



PIKES PEEK

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Speakers, Happenings and Events

Sponsored By:

Monthly Meeting:

March 18th, 2009
Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Location: Embassy Suites Hotel
7290 Commerce Center Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80919

Please send reservations to:
rsvp@ifma-pikespeak.org



At this month's Luncheon:



Board Meeting

April Board meeting will be Friday, April 3rd
Time: Breakfast 6:45 a.m.; Meeting 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Location: The Egg & I - 7816 N. Academy Blvd.
(All members are welcome to attend)

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Pikes Peek is a monthly publication of the Pike's Peak Chapter of IFMA

Mission Statement:

To advance the professional growth of our members and develop the profession.



President's Message

Dear Chapter Members,

This month we will have a presentation from our charity, Rebuilding Together. The Pikes Peak Chapter of IFMA has supported this organization for many years through our raffles and our support at organized events. Rebuilding Together is a nonprofit organization that performs home repairs and modifications for elderly, disabled, and low-income homeowners. The Pikes Peak Chapter of IFMA has participated in various activities from painting, landscaping, and general site clean up to building a ramp.

All of the proceeds from the raffles at our monthly luncheons go to support Rebuilding Together. We will continue to hold our raffles each month with one small change; we will now just raffle off two IFMA Bucks each month, instead of the 50/50 option.

As we get the details for this year's event, I hope all of you will be able to assist this year in impacting the life of Army Sgt. Williams and his family.

Sincerely,
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Professional Development

JOB SEARCH

As many of you are well aware, because of the volatile economy our community continues to be affected by layoffs. The Pikes Peak Chapter of IFMA would like to offer members an opportunity to talk with fellow chapter members seeking employment. This is intended to be a casual meeting to discuss potential job opportunities, interviewing techniques, job outlook, resume pointers, etc. Typically, there will be no specific agenda; rather, discussion will be based on whatever topics the participants would like to discuss.

The next job search discussion group will meet on **Thursday, March 19, at 8:00 AM at Panera Bread** at 7344 N. Academy, Colorado Springs, CO 80920. Directions can be found at <http://www.panerabread.com/cafes/location>. This location has free Wi-Fi.

There is no need to RSVP. This is an informal meeting so chapter members are encouraged to just show up. If you have any questions, please contact Rachelle Otis at Rachelle_otis@troweprice.com.

CFM STUDY SESSION

Hold the date! Friday and Saturday, April 17-18.

Professional development is so important to remain knowledgeable and marketable, especially during volatile economic times like this. The Pikes Peak Chapter of IFMA will be offering a free 2-day CFM study session for chapter members.

The study session will be facilitated by our chapter CFM's. During the 2-day session participants will learn about the prerequisites, recertification requirements, test expectations and preparations, and there will be lots of sample questions.

To sign up or to learn about chapter incentives for taking the CFM test, please contact Rachelle Otis at Rachelle_otis@troweprice.com.



IFMA i-Sessions

**Accelerating Sustainability:
Combining On-site
Renewables and Energy
Efficiency to Fuel Economic,
Environmental and Social
Progress**

- **Mar 19, 2009 / 12:00
P.M. CST / 60 Minutes**

**Visibility: The Key to Success
in Facilities and Real Estate
Management**

- **Mar 26, 2009 / 12:00
P.M. CST / 60 Minutes**

**Elements of Sustainable
Lighting**

- **Apr 09, 2009 / 12:00
P.M. CST / 60 Minutes**

**Managing Your Energy: Cost
Savings and Sustainability**

- **Apr 16, 2009 / 12:00
P.M. CST / 90 Minutes**

Please go to:
<http://www.ifma.org/learning/isessions/index.cfm>
for more information about
upcoming i-sessions

Membership

Welcome to the Pikes Peak Chapter of IFMA!

We would like to welcome the following new members:

William J. Chandler

Facilities Manager
SAIC
360 Command View
Colorado Springs, CO 80915
Email: chandlerwj@saic.com

Special Thanks!!!

To those *Professionals and Associates* who have renewed their memberships!!!

