IFMA Richmond,

Another year has come and gone, and we are faced with a new year with its own challenges, opportunities, goals, and activities. Goal setting can get quickly over-clichéd in our culture, but it’s something that is fundamental to achieving success in life. As you consider what you would like to achieve in 2019, remember this quote: “Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishments.”

The Holiday Social at Luck Stone on 12/11 was a great success as usual! Thank you to those of you that came, brought significant others, and provided canned foods for our food drive. Those kinds of events are a great time to get to know each other better and develop new relationships with folks that may not come to as many events throughout the year. We also announced our new Programs Chair, Ashley Hawks with Johnson Controls. She will do a great job in this position on the board, and please feel free to send her suggestions for potential meeting venues that you have in mind.

For our January meeting we will be having a social type of event at Tang and Biscuit in Scotts Addition. This venue is Richmond’s first social shuffleboard venue and we will have the chance to enjoy food and drinks as well as play some shuffleboard! The event is scheduled for Tuesday 1/8 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 Non-certified Professional and Associate Members pay $200 for all 2019 meetings. Check out the website or page 5 of this newsletter for further details!

Adam

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MEETINGS

January 2019 Membership Meeting
Date: Tuesday, January 8, 2019
Time: 5:30 pm
Place: Tang & Biscuit
Program: Shuffleboard
Cost: Certified Members $15
Member $20 Non-Members $40
RSVP: By Thursday January 3, 2019

Next Board Meeting:
Date: February 5, 2019
Time: 4:30 pm
Place: Magellan Health, 11013 W Broad 5th Floor

Next Membership Meeting:
Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2019
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Learned at the Holiday Party that Ashley Hawks had accepted the position of Programs Chair for the rest of the term, filling the vacancy caused by Mike Gray leaving the Chapter. She was at the Party, and it will be good to have her with us on the Board of Directors. Thanks for stepping up, Ashley, and Welcome to the Board! As we have already seen, others are stepping up to help her with some ideas for future programs, and if any of you have suggestions for either program ideas, or locations at which to hold them, feel free to share them with her (at her Email address as is listed on the left). Former Programs Chair Allen Hurt (now also functioning with Chris Worley as Membership co-chair) has also indicated that he will be available to help Ashley with Programs, so that Committee will be in good hands.

Good to have Sherwood Cosby, along with wife Cindy, with us at the Party as I had been trying to get him to one of our meetings for some time, while he had been working at SunTrust. He’s now at Bank of America, and it was good to see him again, as he, Allen Hurt and I all had been together at Circuit City back in the 90’s. Also good to meet Cindy, as it was to meet Cameron Bridges’ wife, Gwen, as she had accompanied him up from their home in Lanexa, which is closer to his job at Ferguson in Newport News where work on their big, new corporate HQ is just getting underway, which will keep him busy for the next couple of years. Also great to see Connie Blackwood (Sam Jennings’ wife) again, and get updated on what she’s up to. Don’t hear too much about it, but Sam’s project at the VCU Engineering School sounds like its moving right along.

Some personnel moving, that our members may know, as Bill MacKay, Goochland county’s Fire-Rescue Chief, is resigning his post at year-end. You may remember that Bill was one of our speakers at Luck Stone in September of ‘17 when we had that “Planning for the Next Emergency” session.

She’s never spoken at one of our meetings but Heather Barrar, who some of you may have run into at the Chesterfield county Planning Dept., is moving from that post to the Friends of the Lower Appomattox River (FOLAR) where she will be Regional Trails Program Director. FOLAR has just received two substantial grants from Foundations (and is raising additional matching funds) so that Heather will be involved with work that is progressing on park and trail development along the river in Petersburg & Colonial Heights.

Max Hepp-Buchanan, another one you may have run into as he has done work on Bike & Pedestrian projects at Sports Backers, is moving over to Venture Richmond, where he will carry the title of Director of Riverfront & Downtown Placemaking (a term I’m not familiar with). Sounds like he might be a speaker for us at a future meeting, particularly
if Stone Brewing ever gets moving on their plans to build their Bistro in, or on the site of, the old Intermediate Terminal.

