

# NI In the News

## November 3, 2015—Anixter

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About our presentation:

Founded in 1957, Anixter is a leading global distributor of communication and security products, electrical and electronic wire and cable, fasteners and other small parts. The company adds value to the distribution process by providing its customers access to 1) innovative inventory management programs; 2) more than 450,000 products and over \$1 billion in inventory; 3) approximately 225 warehouses with 7 million square feet of space; and 4) locations in over 260 cities in more than 50 countries.

Anixter moved from Skokie into their current headquarters in Glenview in 2013. The two-story, 167,000 square foot building houses only Anixter employees and occupies 9.5 acres in the Prairie Glen Corporate Campus. The land is part of the redevelopment of the former Glenview Naval Air Station, now called “The Glen.”

We will have a facility tour of the Anixter building followed by dinner and then an additional tour of the lab and data center of the building. Our host's will give an extensive overview of these areas in separate groups for each area of the building. Bring your walking shoes and thinking caps for questions!

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# From the President....

Happy November!

There is a chill in the air and the leaves on the trees are gorgeous!



Laura Ingram and I had wonderful time at World Workplace in Denver, CO. It was terrific to see so many members from our chapter and the Chicago chapter. We handed out our IFMA-NI pins with pride and we received a few in return! The cocktail party was a success and a good time was had by all. I hope everyone that attended will agree.

I would love to hear feedback from FM's that participated in the sessions to find out some of their favorite topics.

I went to a session on what your body language portrays to others. Along with the familiar positive signs of body language; smiling and eye contact, there may be other more subtle gestures. People will interpret you as defensive if you have your hands in your pockets, behind your back or have your arms crossed. Linda Talley was the presenter and a body language expert. She also spoke about qualities of leaders. They must have the knowledge, know the corporate culture and team capabilities. They also should realize when they have to ask for help and rely on their team members. Building their networks and having mentors make for great leaders, too.

Laura and I also went to a chapter leader seminar. Most of the chapters are trying to be creative and have more involvement from the facility managers. One of the ideas that IFMA National has initiated is a contest called **The Race to Indy**. It started October 1<sup>st</sup> and will run through April 2016. The goal of the contest is to recruit the most members during that time period. One of the prizes discussed is free registration for World Workplace 2016 and a private facility tour. Find out more at [www.ifma.org/race-to-indy](http://www.ifma.org/race-to-indy). We will be working on our own competition. Details to follow!

I hope you all can come to our networking event this Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, at Level 257 in Schaumburg. It will be tons of fun. I can't wait to see all the Halloween attire! Thank you to our sponsors, Brook Furniture Rental, FacilityTree.com and Sebert Landscaping.



Don't forget to get "LinkedIn" with our chapter IFMA NI Chapter Group

November 3<sup>rd</sup> is our monthly meeting and is at Anixter in Glenview. Two tours are included in the evening program. Facility Managers love tours!

Ann Del Fiocco  
Madam President

## Education News

IFMANI granted Wojciech Gracz, IFMANI member and facility manager at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Schaumburg, Illinois a \$500 scholarship for CFM exam preparation.

Mr. Gracz will use the “IFMA Facility Management Learning System” which combines reading material with online learning. Mr. Gracz has also recently furthered his skills and education on the subject of HVAC, a skill upgrade which greatly enhanced his performance at the church of the Holy Spirit. We congratulate Mr. Gracz on his past and present efforts to advance his personal career and facility management professionalism.

Other chapter facility managers may also be considered for scholarships. The chapter offers scholarships of up to \$500 for facility managers who wish to prepare for credential exams or to further their education in one of the competency areas. Please contact me if you wish to explore this possibility for your continuing education and skill improvement.

Joe McCarthy CFM



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### October 27th—Chapter Networking Event

# 257

**Level 257**  
**Schaumburg, IL**  
**\$20 a person**  
**5:30—7:30**

## 20 Questions with Bob Hummel



**Name:** Bob Hummel  
**Company:** First Midwest Bank  
**Position:** Senior VP/Real Estate  
**How long with IFMA:** At least 10 years

**What are your favorite hobbies?**  
 Gardening and Landscaping,

**What is your favorite book?**  
 "Millionaire Next Door"

**What are you currently reading?**  
 Just finished "The Last Man" by Vince Flynn

**What is your favorite food/cuisine?**  
 I like a good steak and a crisp salad  
**Favorite restaurant:** Adelle's in Wheaton

**Describe your family growing up and now.**  
 I have 3 younger brothers about 1 ½ years apart  
**Hometown:** Grosse Pointe Michigan  
**Current residence:** Wheaton IL

