2011 IFMA HR MEETING SCHEDULE

March 15, 2011
Ferguson Center, Newport News

April 19, 2011
Preventive Maintenance Strategies
Chesapeake Conference Center

May 19, 2011
IFMA/ASHRAE Annual Golf Tournament

June 21, 2011
HVAC&R Controls / Annual Meeting / Elections Chesapeake Conference Center

PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Welcome to the Hampton Roads Chapter of IFMA.

Happy New Year! Hope your holidays were special, spent with family and friends, quiet and restful.

As we go into 2011, I would like to highlight some events from 2010.

In September we kicked off the year with our ASHRAE partners and held our 3rd Annual Pig Roast. This event raised enough money to provide an energy project for Habitat for Humanity.

The IFMA/ASHRAE Annual Golf Tournament which funds the IFMA/ASHARE Community Fund will be held on Wednesday, May 18th at the Sleepy Hole Golf Course with a 1:00 PM Shotgun start. This Captain’s Choice event has many opportunities to get involved. Invitations will be mailed soon.

Please support our sponsors as they support you.

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Humanity. There were approximately 120 people in attendance, which enjoyed music, barbecue, oysters, all the fixings.

October we toured the Virginia International Terminals which was very impressive. Our lunch meeting was held at the top of the 100 foot tower overlooking the terminal and its operations. November’s meeting was held at the Chesapeake Conference Center with ASHRAE joining us for the meeting. Cooling tower 101 was presented which detailed how to maintain a cooling tower.

Of course we’ve ended 2010 with a bang. Our Holiday Social, held on December 14th at the Church Point Manor Bed & Breakfast was fantastic. The food was delicious. Crab claws, oysters, beef tenderloin, Cajun chicken, meatballs and lasagna were served along with Tiramisu for desert. Paul Gram was the ticket puller for the raffle and gifts were had by many. Ben Sutherland won the Wireless Thermostat and Scott Almond-ASHRAE Past President was the proud winner of the Red Ferrari radio controlled car.

In closing I would like to welcome our newest Board Member Gary Gompers. Gary is with Harrison Moving and has continued to support IFMA for many years. Gary will become our Sponsorship Chair, and you can expect a call from him for assistance for the IFAM activities.

As we continue into 2011 I would like to thank the Board and Committee members for their hard work and dedication, Al Veeck and Terri Driscoll with MVA Inc for providing their expertise with the newsletter and the coordination of tours and other activities.

AND TO OUR SPONSORS AND MEMBERS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

We’re looking forward to a great 2011.

Sincerely
Nancy J Mitchell-Veeck
President
IFMA Hampton Roads

Save The Date:

Spring Golf Outing
To Benefit Worthwhile Community Energy
(E4KIDS) Projects for Organizations in Hampton Roads!

Wednesday, May 18th, 2011 – Sleepy Hole Golf Course
Registration-12:00 noon Shotgun Start at 1:00
Norfolk International Terminals Tour

On Tuesday, Nov. 16, the IFMA membership gathered at Norfolk International Terminals for a most unique and informative tour. The Virginia International Terminals, Inc., was established in 1982 to unify the Ports of Hampton Roads to include Newport News Terminal, Portsmouth Marine Terminal and the Virginia Inland Port in Front Royal, Virginia.

The tour was conducted by Rene Rose and other members of the VIT Team in the VIT Tower – some 100 feet above the entire operation – overseeing all aspects of the port operation.

Of particular interest was the flow of goods into and out of the port by truck and rail. Norfolk Southern recently overhauled all of their tunnels and underpasses to allow a double-stack of containers on each rail car. This improvement will allow goods arriving at VIT terminals to be shipped as far away as the Midwest on NS rails. For example, all goods purchased at Target stores east of the Mississippi River arrive at VIT ports.

Virginia International Terminals ships approximately 1.89 million containers of cargo each year which means it is the 3rd largest port on the east coast next to New York and Savannah, GA. Revenues are 41 billion per year in goods and services and so are an integral part, not only of the Hampton roads area, but for all of the State.

IFMA wishes to thank Jodie Love, Rene Rose and all of the people at VIT for making the tour informative and educational for the IFMA membership.
The IFMA Hampton Roads Holiday Social is known for its original venues, delectable menu, and annual holiday raffle. The 2010 Holiday party raised the bar yet again. All who attended will agree that The Church Point Manor Bed and Breakfast was the perfect setting.

The manor house was festively decorated for the holidays and boasted several handsomely decorated sitting rooms which encouraged members and guests to explore and mingle. Rustic Gourmet Caterers provided a fantastic spread that filled three rooms. Highlights included a carving station with roast beef and turkey, a seafood display with oysters on the half shell, crab claws and shrimp, and an assortment of pastas, cheeses, and desserts.

The Holiday Raffle, organized every year by Al Veeck and Nancy Mitchell-Veeck, raised hundreds of dollars. Proceeds go towards IFMA Outreach Programs which most recently have touched the FoodBank of Southeastern Virginia, For Kids, and the St. Mary’s Home for Disabled Children. 2010’s most popular raffle prizes were a Cuisinart Griddler and a remote control red Ferrari.

While the venue, food and raffle are important parts of the whole, what really makes the IFMA Social a party is the attendance of our Members, Sponsors, and their significant others. It is a treat to spend time together during this special time of the year. Thank you to all who came to celebrate with us. We look forward to seeing everyone again soon in the New Year.