About our presentation:
Sherry Ladislas will present information about Trinity Services and what they have to offer. Here is a brief overview:
Trinity Services, founded in 1950, is a nonprofit, non-sectarian organization that provides services and supports to persons with disabilities, so that they might achieve their full potential and have the opportunity to flourish and live full and abundant lives.
Sally Ritchie will be talking about Technology and how it relates to the buildings systems and communications with staff and all their locations.
Ray Carmody, Director of Administrative Operations will speak on their Green Building.

About our Speakers:
Sherry Ladislas has been the Director of Development of Trinity Services for 16 years. Although her primary responsibility is fundraising and communication, her experience raising a 25-year-old son with autism has her involved in many other facets at Trinity including advocacy, legislative initiatives, The Autism Program of Illinois, the Illinois Autism Task Force, and the national coalition, Advancing Futures for Adults with Autism.
Sally Ritchey has worked with programs serving individuals with intellectual disabilities for over twenty years in a wide range of leadership positions. Presently, Ms. Ritchey holds an administrative position as Director of Information Technology. Among other responsibilities, she supervises several consultants who are developing and/or maintaining Trinity’s management and clinical databases and agency website. With the help of a small staff, Trinity’s IT infrastructure has grown to support its 1200 employees in their daily work. Most recently, she is leading a project to configure and roll out an agency management platform to allow employees at more than 100 residential and support locations to collect billing and program data in real time on a 24 hour basis. Employee training to maximize effective use of the system is underway.
Ray Carmody is the Director of Administrative Operations which oversees several agency departments and functions. These include HR, Maintenance, Agency Admissions, Recreation, a residential program in southwest Illinois, and several other areas. Ray was also responsible for coordinating Trinity’s move into its new Corporate Center in 2013. He has been at Trinity for five years after spending 30 years with the State of Illinois Office of Developmental Disabilities. Ray served in several positions for the Illinois Developmental Disabilities Division including the Bureau Chief for Community Operations and as Assistant Director of the office that ran nine state facilities. Ray was also the lead Medicaid executive in charge of state policy to develop and implementation plan to move 3,200 people with developmental disabilities and 10,000 people with mental illness out of Illinois nursing homes.

About our facility
The Veterans Parkway Building serves as Trinity’s Corporate Headquarters and also as the home of four of Trinity’s residential programs.
In addition to such functions as Employee Services, Fund Development and Financial Operations, other Trinity programs such as the Illinois Crisis Prevention Network and the National Association of Qualified Professionals (NAQ) are also located here. The building is home to a variety of Trinity staff including the executive director, agency-wide leadership staff, team leaders, case managers, nurses, psychologists, behavior analysts, social workers and administrative staff.
Approximately 150 staff work at this location. The site also includes an employee café, library and numerous conference and meeting rooms.

**All no shows will be billed.**
“Every new beginning comes from some other beginning’s end” – Seneca

Well, the new year is upon us. Time for resolutions and plans for bettering ourselves, right? We’re all going to lose weight, get in shape, eat right, and treat others better. It’s going to be quite a year!

And then we fast forward about three weeks – if I’m being generous – and, well, maybe not so much? Oh well. There’s always 2018, right? And that’s our phrase that pays this month—there’s always 2018!

I suppose my message here is short. Go ahead and make those resolutions. Go ahead and do some inner reflection and propose positive change in your life. Set some goals and go for them. But don’t reserve this just for the new year. Life is full of teachable moments as well as curve balls. Embrace them as they come and take them for what they are: opportunities.

I wish everyone a blessed and prosperous 2017!

The phrase that pays is the quote at the beginning of this message.

Warmest wishes,

Laura
Mark your Calendars!!!!!

Our program committee has been working hard. Below are the upcoming dates and places for the Northern Illinois Chapter.

