Our September meeting will take place at the Arlington Heights Police Department. This is a great opportunity for our chapter to tour an active construction site.

Join us for an exclusive tour of the new $28 million Arlington Height Police Department headquarters building. The soon-to-be-completed 70,000sf building was constructed on the site of the former police department and will be architecturally compatible with the adjacent city hall and fire station.

We will be touring the facility with Chris Siefert, Vice President Riley Construction, who is the general contractor for the project and Arlington Heights Police Chief, Nicholas Pecora. Following the tour Chris and Chief Pecora will discuss their experience with the project, including the advanced technology being deployed in the building.

The police department headquarters building is at 200 N. Sigwalt Street in Arlington Heights. Parking is available at the 3-story municipal garage adjacent to the building.
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Hello IFMA Team,

We are all faced at times with difficult decisions and choices whether at work or at home. Some encouragement that I would like to share with you all this month is something that I had to put into high gear this week. It is the decision to take intelligent risks! (Phrase that pays) Using sound judgment, but don't be afraid to make mistakes and try new approaches. Innovation doesn't come from playing it safe. It comes from a thoughtful and intentional willingness to try the unconventional and to ask "What if?"

An analogy of this is a boat on the sea. If a boat stays in the safe, calm harbor, it will never experience rough seas, never be “broken in”, never run the engine at full throttle and ultimately the boat is never used in the way it was designed. It was however, designed with a deep “V” hull to cut through rough waters, take crashing waves over the stern, and get tossed around. Is it easy on it, will it get a bit tattered along the voyage? Of course, but it will reveal the areas that need strengthening and also confirm that it can withstand turbulent situations and press on to its destination. Similarly, we as employees, people managers, parents, etc…that stay in the safe harbor of the known will not struggle, there won't be as much stress or challenges, but that's not what humans were made for. We are happiest when we are growing and science even suggests that the human brain craves novelty.

Step outside your comfort zone and take on a new challenge or adventure. Perhaps one of those intelligent risks would be signing up for our Golf Outing on September 13, 2018. You don't have to be a good golfer you just need to want to have fun! Remember it’s a 9:00am shotgun start! Think about looking at doing something just a bit different and you may be very surprised at the outcome. While things don't always work out the way we expected, we can learn and grow from every situation!

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." -- Mark Twain

Best Regards,
Brett Ratajczak, FMP
President
THANKS TO OUR ASSOCIATES!

See our event pictures later in the newsletter. We would like to thank all of our associates that were involved in showcase!
IFMA Chicago Upcoming Event

September 27 – Brainy Bite

11:30 – 1:00
Petterinos
150 N. Dearborn
Chicago
Presentation entitled – Knowledge Transfer: Techniques and Technologies in the Multigenerational Workforce

October 25 – Oktoberfest 2018
5:00 – 8:00
Kaiser Tiger
1415 W. Randolph
Chicago

Visit www.ifma-chicago.org for further information about the above events.
Aspire Community Home Makeovers

**Description:** Help improve Aspire Community Homes where adults with disabilities live with 24-hour assistance from Aspire team members. Volunteers provide much-needed updates to the interior and exterior of homes.

**Location:** Aspire’s 16 homes are located in the western suburbs, primarily in the Berkeley, Westchester, and Hillside areas. Exact locations TBD.

**Volunteers needed:** Skilled and nonskilled in home/building improvement.

**Contact:** [lindamcinerney@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lindamcinerney@sbcglobal.net) to volunteer
GOLF OUTING

Time to make reservations for our annual golf outing!! Register HERE!!!!

Mark your calendars for September 13th at Seven Bridges Golf Course.

Check in will begin at 8:00 am with the shotgun start at 9:00 am

Reception, food and prizes at approximately 2:00 PM

Donate perishable food items at the outing registration table to receive 5 tickets for our amazing door prize drawing.

Your support goes along way!

Can’t get away?!? Be sure to come to a monthly meeting and purchase a scratch card to be entered for some great prizes!!!

We still have room for sponsors! Interested, visit our website at www.ifmani.org or click here for a sponsorship form.

What you missed in August!
The Chicagoland Safety Health and Environmental Conference will be held September 17-20, 2018 at the Naperville Illinois campus of NIU. REGISTER NOW at www.chisafetyconf.org to take advantage of Early Bird Pricing.

Celebrating 30 years, the conference is the premier 4 day, professional safety and business training conference. Among the 91 topics being offered this year are topics that will benefit property and facilities managers including Electrical Hazards in the Workplace; Developing, Implementing and Maintaining a Facility Fire Prevention Program; Cyber Security for Small Business; Active Shooter; Marijuana in the Workplace, Disaster Preparedness; Emergency Response, Are you Prepared; Respectful Workplace - Sexual Harassment and Other Forms of Harassment; and many more.

In the last two years more than 700 people from 2 foreign countries, 24 states and 100 Illinois communities have attended the conference. More than 3,000 session attendees participated in the 150+ professional training sessions. Sessions are 1.5 hour, 3 hour or day-long seminars that provide Basic, Intermediate and Advance level training. Other training sessions deal with General Safety, OSHA/EPA Compliance, Environmental Management, Industrial Hygiene and Professional Development. Presenters include representatives from the U.S. Small Business Administration, OSHA Compliance Assistance Specialists, lawyers, university professors, HR professionals, business owners and others who have extensive knowledge and skills.

The Wednesday day-long Business EXPO allows businesses from across the US showcase their latest products and services. An evening Networking event with hors d’oeuvres and drinks follows the Business EXPO. During the Thursday luncheon, the conference Keynote address will be given by Mr. Keith Bardney, Lead Consultant and Coach for KYB Consulting and Coaching. A continental breakfast, lunch and am/pm snacks are provided each day.

The conference is honored to receive promotional support from the U.S. Small Business Administration, the National Federation of Independent Business and many State and local chambers of commerce, manufacturing associations and business/trade organizations including the International Facility Managers Association. IFMA is a valued and important promotional supporter of the conference. Media sponsors are Industrial Hygiene News and the Daily Herald Business Ledger.

REGISTER NOW at www.chisafetyconf.org where you will find a complete listing of all the topics being offered this year at the Chicagoland Safety Health and Environmental Conference. After visiting the conference website, please contact Ken Orms at k.orms@att.net if you have any questions.
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