THE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE...

I hope you’ll take the time to read through this newsletter, as the board works hard every month to put it together for you. We strive to provide valuable content that will help you in your roles within the Facilities Management industry. If you have any feedback or suggestions for how to improve this newsletter, please reach out to me or any other board member. You will start seeing some changes in how this is delivered, mainly that we are moving away from the “E-Pub” version and will be sending out a simple PDF to read through.

The January meeting at Tang and Biscuit was not the highest attended, but I must say we had a great time! I had never played shuffleboard before, and I have a feeling I’ll be returning with some friends and family because it is a great group activity. Richmond is moving up the ranks now with the world’s largest shuffleboard venue!

For our February meeting we have a great opportunity to tour the VCU Siegel Center’s new Modular Chiller Plant. The event is scheduled for Tuesday 2/12 at 5:30pm. If you know of any facility professionals that might be interested in IFMA, please invite them out! Also, please be sure to take advantage of the Prepaid option for the monthly meetings in 2019. Certified Professional Members pay $125 for all 2019 meetings, and Noncertified Professional and Associate Members pay $200 for all 2019 meetings. There are also annual and monthly sponsorships available (which we NEED more of) so contact Brian Workman if you’re interested. Check out the website for further details!

Adam

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Big news this month was the retirement on 1/18 of Past Chapter President (2009-2010) Mike Cline from his post as General Manager of CORT, where he had overseen their move from their West Broad St. location into their new location on the Boulevard where we had met in November of '14 when construction had just begun & July of '15 after they had moved in. A nice affair at Ardent Craft Ales, as organized by Jim Hopkins and attended by about 30, lots of whom had a Creative connection, including Gene Jones & Karen Frebert. With two daughters and three grand-daughters living down in the Atlanta area it sounds like the Clines are planning to build a home down that way, some distance out to the east side of town so as to be closer to all of them. Best of health and good wishes to them as they embark on their next chapter. As I told Mike, I hope CORT can continue the tradition that he started of having an Open House with Parney and the Squirrel's players present just after they arrive here from Spring Training prior to their Opening Day, as that always was a lot of fun.

Haven't seen Corinne Harvey recently to get a first hand report about how her grandson Chris Lykes is doing as he is in his Sophomore basketball season at the University of Miami (Florida). You may recall that despite his diminutive size, he had an outstanding Freshman season last year. Although the team is down near the bottom of the ACC standings at 1 & 5, he is the leading scorer on the team at 17.9 points per game and I'll be rooting for him and the team to win a few games.

Although I'm not sure whether or not the Federal Reserve Bank is affected by the current shutdown (I think not), I note in the IFMA job listings that they are advertising for a VP based here in Richmond to be responsible for this District's buildings which carries a starting salary of $166K per year. Might be worth checking out for any of our veteran FM's who might be looking to make a move.

And the remodeled James Center continues to fill up, as Baskervill announces well in advance that they will be moving from their Shockoe Slip building after 17 years by summer of next year when their current lease is up. They've leased a total of 28,000 sq. ft., between part of the first floor of Two James Center and all of the 2nd floor of Three James Center, and have started planning their new offices. Over the years we have had many meetings in their Canal Crossing offices and look forward to seeing what their new offices look like.

As many of you know, I've been one of the lobbyists for bicycling and pedestrian legislation down at the Legislature for a number of years, and things are in full swing now on the 2019 session. Tops on my list for this session are two bills which would make it a traffic infraction for a vehicle driver to be using a “handheld personal communication device” while the vehicle is moving. We've been working on this issue for several years as
the vehicular, bicycling, and pedestrian deaths all have been trending upward and the dis-
tacted driver problem has become a real epidemic. If we can get one of these bills
passed, we're hopeful it will give the drivers some motivation to put down their phones
while driving.

We're also watching closely as several bills go forward to establish guidelines for how the
electric assisted scooters may be used in this state, since Bird (one of the companies pro-
moting their use) has gotten everyone's attention with their practice of dropping a number
of them on the city's sidewalks in the middle of the night, without any permission from the
city. Some see them as a legitimate option for “last mile” transportation. Others feel they
don't belong on the sidewalks, while still others don't think they belong on the streets. We'll
see how all this works out.

