

Recap by Jeff Kothe, Archcoustics

## "FM FEUD !"

Where: Waxie Corporation  
3220 S. Fairview Street,  
Santa Ana.

When: Thursday, Feb 19th, 2004 @  
5:30pm to 8:00pm

Topic: "FM FEUD!"

It was a unique and exciting evening at **Waxie Sanitary Supply** Thursday, February 19, as IFMA-OC enjoyed "FM Feud 2004." It was a game show styled event patterned after the popular "Family Feud" with questions focusing on facility maintenance, best practices, and core competencies.

**Joe Soter**, who recently took a position at the **Richard Nixon Library** in Yorba Linda,

did his best Richard Dawson impersonation as he served as host of the event (minus the routine kiss-on-the-lips with female guests). 20 multiple-choice questions were passed out to each attendee after the networking hour, and we all did our best to answer what we thought was the correct option.

The question below is a sample of one of the questions we had to answer: Which of the following is usually not an allowable expense under a lease?

- A. Employees holiday/vacation pay
- B. Tenant Improvement Costs
- C. Property Insurance
- D. Utilities

**Joe** and Programs Chair **Lila Grant** compiled the answers before the game and determined what the Chapter survey would say. When the game began, the results of the Chapter survey were compared to the answers provided by IFMA International. Contestants were awarded 10 points if they chose the answer the Chapter selected, or if they chose the answer International said was the right choice. Players were awarded 20 points if they came up with the answer that both IFMA-OC and International said was correct.

Once the rules of the game were established, four players were picked at random to participate. The lucky four were: **Christina Knowles** of **Waxie**, **David Deweese** of **Cox Communications** and **Chapter secretary, Tracy Ryan-CFM**, and **Tom O'Keefe**



with **Disney**. It was **Christina's** first IFMA-OC meeting and she was the only non-FM to play. The winner was rewarded with two passes to the Richard Nixon Library.

**Tracy** and **Tom** showed off their facility management skills by taking command of the game, eventually both finishing with an even 100 points. The tie was an unprecedented "FM

Feud" moment, and we were forced into overtime with a tie-breaking question. After several attempts, **Tom O'Keefe** was declared the winner of "FM Feud 2004," undoubtedly fulfilling one of his long-time career goals.

Thank you to our **sponsors** for the night: **Interior Office Solutions** and **Servpro of Tustin**. Thank you to our host, **Waxie Sanitary Supply** for allowing us to use their Regional Inventory Center in Santa Ana.