**What is your favorite sport to play?** Sailing  
**Favorite sporting event:** College Football  
**Favorite team:** Alabama Crimson Tide

**Are you a morning or night person?**  
 Morning

**What would you do if you won the lottery?**  
 I would help subsidize all of my children's as well as my nieces' and nephews' college tuition

**What three words would you use to describe yourself?**  
 Self motivated, Quick start, Perfectionist

**What is your favorite movie?**  
 It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World  
**TV show?** Blue Bloods

**Most people don't know I:**  
 Don't care public speaking

**What is one goal that you would like to accomplish during your lifetime?**  
 Travel to the Mediterranean and not have to worry about the time it takes

**Who is your hero or role model (or an influential person in your life)?**  
 My Father

**What is your favorite thing to do in the summer?** Relax on the pier with the family and friends

**If you could visit any place in the world, where would it be & why?**  
 Galapagos Islands in the summer. I would like to see all of the unusual species of nature.

**What is your favorite city to visit?**  
 Tampa Bay or San Diego

**What is your favorite vacation spot?**  
 Florida in the winter

**If I could trade places with one person for a day, it would be:** Superman  
**I'd like to have dinner with:** Ayn Rand

**What songs(artists) are on your iPod/phone?**  
 Variety, Pandora

**If you had access to a time machine, where & when would you travel to?**  
 The day that I became Superman

**What are your pet peeves?**  
 Poorly maintained properties; Dirty vehicle interiors

## Volunteers Needed for Ad Hoc Old Folks Committee

Hello IFMA NI members!

Recently NI held its annual strategic planning session. A key goal identified by the group is to document past chapter activities, people, initiatives, best practices and other points of interest.

To undertake this initiative one of our first steps was creating an Ad Hoc old folks committee...Hang on that can't be right, make it the Aging Archivist's Committee...No, no, that's not politically correct either. Was it the Ad Hoc sub-committee to the Historical Committee? Arrrrrrg, I can't remember! What we are going to call it doesn't matter, what we have been tasked to do is what's important!

The new committee has been charged with cataloging our archives, deleting what is trivial and outdated and then organizing and cataloging the important stuff.

During the Strategic Planning Session the group turned to me (do I really look that old) to lead this initiative. I'd like to invite other members including some of our long-tenured members to help with identifying and labeling old photos, identifying best practices that have fallen by the wayside and more. We also can use members who have experience with records management and setting up a database.

All are welcome and encouraged to help out with the project. We are looking for members who can volunteer 3-5 hours as well as those who can work with the group through the entire project. As an aside, if you need CFM renewal points this committee is an ideal and hopefully fun way to earn some points.

Please contact me at [mkischnersr@att.net](mailto:mkischnersr@att.net) if you have questions or would like to join our band of records explorers. If I don't (or can't) hear from you, I'll be reaching out to you from my wheelchair.

Thanks!

Mark Kischner, CFM

## 20 Questions with Rich Rapacki

**Name:** Rich Rapacki  
**Company:** Aires Consulting, A Division of Gallagher Bassett, Inc.  
**Position:** Director, Business Development  
**How long with IFMA:** Since 2003

### What are your favorite hobbies?

My hobbies include walking the dog, playing with my grandchildren, reading and participating in golf (Yes, that is "participating", I am not a very good golfer!).

### What is your favorite book?

Band of Brothers by Steven Ambrose

### What are you currently reading?

Short History of World War II

### What is your favorite food/cuisine?

I like all types of food, but partial to American and Italian.

### Favorite restaurant:

**American:** Palmer's Place in LaGrange  
**Italian:** formerly Marconi's in LaGrange, IL

### Describe your family growing up and now.

I grew up on the near Northwest side of Chicago with my parents and younger brother and sister. Went to Weber High School and then Northern Illinois University where I met my wife. I am married and have four grown, married children (2 boys and 2 girls). I also have 3 grandchildren with a fourth due at Christmastime.

**Hometown:** Chicago, Illinois

**Current residence:** LaGrange, Illinois

### What is your favorite sport to play?

Basketball, but can no longer play due to knee problems. I am trying to get better at golf.

**Favorite sporting event:** Chicago Blackhawks hockey game

**Favorite team:** Die-hard Chicago sports fan.

**Cubs or Sox?** I support both, but root for the Cubs when they play each other.

### Are you a morning or a night person?

Morning

### What would you do if you won the lottery?

Make sure that all my bills are completely paid.

