“Tis the season to be jolly”, a line from the popular Christmas carol, Deck the Halls, sums up the joy that I and many of you experienced at our annual chapter holiday party on Dec. 6. It was nice seeing so many friendly familiar faces and meeting many for the first time. THANK YOU to the Holiday Committee for making this a special and memorable evening.

I’m pleased to report that the raffle generated $2,420 in ticket sales, all of which will go to New Horizons, a non-profit supporting the needs of abused and neglected children. Michael Redden, CEO, and several other staff from New Horizons were on-hand to participate in the evening’s events and to share their appreciation for your support. Over the last three years, your contributions have generated over $7,200 to support New Horizons. THANK YOU to those who generously donated items for the raffles and to those who purchased raffle tickets.

With the end of the year quickly approaching, this marks the halfway point in the Chapter’s fiscal year. With so many events and accomplishments behind us, we have more work to do in 2020 to make this Chapter THE organization of choice for facility professionals. Your Chapter leaders and committees are working hard each day to create meaningful value so you can stay connected with the latest trends and services to support your organization. The wise old saying, “You get out what you put into it”, is so true for this or any other organization. Event participation and getting involved in a committee are great ways to get started. Please reach out to me if you’d like more information on ways to get involved.

In just a couple of weeks, we’ll ring in the new year and I look forward to all of the opportunities to engage with YOU in 2020. Check out some of the exciting upcoming events that our committees have in store on pages 4 and 6.

My family and I celebrate Christmas and will be spending time with our family and friends in northeastern Oklahoma. Our tradition includes family gatherings on Christmas eve, exchange of gifts, grazing among all the food that each family brings, Christmas morning around the tree with the kids, and a traditional Christmas day dinner followed by a movie at the theater. Whatever you have planned for the holidays, I hope it brings you Joy and Peace.

From my family to yours, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Micah O’Dell, CFM, SFP, FMP, COEE
President Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter of IFMA 2019-2020

Happy Holidays

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR IFMA DFW FAMILY
Our Preferred Business Partners

Platinum

Gold

Silver

Bronze
Meet Wendy Mitchell, Flowserve Corp. Headquarters Facilities Manager

Name: Wendy Mitchell
Title: Facilities Manager - Corp HQ
Company: Flowserve Corporation
Degree(s): Computer Science, Hartnell College, CA
Joined IFMA: 2018

How did you get into the FM field?
I worked for a small start-up company that moved to Texas from California in 2011. Since the company was so small at the time, I had to wear a lot of hats. The state-to-state move was a major undertaking that gave me valuable experience in planning and coordination, but more importantly, I found I really enjoyed creating and seeing projects through. It was then that I decided to further develop my FM skills and focus on making FM my career.

How did you become familiar with IFMA?
A great mentor, Eugenia Robbins with RER Solutions, introduced me to the group.

Of what accomplishment(s) are you most proud?
My previous employer offered me a job transfer from San Diego to Texas and I was tasked to build out the corporate office. I was not a "qualified" Facilities Manager at the time; however, I happily accepted the challenge. I was new to Texas and knew no one. The pressure was on. I began my search to find a great architect company and in the mist of my search I met an amazing real estate broker and project manager - Eugenia Robbins with RER Solutions. Eugenia became my mentor and needless to say, we knocked that project out of the park! It was a great success and ... I stayed in Texas.

How have your relationships with other IFMA members helped you?
I have built great relationships as an IFMA member. Networking is powerful. "It helps one to stay on top of the latest trends in the industry, you keep a pulse on the job market, meet prospective mentors, partners, and clients, and gain access to the necessary resources that will foster your career development".

What is one thing that no one knows about you?
If I were to tell, everyone reading this would know -- lol.

What advice would you give the future generation of FMs?
Keep honing your skills and be creative. Listen, delegate, and innovate. Foster your growth, encourage and develop others. FMs are problem solvers; taking care of others is what they do. Be sure you take time for you – professionally and personally.

What do you enjoy doing when you're not at work?
Zumba to destress! Family time is a must! I also enjoy sitting by the pool with good wine and friends. And taking pics of my adorable boxer, Leo.
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Committee Updates

Business Partners (Associates)

Seventy (70) Business Partners have completed their entries in the FM Buyers Guide, which will be featured on our new website. This is a directory of services and products provided by our DFW Member Associates (now called Business Partners). Please complete your entry by clicking BUYERS GUIDE.

Education

Get started now on your resolutions for 2020 and take advantage of the DFW Chapter discount on the Facility Management Learning System (FMLS) that prepares you for the Certified Facility Manager (CFM) exam.

We have three (3) left at the discounted Chapter Member price of $985 (includes study book and access to online resources for one year).

Order yours today through Chapter Administrator Rich Johnson, via email at richj@dfwifma.org, or by calling 214-403-1832.

Job Bank

Facilities Manager - Marsh & McLennan Companies

Reports into the Region Manager, supporting management of real estate functions throughout the South Western and Western United States. You will manage the end to end life-cycle of corporate real estate including inspections, site visits, financial analysis, overseeing fit outs and reporting/presenting to executives.

MORE INFORMATION

Holiday

The Annual Holiday Gala attracted a capacity crowd Friday night at the DoubleTree Hilton Campbell Centre. Members and guests overfilled a large crate with toys and other gifts, and contributed $2,420 through raffle sales that will go to the kids at New Horizons, a treatment center for abused and neglected boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 17.

Photos from the evening can be viewed and downloaded HERE.

FMexpo

Registration is open for FMexpo, now in its 10th year of showcasing facility solutions and informative sessions for North Texas area corporate facility professionals. Interested in attending, exhibiting and/or sponsoring?

We invite you to explore all that FMexpo 2020 offers by clicking HERE.

Membership

Please welcome November’s new Chapter Members!

Business Partners
Laurie Bond - Johnson Controls Fire Prevention
Tot Chintharasy - Appro
Troy Etheridge - C&E Air Conditioning
Rhenda Gray - Sundance Associates
Amanda Harville - Redlee/SCS
Andy Mach - ABM
Steve Vining - Redlee/SCS
David Yang - Appro

Programs

Join us Thursday, Jan. 9th for a networking event at Bowlmor Dallas, 3805 Belt Line Rd., in Addison. It's free for Members but you need to register. MORE INFORMATION

Interested in joining a committee?

Numerous opportunities are available and we would love for you to be a part of the chapter’s exciting work. Please email info@dfwifma.org for more information.
RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO SERVED...

NAME THAT VETERAN!

In our Veterans Day issue of the Informer, we ran unidentified photos of Chapter Members who served and challenged members to identify as many as they could. Carl Nance, CFM, Hudson Advisors, is the winner and won a free foursome at the Tribute golf course in The Colony. The participating Veterans will be hosted to an exclusive dinner hosted by the IFMA DFW Chapter Board.
Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 9: **Bowling Networker**
5:30 - 8 PM  
Members - Free / Non-Members - $50  
Bowlmor Dallas, 3805 Beltline Rd., Addison, TX  
SIGN UP

Thursday, January 22: **New/Prospective Member Event**
5:30 - 8 PM  
New Members (Past 6 Months) / Prospective Members  
370 West Las Colinas Blvd., Suite 120, Irving, TX  
REGISTRATION OPENS SOON

Thursday, February 20: **FMexpo 2020**
Attendee and Exhibitor Registration Now Open  
MORE INFORMATION

Do you have a cool building feature or accomplishment you'd like to highlight on the Chapter's social media accounts or in an upcoming newsletter? Let us know at info@dfwifma.org!
Denim & Diamonds Holiday Gala 2019

Nearly 190 photos to view and download! Click below to see the entire collection!