

August 29, 2002

This week's meeting of the Job Search Group had 10 FM professionals in attendance. The conversation focused on background information about various job openings listed in the media. There was also some discussion of follow up letters and their formats. Many attendees reported increased activity scheduled for after Labor Day.

Brad Vieau, formerly a facilities coordinator with SAP, joins the group. Welcome Brad!

August 22, 2002

Nine FM professionals met today for networking and information exchange. Today's meeting was particularly lively with many people sharing lots of information on job leads, contact information and interview advice. A special thanks to Herb Chatterton who compiled an extensive Internet search effort and shared several hits with the group.

People reported several first, second and even third interviews this week. We wish all of them the best of luck and look forward to celebrating more landings. As we move into September we are all expecting a greater level of activity. According to HR experts, after the Christmas holidays, July and August are traditionally the slowest hiring months of the year.

We also want to thank Jennifer Corbett-Shramo of Pacific Building Care for kindly sponsoring our breakfast today.

August 15, 2002

Nine FM professionals gathered for networking, information exchange and interviewing tips today at Citrus Cafe in Tustin. We welcome Barbara Blair to the group. Barbara comes from Kalkan Foods where she was recently the Director of Corporate Facilities.

We are celebrating two landings today. Congratulations go to Tim O'Brand who has landed a position as Plant Superintendent at Mag Instruments (Makers of the Mag Lite Flashlight) in Ontario.

Congratulations also go to Jan Ciano who has accepted a position as Manager of Facilities and Corporate Services at Apria Healthcare in Lake Forest.

This week marks the first anniversary of the Orange County IFMA Job Search Group. We are very proud of the results produced during this turbulent year of recession and terrorist attacks. Here's some numbers: 56 Professionals have joined the group 21 have landed positions On average one person lands a job every 17 days. 37% Landing rate for all members

August 8, 2002

This week we had 11 FM professionals meeting for breakfast and to hear our special guest, Kent Elliot. Kent is founder of Real Estate Talent Solutions a company that specializes in the placement of real estate and facilities professionals in interim assignments where talent is needed on short notice and for specific durations.

We celebrated another landing! Ginni Brown has taken an interim assignment with Kent to manage a Microsoft campus in Fargo, North Dakota for about a month. Good luck, Ginni!

We welcome Chris Figuera to the group. Chris recently left the LA Dodger organization where she managed facilities operations at Chavez Revine. Welcome Chris!

August 1, 2002

This week seven FM professionals had a lively meeting discussing various companies. One of the job seekers brought his list of target companies and we each brainstormed contacts, shared latest news about some of the firms and identified other companies in the same industries.

This is a good technique for networking. Showing people your target list and asking for information

about the companies on that list provides an easy way for people to help you in your search. So, often job seekers miss an opportunity when they are not specific when asking for help. Our friends and contacts want to help, it's human nature; but they don't know how they can help unless we tell them specifically.

In general, the mood at the meeting was upbeat. There seems to be an increase in activity with many appointments, meetings and interviews occurring.