About our Presentation:

Where are you in your FM career? Is it moving in the right direction? Are you facing new challenges in your career?

Advancement in any profession requires effort and dedication to continuously "Sharpen the Saw". Learn how the IFMA Four "C"s of education can help to shape your career.

About our Speaker:

Jerry DiCola, CFM, SFP, FMP, LEED Green Associate
Director, Facilities Operations

Jerry DiCola is the Director, Facilities Operations for Horizon Pharma, Inc., a specialty biopharmaceutical company focused on improving patients’ lives by identifying, developing, acquiring and commercializing differentiated products that address unmet medical needs. He is an IFMA certified instructor and has been facilitating IFMA courses at Northern Illinois University since 2008 and Rice University since 2016. Most recently, he was the president for the Chicago Chapter of IFMA. Jerry has direct responsibilities for the oversight of 165,000 leased space in Lake Forest, IL and consultative support to Horizon Pharma’s three international offices. Specialties: change management, vendor management; real estate and contract management, human environmental factors, presenter and instructor.

See more about Jerry DiCola: https://www.linkedin.com/in/jerrydicola

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Greetings to All! It was good to see you all at the Holiday Party—good times. I was thinking of doing White Elephant Gifts with my family until I thought about the trading up part. Daughters might not react well to that. We collected 216 pounds of food for The Greater Chicago Food Depository, which will provide 150 meals. Thanks! Here again is a listing of our many upcoming events:

January 9, 2018, monthly meeting, 5:30 p.m., Emmet’s, 121 W Front St, Wheaton. Our presenter will be Jerry DiCola, CFM, SFP, FMP and LEED Green Associate. Jerry DiCola is the Director, Facilities Operations for Horizon Pharma, Inc. He is an IFMA certified instructor and has been facilitating IFMA courses at Northern Illinois University since 2008 and Rice University since 2016. Most recently, he was the president for the Chicago Chapter of IFMA. He will be discussing the Professional advantages of and how to obtain the CFM, SFP and FMP designations from IFMA. I can tell you from personal experience that having any of these designation on your resume is very beneficial.

January 16, 2018, Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Chandler’s, 401 N Roselle Rd, Schaumburg. In addition to our regular business we will be discussing how to increase our membership. If you have any ideas, want to participate in the discussion, or just want to sample some of the best Mashed Taters in Chicago, please stop by.

February 6, 2018, Regular Meeting, This date is still Open

February 13, 2017, Board Meeting

February 27, 2018, Member Networking/ New Member Event, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Gameworks, 601 N Martingale Rd, Schaumburg. Pub, amusement center & sports bar featuring electronic games, big-screen TVs & comfort food. All new members will be comped.

March 20-22, 2018, Facility Fusion, Sheraton Grand Chicago, 301 East North Water Street, Chicago. Facility Managers, stay on top of the latest trends and developments that impact your facilities and your career. Learn techniques and proven methodologies that can be put into practice immediately for direct results. Select sessions that address immediate or ongoing workplace challenges. See hundreds of facility solutions in one place, at one time, saving hours of independent product and service research. Exchange ideas and best practices with topic experts and professional peers.

A lot coming up— I hope to see you at these events. Phrase that pays for the January meeting: Gimme a beer!

With Regards,
Kevin Boyd
President
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Operations and Maintenance Naperville Fri & Sat 3/2 – 3/3 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Project Management Naperville Fri & Sat 3/23 – 3/24 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Finance and Business Naperville Thu & Fri 4/13 – 4/14 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Leadership and Strategy Naperville Fri & Sat 5/4 – 5/5 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Naperville Mon - Fri 4/30 – 5/4 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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December Meeting Pictures

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20 Tips for a Positive New Year

1. Stay Positive. You can listen to the cynics and doubters and believe that success is impossible or you can trust that with faith and an optimistic attitude all things are possible.

2. Take a daily "Thank You Walk." You can’t be stressed and thankful at the same time. Feel blessed and you won’t be stressed.

3. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and less foods manufactured in plants.

4. Talk to yourself instead of listen to yourself. Instead of listening to your complaints, fears and doubts, talk to yourself with words of truth and encouragement.