Help my family to do the same. Help my church, favorite charities and community outreach

**What three words would you use to describe yourself?** Honest, fair and hardworking

**What is your favorite movie?** Sound of Music  
**TV show?** Scorpion on CBS

**Most people don't know I:** can cook a little.

**What is one goal that you would like to accomplish during your lifetime?**

To continue to help and see my family grow and prosper and enjoy one another!

**Who is your hero or role model (or an influential person in your life)?**

Both of my parents for being hardworking, caring and role models.

**What is your favorite thing to do in the summer?**

Sit on my patio with family and friends to eat and drink.

**If you could visit any place in the world, where would it be & why?**

Central Europe (Poland and Czechoslovakia) to see where my wife's and my ancestors came from and to learn more about the history.

**What is your favorite city to visit?**

Outside of Chicago, San Francisco because of the foods and things to do (like the Northern California coastline and wine country)

**What is your favorite vacation spot?**

Hilton Head, South Carolina

**If I could trade places with one person for a day, it would be:** Warren Buffett

**I'd like to have dinner with:** my grandparents.

**What songs(artists) are on your iPod/phone?**

Neil Diamond and Motown Hits of the 60's, 70's, 80's

**If you had access to a time machine, where & when would you travel to?**

Ancient Athens to see the development of government, the arts, architecture, etc.

**What are your pet peeves?** Disorganization/messiness, Dishonesty/liars, People who do not say they are "sorry" when they are wrong







# IFMA FACILITY FUSION

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The strength of IFMA is its diverse, energetic, innovative, dedicated membership. It is through members such as you that IFMA has had a positive influence and made a difference in increasing the awareness of facility management. We encourage you to get involved and tell your colleagues about your experiences and the benefits of joining IFMA.

#### CONTEST DETAILS

The Race to Indy member recruitment contest will begin 1 October 2015 and ends 1 April 2016. Join in the excitement of building the world of FM by sharing information about the value and benefits of IFMA membership and get rewarded for recruiting friends and colleagues!

#### RULES

Chapter leaders from all 134 chapters compete to recruit the most new members to the association.

Council leaders from all 17 councils compete to recruit the most new members to the association. All completed applications and membership dues for new applicants must be received at IFMA between 1 October

2015 and ends 1 April 2016 to be counted toward the grand prize.

The winners will be determined by chapter and council total growth from 1 October 2015 through 1 April 2016.

#### GRAND PRIZE RULES

Prize will be awarded to the first place large chapter who recruits the most new members to the association.

Prize will be awarded to the first place medium chapter who recruits the most new members to the association.

Prize will be awarded to the first place small chapter who recruits the most new members to the association.

1 award will be awarded to the council who recruits the most new members to the association.

In cases where there are two or more chapters/councils with an equal number of new members recruited to the association, both will receive the award.

# October Meeting Pictures



# World WorkPlace Pictures



Mark your Calendar!!!



December 1, 2015  
Holiday Network-  
ing Gala  
Granite City  
Schaumburg, IL

## NI In the News....

NI IFMA joined 32 other chapters and councils to donate 25th Annual Doug Underwood/Utilities Council of IFMA Golf Tournament. We received the following message:

**YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT ALONG WITH THE UTILITIES COUNCIL MATCH RAISED OVER \$13,000 TOWARD SCHOLARSHIPS! WHAT AN AMAZING RESPONSE - THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

During the week of September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> J.C. Restoration, Inc. (JCR) successfully hosted over 350 industry professionals from the insurance and property management sectors from across the Chicagoland area for seminars on fire and smoke damage. Throughout the week, the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance, JCR's chosen charity, collected over \$5500.

JCR presented an Illinois Department of Insurance approved CE course entitled Smoke on the Water. The one-day course explained the processes involved in fire damage mitigation and restoration. It also illustrated how insurance companies, property management professionals and restoration professionals can work together to provide property owners with rapid, responsive, technically accurate procedures for loss mitigation on fire damage claims. By the end of the day, through class participation and hands-on demonstrations the attendees learned that advanced techniques and technologies save downtime and money throughout the fire damage claims process. Classroom discussions also focused on the public health and safety issues associated with fire restoration situations.

# November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

## Schedule of Events

- October 27—Chapter Networking Event, Level 257 Schaumburg, IL
- November 3—Anixter Glenview, IL
- November 19—Chicago IFMA meeting, Maggianos in Chicago, 11:30—1:00
- December 1—Holiday party

## Directions to Anixter:

From Chicago:

Follow I-94 to Lake Avenue in Wilmette. Take exit 34B . Merge onto Lake Avenue. Turn right on Patriot Blvd.

From O'Hare:

I294 North to Willow Rd. Right onto Willow Rd. Turn right on Patriot Blvd.





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