Christy Jowers, CFM – T Mobile
David Kronshage – Garden of the Gods Club
Kevin Hunt - Timberline Landscaping



March 2009 Anniversaries

1 Year

David Kronshage – Garden of the Gods Club
Greg Swaney – Synthes

2 Years

Timothy Gilbert – Johnson Controls, Inc.
Tara McCormick - Compassion International
Randy Stewart - Wells & West General Contractors Inc.
Tim Seibold - American Mechanical Services

3 Years

Matthew Steed – Hewlett Packard
Michael Mooney - FBG Service Corporation

4 Years

Dan White – Ramtron International Corp

5 Years

Robert Dougherty – UCCS

7 Years

John Fleming - Weathercraft Roofing

10 years

Jim Reavis, Jr., CFM, CFMJ – Retired

19 years

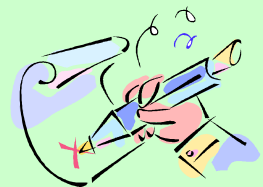
Gerald Ludke - Retired

Pikes Peak Roster

Current membership is 99. Membership is 65% Professional and 35% Associate. Remember, our goal for this year is to reach 115 members!!!

Don't Forget!!!!

New Professional members receive (5) \$20.00 IFMA Bucks certificates...to be used at any local Pikes Peak Chapter event of their choice!!!
Current Professional **and Associate** members who sponsor a "New Professional" into the Pikes Peak Chapter...Will themselves receive (2) - \$20.00 IFMA Bucks



Programs

March Meeting

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Reservation due Friday March 13th, at NOON

rsvp@ifma-pikespeak.org

When leaving an RSVP for a Guest,
Please include your Guest's name.....
You will receive an e-mail confirmation back
after you have RSVP'd.

No-Shows will be billed!

Save the Date for These Upcoming Events!

March 18th – Monthly Meeting

Rebuilding Together

April 15th – Joint Meeting

BOMA/IREM/IFMA Luncheon

May 20th

COFAX

**Look for the IFMA
Pepsi Center Tour/Avalanche game.
Details coming soon!**

Remember!

Our monthly meetings will be
held at the
Embassy Suites Hotel
7290 Commerce Center Dr.
Colorado Springs, CO 80919



At This Month's Meeting:



Rebuilding Together Colorado Springs is once again hosting National Rebuilding Day in Colorado Springs On May 9, 2009. We will be helping Army Sgt Williams and his family by making modifications to his home and painting the exterior and interior. Sgt Williams served 3 tours in Iraq and now has multiple health issues. Come and hear Phil Kroeker, the Rebuilding Together construction manager, talk about the family and the project on March 18th at the IFMA luncheon. Rebuilding Together Colorado Springs is a non-profit organization serving veterans, people with disabilities and the elderly with home accessibility and modifications.

For questions, comments or ideas for future programs please email or call Mura Golden 719-268-6743 or mgolden@masterclean.com

Sponsorship



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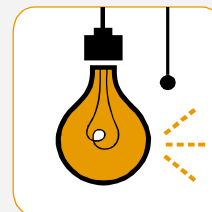
Luncheon Sponsor Benefits

- Flyer logo and contact info
- Promotional piece in chapter newsletter during month of sponsorship
- Sponsor speaks to members / luncheon attendees for up to 5-minutes
- Sponsor may set up displays and/or distribute materials
- Free lunch with sponsorship
- Website Posting

Cost \$200.00
www.ifma-pikespeak.org

Thank you to all our sponsors who help us advance the facility management profession!

If you are interested in sponsoring a monthly luncheon or an upcoming Chapter event, please contact Randy Zornes at 719-471-3851 or email RZornes@fbgservices.com



Monthly Luncheon Sponsors

- March 09**
Brickman
- April 09**
BOMA/IREM/IFMA Luncheon
- May 09**
COFAX VII
- June 09**
Guaranteed Recycling Xpert
- July 09**
Haynes Mechanical Systems
- August**
Available
- September**
Available
- Thank you to our prior month(s) sponsors:**
- February 09**
The Floor Care Company
- January 09**
TECC Painting
- December 08**
Master Klean Janitorial, Inc.
- November 08**
Signature Wood Services
- October 08**
Shaw Industries Group

COFAX VII

The Colorado Facilities Awards of Excellence (COFAX) 2009 event is scheduled for May 2, 2009. All **facility owners and managers** should be thinking about submitting their facility. All **associates** should consider bringing the concept of submission to their customers. The categories are:

- *Environmental Impact/ Resource Conservation*
- *Adaptive Re-Use*
- *Technology In Use*
- *Leading Edge Elements*
- *Best Facilities Practice*
- *Great Building Solution*
- *Exceptional Existing Building*
- *Exceptional New Building*

Judging is completed objectively by having the recent IFMA "Small Chapter of the Year" judge the applicants. Last year, several members of a chapter in Michigan reviewed and voted on all the submissions. This process assures that submissions are judged fairly and without influence from anyone local. **ENTRIES DUE MARCH 20, 2009**

Volunteers are needed to help with various aspects of the COFAX VII event. We will be starting the planning process soon so if you are interesting in any of the following areas please contact Paul Angotti at pangotti@HaynesMechSys.com.