Meanwhile, the Legislators are functioning in their temporary quarters in the Pocahontas
Building, while we all keep an eye on how Gilbane is progressing on the new General As-
sembly Building (behind the old one's facade which is braced up) up at the top of the hill at
9th & Broad.
A clear, cold night on the 8th as a light turnout of 29 found their way to Tang & Biscuit. If, like me, they parked a block or two away, they were pleasantly surprised to find a number of parking spots right outside (and on the street, fairly close to) the building, which is at the far western edge of Scott's Addition at 3406 W. Moore St., just west of the Vasen brewery). Entering the building we see two ranks of 5 Shuffleboard courts, one behind the other, most with two players at each end of them. A 50 foot long bar along the right hand wall with a good crowd socializing at it. Without having to ask, I am directed “all the way to the back room, for the IFMA Meeting”.

Upon entering the well lit room, I note some corn hole targets set up, a number of small tables with some of our group at them, and a small bar on the right side serving liquid refreshments along with portions of a very tasty salad provided by staff from the host facility. After a lengthy and convivial period of networking, President Adam Larsen gets the group’s attention and convenes the meeting. After noting that we have one new attendee with us tonight in the person of Katie Hulse of Katilyst Company LLC, Adam went directly to introducing Steve Nardo, the Chief Financial Officer (not Dave Gallagher, another of the partners as we had been expecting) of the Tang & Biscuit Shuffleboard Social Club.

As I had been wondering (as had some others) how the club got its name, Steve immediately answered my un-asked question by explaining that shuffleboard enthusiasts called the stick with the curvature at the end that you pushed the disc with a “tang”, while they called the disc itself a “biscuit”, so they called the club “Tang & Biscuit”.

He went on to tell us that his group got the idea of opening a club based on this activity several years ago, purchased this building in November of 2017 and officially opened for business last August. The building is nearly 18,000 sq. ft. and consists of two attached buildings, the front space which was completed in 1940 and the rear addition in 1947. It was previously occupied by Southern Refrigeration which had a retail area in the front quarter and open warehouse space in the rear 3/4’s. Construction included all new HVAC, Plumbing, and Electrical, including all new restrooms, a full service kitchen and the 50 foot bar. Total project cost, including purchase of the building itself, was nearly $5 million.

510 Architects handled the design; CCM the construction management; The Electrical Connection the electrical; NCI the roofing; eTEC Mechanical the HVAC; Bailey's the plumbing; BraRon the painting; Commercial Surfaces the flooring and McLaughlin the concrete work, which was critical in order to insure that the courts were level and flat.

After taking a few questions where we learned that court rental went for $30 per hour. No memberships required, but leagues were in the process of being formed, our group moved out into the court area and proceeded to play a few games, picking up the finer points of the activity quickly as they went along. This wrapped up an enjoyable meeting and introduction to a new facility and social activity that all could participate in regardless of their skill level. Thanks to Adam Larsen for suggesting the idea to new Programs Chair Ashley Hawks on short notice; to Steve Nardo and his staff for hosting us and providing the nice refreshments, as well as Steve’s presentation.

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The Early Days

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Our Meeting Night
2019 PREPAID MEETING INVOICE

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Membership Meeting – February 12, 2019

Where:
VCU Siegel Center New Modular Chiller Plant
1300 West Marshall Street—Long & Foster Room
Richmond, VA 23284

Please join us at VCU Siegel Center for a tour of the new modular chiller plant which was just completed in 2018. We will have a chance to network together, tour the new plant, and hear from the lead project manager, Matt Magruder. We will meet behind the Siegel Center at the 1300 W Marshall Street building in the Long & Foster Room for our networking hour and then work our way over to the new chiller plant. The Siegel Center previously had an ice plant installed which was inefficient and could not keep up with the constant demand of a fully housed arena. During events such as back-to-back graduations, VCU would have to rent temporary supplemental cooling to keep up with the load. Come hear Matt speak about the project and how this new York modular chiller plant will improve their capacity and efficiency, as well as eliminate the need for supplemental cooling during events held at the Siegel Center. Also hear about how this project will continue with the construction of a new baseball batting cage in place of the old ice plant. Street parking is available, as well as at Barnes & Noble Broad Street parking deck diagonally across from the Center.

Time:
5:30-6:15 pm: Networking
6:15-6:45 pm: Chapter Business
6:45-7:30pm: Guest Speaker: Matt Magruder

RSVP by: Thursday, February 7, 2019
Simply e-mail Barbe Shaffer at ifmarichyva@gmail.com or register on our website at www.ifmarichmond.org and click on Sign-up Genius and pay by credit card or at the door

COST:
Certified Members: $15
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1300 West Marshall Street

Tuesday February 12, 2019

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