

President's Message

Fall 2003

My fellow members,

I hope you all enjoyed a happy and healthy summer. It seems, once again, that time... is moving too fast! Now, fall is upon us, the beaches are less crowded, the coastal eddy continues to cool the coastline and your chapter has been busy planning new and exciting events and finalizing details on events that have been in the works. (Check out the "Calendar of Events" button on the website for all of the chapter activities).

Our annual golf tournament in September at Coyote Hill Golf Club was a complete success! *We are grateful to the golf gods for keeping the temperature pleasant versus the near 100-degree temperature last year.* Thanks to the efforts and dedication of **Cookie** and **Dick Currier**, our Golf Committee Chairs, they raised over \$15,000 for the chapter. They have exceeded last year's mark. We also thank the many behind the scenes individual who gave their valuable time and effort to set up and coordinate the event. Thanks to **Allsteel** for being our major event sponsor and we thank our partnership sponsors that have contributed to the success of our golf tournament. (See: "Calendar of Events" under special events for a list of our valued sponsors). For those that have not visited the website lately, you can enjoy a new concept in photo album slide show presentation. All team photos are available for preview and they are downloadable.

Sponsorship – I would like to thank our Annual Sponsors for their time, support and contributions to our events past and to come. Without their generosity and their support, our chapter could not have presented those spectacular and informative events in our monthly programs, educational seminars, best practices, CFM Study Group, Chapter Directory, to name a few and the annual golf tournament. This year our hats are off to: **Allsteel** and **RMC Facilities Services** for reaching the Gold Sponsor Level. **Allied Security**, **Archoustics West**, **CCS Enterprises**, **Herman Miller**, **Leiner Health Products**, **Shaw Contract** and **Universal Protection Services** for attaining the Silver Sponsorship Level. We have many events and opportunities in the coming months; feel free to contact **Fred DeMaria**, our Sponsorship Chair to line up your contribution and give you and your company an opportunity to be recognized with your product or service.

Chapter Membership – A key note of interest, I thought you would be interested in knowing that as of August's IFMA International Report, the Orange County Chapter is number two with **311** members strong. Of the twelve chapters in California, Silicon Valley is number one with 610 members. San Diego is third with 273 members, Los Angeles is fourth with 272 and San Francisco has 179. With a soft economy, we are continuing to develop new membership drives and retention programs to maintain our membership and increase our numbers by providing valuable tools and education for our members.

Countdown to the World Workplace in Dallas... *"It is not too late to participate."* I am proud to communicate to you, the members of our chapter, that we have 25 IFMA Orange County members that have signed up to take advantage of the educational seminars, networking, and furthering their FM careers. This will be my first time to participate in WWP. My understanding from our members that have participated in past years is that it does add tremendous value, but you have to experience it to know that truth. *So don't delay, get on your way to WWP.*

I look forward to representing our chapter and hope to bring back valuable tools and information. One of my goals is to develop relationships and gain from the experiences of the 129 chapters that will be represented worldwide in Dallas. I expect that this valuable global input can be incorporated into Orange County Chapter programs and events to add additional value.

Speaking about IFMA International, two key events took place bestowing high honors to two of our Chapter members. In August, **Jennifer Corbett-Shramo**, with Pacific Building Care, Inc., was appointed by International as an **IFMA Fellow**, the highest designation for a member. Jennifer is now the second **IFMA Fellow** in our chapter joining **Phyllis Meng** with the MTA. Jennifer will be representing the IFMA Foundation and Oversee 18 chapters in the Western Region. In September, **Bill Conley, CFM, CFMJ** with CFM2 and Past 2001-2002 IFMA OC President was given the **Distinguish Award** by International, which represents the second highest recognition. Join me in congratulating them on their accomplishments. Way to go! Bill continues to bring innovation to the chapter. See what he has developed for the CFM Studies. Go to www.cfmstudy.net

Our website continues to undergo changes to provide our members with useful tools and information to assist them in their careers and even a job search!!! If you have suggestions or comments that you would like to see on the website, contact **Charlie Brown** at Comlock Security Group at cbrown@comlock.com. Please visit our website on a regular basis for all the latest developments, and help support your Orange County Chapter by putting our associates on your bidders list and volunteering your time and efforts to the chapter. Getting involved has probably been the best thing I have done.

I would like to thank the Executive Board, the committee chairs, the committee members and most of all, Jean Gardner for efforts far beyond the call of duty. I take particular delight with my involvement in the OC Chapter to be surrounded by so many talented people. All through my association with IFMA OC I've been given the opportunity to teamwork together on so many projects and seeing a once far off dream grow into reality.

Please get involved. It will benefit you. It will benefit your company. It will benefit our Orange County Chapter.

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