Pikes Peak IFMA received the following Awards last year:

Associate of the Year	Liz Seeger Tolin Mechanical Systems
Professional of the Year	Pam Cornella Verizon
Lifetime Achievement	Jerry Ludke Retired

Congratulations again!

Location
Location
Location
2009 COFAX will be held at:
The
Marriott
May 2nd, 2009

Go to
<http://www.ifmapikespeak.org/cofax/index.html>
 for information on Categories and how to submit.

COFAX VII May 2, 2009 Sponsors:

Platinum
Weathercraft Company of Colorado Springs

Gold
FBG Service Corporation
Colorado Springs Utilities

Silver
TECC Painting

Bronze

In-Kind
 Sandia
 Colorado Real Estate Journal

COFAX Sponsors will be listed in the newsletter from January through December, starting as soon as sponsorship payment is received by IFMA.

So....., the sooner you sign up to be a COFAX sponsor, the more exposure your organization receives.

FM – News You Should Know

DRAIN ODORS

Almost as problematic as drain clogs are drain odors. And these can occur in new as well as old buildings.

For instance, a few months after the Antelope Valley Courthouse opened in 2004 in Lancaster, CA, it was forced to close twice due to a stench permeating the entire four-story structure of 382,000 gross square feet. This meant the facility's 21 courtrooms, Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's Offices, Public Defender's Offices, Probation Department, and Jury Services all had to shut down until the foul odor lifted.

Managers looked high and low for the cause of the odor, which they eventually discovered was emanating from some of the building's floor drains. "Typically, this odor problem is averted because water remains in the drain trap section of the drain, trapping odors and preventing them from passing through," says Klaus Reichardt, managing partner of Waterless Company LLC. "However, because [in this case] the water in the pipes had evaporated [because no water or not enough water had gone down the floor drain to keep it filled], sewer gases were released into the facility. In fact, describing the problem, one of the building occupants said, 'Ever been in a Port-a-Potty? It smelled just like that,' which tells you why the building was shut down."

Reichardt indicates there are ways to prevent this problem. One of the most common is to pour some water down floor drains about once per week. "Some facilities pour bleach down the drains, but this is of little benefit and can be harmful to septic tanks as well as the environment," he says.

Another option, which helps minimize if not eliminate the problem, is to use "priming liquids" specially designed to keep the traps in floor drains and other plumbing fixtures full so they never run dry. According to Reichardt, "Instead of pouring water down the drains every week, usually just adding a few ounces of these priming liquids in each drain can eradicate these odor problems entirely."

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The Lighter Side

Chronicles Of Workplace Stupidity

A WEIGHTY SUBJECT

A woman called a travel agent and asked, "Do airlines put your physical description on your bag so they know whose luggage belongs to who?" The agent replied, "No, why do you ask?" The timid sounding woman said, "Well, when I checked in with the airline, they put a tag on my luggage that said FAT, and I'm overweight, is there any connection?" After putting her on hold for a minute while the agent regained her composure she explained to the woman that the city code for Fresno is FAT, and that the airline was just putting a destination tag on her luggage. Makes you wonder if the woman saw the word "terminal" on her luggage if she would have thought she was really sick.

YOUR BRAIN - DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT

A woman had just purchased several items she needed from a department store and was handed the credit card receipt to sign. The cashier noticed that the back of the woman's credit card wasn't signed and told her she couldn't complete the transaction without a signed card. The woman was slightly confused by this request but complied and signed the back of the card immediately after signing the receipt. The cashier took both the receipt and the card, held them up, and compared the signature. Surprisingly they matched.

RESUME OR RESUME NOT

In keeping with the "How did they get hired" question posed earlier, Fortune Magazine (July 21, 1997) put out an article which listed items from real resumes and cover letters. Here are some highlights:

- * "I have lurnt Word Perfect 6.0 computer and spreadsheet programs. "
- * "Wholly responsible for two (2) failed financial institutions."
- * "It's best for employers that I not work with people."
- * "Let's meet, so you can 'ooh' and 'aah' over my experience."
- * "I have an excellent track record, although I am not a horse. "
- * "My goal is to be a meteorologist. But since I possess no training in meteorology, I suppose I should try stock brokerage. "
- * "The company made me a scapegoat, just like my three previous employers. "
- * "References: none. I've left a path of destruction behind me. "

