

January 2012

Dear Chapter Members:

Here we are at midyear and what a great year it has been so far. We started off with a fun-filled time at the Newport Dunes celebrating Chapter achievements and supporters at the Awards Banquet. I can't wait to see what the committee comes up with for this year's celebration.

The monthly programs have varied in content and location. In August we found out "What keeps an FM up at night" via a panel of Chapter FM's. The annual golf tournament in September was once again a huge success while October took us to a quaint location on the water at the OC Sheriffs Department Harbor Patrol facility. Watching the sun set over the water was a nice backdrop to the "Improve your Disaster Preparedness" topic. A tour of SCAN Healthplan, along with an overview of the IFMA Foundation's newest book, "Work on the Move" in which SCAN is included, was November's offering. It was back to the beach for our annual Holiday Party, good food, good people, and lots of fun. And who could forget the ugly sweater contest! We also collected Toys-For-Tots at the Holiday Party and canned food for Thanksgiving distribution in November.

In addition to our monthly programs, we have the Business Partners Committee planning events aimed at personal development, the Emerging Leaders group gathering informally for breakfast, and classes for the new SFP (Sustainability Facility Professional) credential starting at Brandman University.

On a national level, World Workplace in Phoenix was a great opportunity to see and hear what other Facility Managers are doing around the world. The keynote speakers and workshops gave us insight into what's happening now and on the horizon. And let's not forget about the exhibitors and the wealth of information and services they provided. If you did not make it to Phoenix, then plan on attending this year in San Antonio.

I would like to thank the Chapter leadership for their time and dedication so far this year and I'm looking forward to working with them all in the next 6 months. I would also like to thank all the committee chairs and their committees for the excellent job they have done so far. Without the dedication and commitment of all the volunteers we could not accomplish all that we have.

So there you have what we've been up to but I assure you we've got great things coming up in the next six months. I invite you to make the most of your membership by attending events, joining a committee, or getting a professional credential.

Sincerely,



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