5. Post a sign that says "No Energy Vampires Allowed." Gandhi said, "I will not let anyone walk through my mind with their dirty feet."

6. Be a Positive Team Member. Being positive doesn’t just make you better, it makes everyone around you better.

7. Don’t chase success. Decide to make a difference and success will find you.

8. Get more sleep. You can’t replace sleep with a double latte.

9. Don’t waste your precious energy on gossip, energy vampires, issues of the past, negative thoughts or things you cannot control.

10. Look for opportunities to Love, Serve and Care. You don’t have to be great to serve but you have to serve to be great.

11. Live your purpose. Remember why you do what you do. We don’t get burned out because of what we do. We get burned out because we forget why we do it.

12. Remember, there’s no such thing as an overnight success. Love the process and you’ll love what the process produces.

13. Trust that everything happens for a reason and expect good things to come out of challenging experiences.

14. Implement the No Complaining Rule. If you are complaining, you’re not leading.

15. Read more books than you did in 2017.

16. Don’t seek happiness. Instead live with love, passion and purpose and happiness will find you.

17. Focus on "Get to" vs "Have to." Each day focus on what you get to do, not what you have to do. Life is a gift not an obligation.

18. The next time you "fail" remember that it’s not meant to define you. It’s meant to refine you.

19. Smile and laugh more. They are natural anti-depressants.

20. Enjoy the ride. You only have one ride through life so make the most of it and enjoy it.

Submitted by Ann Del Fiacco, Trendway Corporation via Jon Gordon-Linked In
Facility Manager Wanted

Village of Oswego/United City of Yorkville

The Village of Oswego and City of Yorkville are jointly hiring for a Facilities Manager to perform high-level oversight in the operation and maintenance of public buildings for both municipalities. The Facilities Manager will have responsibility for planning, developing and implementing building maintenance services, identifying shared purchasing and contracting opportunities, and developing and implementing long-range building maintenance plans. The Facilities Manager will also manage routine maintenance on all municipal buildings. Significant early projects include the implementation of Yorkville’s facility master plan and the commissioning of Oswego’s new Police Department.

The two communities have developed a culture of collaboration, including joint contracting and multiple intergovernmental agreements. The Facilities Manager will be the second shared position between the two municipalities. The Facilities Manager will be employed by the Village of Oswego as outlined in an intergovernmental agreement between the two communities and report to the Village Administrators and/or Public Works Directors of each municipality.

A successful candidate will have experience in building maintenance best practices, budgeting and capital planning, and contracting. Position will be expected to have a strong understanding of complex and technical building systems, including HVAC. An associate’s degree in building maintenance, facility management, construction management or related field, a minimum of three years of professional experience in facilities maintenance, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Valid driver’s license required.

Competitive compensation and benefits are offered. Salary range for this exempt position is $65,310.26 to $93,306.36. Benefits include health insurance, dental insurance, IMRF pension plan participation, and paid time off.

To apply, submit cover letter, resume and employment application to humanresources@oswegoil.org by 8 a.m. Monday, February 5. For more information, visit www.oswegoil.org.
Networking Event in February

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

2 hours of networking, drinking and partying

5:30—7:30 PM

Location: Gameworks in Schaumburg (Streets of Woodfield)
601 N. Martingale Rd
Schaumburg, IL 60173

Cost: $15
Free for new members (6 months or less)

Drinks: 2 drink tickets for beer and wine (all import and domestic bottles, all draft beer, premium wine). Unlimited soft drinks

Food: Savory meatballs, Spinach dip with pita chips, crispy chicken tenders, tortilla chips and salsa

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For more information, contact Jim Idstein—Kayhan International 847-843-5072 or jim.idstein@kayhan.com
IFMA Chicago Meeting

January 11, 2018
5:00—8:00

One North Kitchen & Bar
1 N. Wacker Dr
Chicago

Join IFMA Chicago in celebrating the holidays!
Schedule of Events

- January 16—NI IFMA Board meeting at Chandlers in Schaumburg
- February 6—NI IFMA Meeting
- February 13—NI IFMA Board meeting
- February 27—Networking Event at Gameworks in Schaumburg

Directions to Emmetts Brewing Company

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