Feb 7:
Xylem
8200 N Austin
Morton Grove

Mar 7:
AAR Corporation
1100 N Wood Dale Rd
Wood Dale, IL

April 4:
The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
9400 West Higgins Road
Rosemont, IL

May 2:
Fountaindale Public Library District
300 W. Briarcliff Road
Bolingbrook, IL

Jul 11:
Elmhurst College
190 S Prospect Ave
Elmhurst, IL

Speakers and presentation information will be coming soon. Make your 2017 new year’s resolution to attend more NI IFMA meetings!!

Northern Illinois University

Facility Management Professional (FMP) & Sustainability Facility Professional (SFP)
Information and Registration: http://www.fm.niu.edu
Location: Virtual Classroom
Questions? Contact: dmann@niu.edu or 815-732-6249
20 Questions with Gerard Zawislak

Name: Gerard Zawislak
Company: Cummins Allison Corporation
Position: Corporate Facilities Project Manager
How long with IFMA: Since March of 2003

Favorite hobbies: Woodworking, electronics, boating, almost anything to do with the outdoors.

Favorite book: It was a gift my oldest sister Annmarie gave me. It was a vocational school book on carpentry. From using tools to building a stick built house. She knew I didn't enjoy your traditional novels, but would eat up magazines like the Smithsonian, National Geographic, Popular Science, Car and Driver etc.

Currently reading: Audible Books, play them in the car on the way to or from work. Into the Black: The Extraordinary Untold Story of the First Flight of the Space Shuttle Columbia and the Astronauts Who Flew Her. The new Kindle format Whisper Sync lets you read the book but switch over the narrative so you can continue in the car.

Favorite food/cuisine: A great steak and mashed potatoes. Or anything Italian (spaghetti, lasagna, chicken Marsala). Favorite restaurant:

Describe your family growing up and now: My grandmother lived with my mom and dad. As did my uncle for a few years when he returned from the Marines. He married and moved out. We had a large family, six kids. My uncle did too. Dad's side of the family lived in Poland. Always a lot of commotion back then. My girls have all moved out. I'm blessed with three grandsons. Still a large family, extended and otherwise.

Hometown: Chicago, still say I'm from Chicago when visiting out of town. People think we're all gangsters or something!

Current residence: Moved to the northern suburbs because the houses were affordable and the schools were good. With a car you're really never far from anyone or anything.

Favorite activity: Still like mechanical things, so building or fixing just about anything.

Favorite sport to play: Always loved 16-inch softball. Ya' know Chicago style!

Favorite sporting event: Loved to go with my Dad to the Bears and Packer games.

Favorite team: The US Olympic luge team. Doesn't going down hill at 80 MPH with no brakes sound fun?

Cubs or Sox? Sorry, love them both. But got to say the CUBS are WINNERS! (I've waited all my like to say that)

Are you a morning or night person? Always a night person.

If I won the lottery, I would: Never really gambled so I guess I don't know.

Three words that best describe me: Independent, detailed, adventurous

Mantra: Don't sweat the small stuff!

Favorite movie: “What Dreams May Come” Robin Williams

Favorite TV show: Mission Impossible

One fun fact about you: Built my first sailboat at age 16.

Special talent: Don't think I have one. Love to cook, simple meals, but hardy.

Greatest fear: Getting lost.

Most people don't know that I: Use to ride my bicycle over 75-miles a day. For FUN!

Bucket List: See more of the national parks. There are so many places in the U.S. I've yet to visit.
20 Questions with Gerard Continued

My hero or role model (or an influential person in my life): Without a doubt my father. He came to America like so many and started a new life, raised a family and still made us all feel like we’re special to him. Always taught us to work hard but enjoy what you do.

My favorite thing to do in the summer is: long walks
In winter: cross country skiing

If I could visit any place in the world, it would be: Colorado
Because: You can start near sea level and go in the mountains with snow the same day.

Favorite city to visit: San Diego, California

Favorite vacation spot: Chicago, what can I say, so much to do there.

If I could trade places with one person for a day, it would be: Anyone on the space station. The view alone would be worth the trip.

Songs (artists) on my iPod/phone: Plain White T’s

If I had access to a time machine, I would travel to (where/when): November 1963, Dallas, Texas.

