. They didn’t have to create a ride to simulate what I’m sure was scene right out the movie “Twister”. We’ll hear how they put things back together and how they keep this facility up and running, safe and clean for their guests.

We’ll be ushered in prior to the park opening and given a behind the scenes tour, including Appliance, Cork Screw Hill, and their landscaping facilities. Following which you can spend the day at the park with family and guests at a discounted rate.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

The IFMA Hampton Roads Chapter would like to thank all of the new 2004 members for their support and participation though out the year. We would like to also recognize all members for their renewals and continued support. The Hampton Roads chapter currently consists of 63 active members with membership increasing monthly. The chapter currently consists of 39 Professional members and 23 Associate members. The Hampton Roads Chapter represents a wide variety of Facility Management arenas.

We would also like to recognize Anthony R. Fecondo our Lifetime member. Additionally we are privileged to have two members (Larry LaRue & John R. Sprouse) holding the IFMA sponsored CFM Certification.

New Chapter Members

New Member Name
Carl D. Greene          Norm Royce
Todd W. Ricks          Wanda Sheffield-Himelright
Micah P. Garner        Maria P. Candler
Patrick F. Thompson    Gerald H. Kinney
Kristine S. Barker     Laura M. Havern
Charles K. Davis       David P. Thomas
Aaron E. Matthews      Christopher C. Canady

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WATCH HERE FOR NEW MEMBER AND SPONSOR SPOTLIGHTS IN OUR NEXT ISSUE!
IFMA NATIONAL NEWS

IFMA introduces the Facility Management Professional (FMP) designation preparing new and transitioning facility professionals for the demands of today’s dynamic workplace

An entry-level, knowledge-based credential, the FMP is geared toward FMs with less than five years of experience and designed to accelerate an FM’s transition into the profession.

The FMP designation will launch in October of 2004. Courses completed through IFMA Headquarters during 2004 will be accepted for fulfillment of designation requirements once course assessment is completed.

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Welcome to the first edition of the Quarterly Newsletter from the Hampton Roads Chapter of IFMA. First, I would like to extend a much deserved “Thank You” and “Job Well Done” to Phyllis Woodhead for being the creative inspiration, designer, author and editor of this newsletter. This newsletter is a tremendous asset to the Chapter and a wonderful forum for members and sponsors alike to increase their benefit value by being a member of the Hampton Roads Chapter. The success of the newsletter rest in your hands though, please don’t hesitate to forward newsworthy information to Phyllis or any member of the Board. We want to hear from you and share in your successes and learning events as they pertain to Facility Management. We all benefit from sharing knowledge. This newsletter is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to examples of creative inspiration, excitement and energy the newly elected members of the Board of Directors have brought to the Chapter. Even with these wonderful ideas, the Board can’t do all the work themselves. If any member (professional or associate) wants to get involved in any of our committees, we encourage your participation. Phyllis will always need assistance with the newsletter, Michael can always use support with the Membership Committee as will Andrea with the Sponsorship Committee. It goes without saying that setting up our programs and events is a tough task and requires a lot of behind the scenes work to make them successful. Scott with the Programs Committee can always use a helping hand. You can contact them directly for more information on what they do, where you can help or to just share your ideas with them. Please help them help you in continuing to make our Chapter successful.