Pet peeves: Drivers who speed past me and end up waiting at the same red light I do.

Bad habit: Being too fast. I need to slow down. Not be in such a hurry.

Mark your Calendar!!!

The snow may be on its way but it’s never too early to think about GOLF!!!

NI IFMA’s 2017 golf date will be September 14th at Seven Bridges Golf Club in Woodridge.

Sponsors from 2016 will be offered the chance to sponsor again at the 2016 prices. Contact our chapter administrator for more information.
# 20 Questions with Ken Stone

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<th>Name: Ken Stone</th>
<th>Bucket List: Travels to Italy, Greece and also never been to New York</th>
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<td>Company: Armstrong Relocation Companies</td>
<td>My hero or role model (or an influential person in my life): My Genius of a Wife</td>
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<td><strong>Favorite hobbies:</strong> Golf, Traveling and Bike Riding</td>
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<td><strong>Favorite book:</strong> The Goldfinch</td>
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<td><strong>Currently reading:</strong> The Crossing ~ Detective Bosh works with The Lincoln Lawyer</td>
<td>If I could visit any place in the world, it would be: Africa</td>
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<td><strong>Favorite food/cuisine:</strong> Italian or French</td>
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<td><strong>Favorite restaurant:</strong> Bistro Bordeaux in Evanston</td>
<td><strong>Favorite city to visit:</strong> London</td>
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<td><strong>Describe your family growing up and now:</strong> Hometown: Around the Jefferson Park area in Chicago</td>
<td><strong>Favorite vacation spot:</strong> Jamaica – just returned</td>
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<td><strong>Current residence:</strong> Downtown Evanston</td>
<td>If I could trade places with one person for a day, it would be: Rahm Emanuel</td>
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<td><strong>Favorite activity:</strong> Travels</td>
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<td><strong>Favorite sport to play:</strong> Golf</td>
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<td><strong>Favorite team:</strong> Chicago Cubs</td>
<td><strong>Favorite movie:</strong> I Love You Man</td>
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<td><strong>Are you a morning or night person?</strong> I'm a morning person to a fault, I'm told.</td>
<td><strong>Special talent:</strong> Black Belt in Tae kwon do</td>
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<td><strong>If I won the lottery, I would:</strong> Travel and buy homes for family</td>
<td><strong>Greatest fear:</strong> Heights</td>
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<td><strong>Mantra:</strong> Truth, Loyalty and Fun Loving.</td>
<td><strong>Most people don’t know that I:</strong> Played Football and a Wrestler in High School</td>
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Don’t forget—if you are looking for a position, IFMA has a job bank on their website. Be sure to check it out. www.ifma.org

Have a new product or service to share? How about an innovative way for solving a facility problem? Win any awards lately?

**We are always looking for articles for our newsletter!**

Please share with your fellow managers and associate members items of interest in your field.

**Article Guidelines:**
- Article length between ½ page and 2 pages—can include pictures.
- Written in Word format—no PDF.
- Make sure you include credit information at end of article.

Submission due by the 20\textsuperscript{th} BEFORE the month the newsletter is printed. For example, March newsletter needs articles by Feb. 20\textsuperscript{th}. Otherwise, we will hold for following month.

Any ???Please contact Jan Wemple, Newsletter coordinator at: jwemple@moorelandscapes.com or 847-774-1250.
Or Kathy at: chapteradministrator@ifmani.com

Thank you!!
January 2017

Schedule of Events

- January—Trinity Services in New Lenox
- January 17—Board Meeting
- February 7—Xylem in Morton Grove
- March 7—AAR in Wood Dale
- April 4—American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
- May 2—Fountaïndale Public Library District in Bolingbrook
- July 11—Elmhurst College in Elmhurst

Directions to Trinity Services

From Chicago:
To provide exceptional education, networking, career development, and leadership opportunities that support and advance the Facility Management profession in Northern Illinois.

Sponsorship opportunities are available, please contact our chapter administrator at the e-mail listed to the left for complete details!