Another long running project in a historic building coming to conclusion as the Ashland Theatre is reopening on December 26 with a showing of the first run film “Mary Poppins Returns”. The revival of the theatre will be a welcome addition to downtown Ashland, and will offer some musical performances in addition to movies (which may not thrill the owners of Ashland Coffee) but I can’t help but wonder where its patrons are going to park once the 70 year old venue is back in action.

Another Ashland project about to get underway will provide the town with a new Town Hall on the lot across the street from the present one where the Farmers Market has been operating on Saturdays. It will be a two story, 17,000 sq. ft. building to replace the current one which is severely over-crowded and doesn't house all of the Town staff.

Always something working in the Craft Brewing sector. This month, its ShipLock taking over from SevenHills who didn't make it at 115 S. 15th in Shockoe Botttom; Bingo Beer Co. opening with their concept of a brewery/restaurant/arcade in the long time bingo hall at 2900 W. Broad St.; and Crozet's Starr Hill readying space in the former linen warehouse at 1500 Roseneath (in another part of the 106,000 sq. ft. building from Tazza Kitchen) for a tap room like they have in Roanoke, which some are referring to as Scott's Addition's eighth brewery, although I don't hear that they will be doing any brewing on site.

It's been quiet in the Scooter sector for a while as Bird and Lime await Richmond City Council's rules as to how they will operate in this city. Looking like they have learned a lesson from here, both firm's have played by the city's rules as they have started up in Charlottesville, so their launch has been without the controversy they had here and in Norfolk and Charleston, SC where they launched by dropping the scooters on the town's sidewalks in the middle of the night, only to have them scooped up and impounded shortly thereafter.

There has been notices from Lime that some of their scooters have broken in half, and some have had fires around their batteries, necessitating recalls, which has not been helpful publicity for that firm. These problems have caused word to come out that most of such scooters worldwide are made at one Chinese company in Beijing called Ninebot, which also makes Segways and Hoverboards. Let's see what happens when Bird gets their scooters back from impoundment and are back on our streets along with those from Lime and perhaps some other competitors. Scooters also should be a hot topic at the upcoming legislative session, since they are presently banned from the sidewalks in some jurisdictions, forcing them to be on the streets where they are not really wanted.

Harrison & Bates, who has been continuing to do a lot of property management in the area after closing down their brokerage arm, now is selling these management contracts to Dodson, while re-establishing the H & B name for its Richmond & Norfolk brokerage operations. Sounds like a lot of shuffling of names to me, which should serve to confuse some of us, me included.

Lots of high fives down in Atlanta to offset the sour grapes coming out of Norfolk, as Norfolk Southern's departure from Hampton Roads (where they have been based since '82) becomes reality. Economists state that its not that big a loss economically (500 – 600 employees, some making pretty big salaries sounds pretty big to me) but primarily a loss to
DECEMBER MEETING REPORT  
by Bud Vye, Retired CFM

A foot of snow in the area on the previous day, but the roads were fairly well cleared on the 11th as 48 found their way out to Luck Stone for our Holiday Party. Nicely set up & decorated, as always, by our hosts (Thanks, Jeff Sechrest & Jeremy Harvey), with some extra nice hors d’oeuvres, including a carving station, provided by Mike Calkins’ Trolley House. Another festive touch was provided by their bar tender, who was offering a rum based punch with berry juice that proved to be quite tasty for those of us who chose to try it as our beverage. Once again, Connie Hom and Buckingham Greenery provided some very pretty seasonal centerpieces for the tables (not poinsettias this time, but very nice floral arrangements with a hibiscus at their center). As they had done the last two years, the music was again provided by the Big Gavel duo with their combination of country and holiday tunes.

After a lengthy and enjoyable social period, President Adam Larsen summoned everyone to move down toward the end of the room where the music was coming from. As the first order of business he announced that the Chapter was contributing $5,000 each to our two charitable recipients, Hanover Habitat for Humanity & Feedmore, as a result of the success of our golf tournament, despite the fact that it had been rained out on Sept. 24 by Hurricane Florence, even though it had spared us a direct hit by doing a left turn and heading into the Carolinas after it hit the Virginia coast. Then, rescheduled to November 5, Chairman Tim Hume had to sweat the weather out again but the golfers were able to play, albeit on a soggy course. Despite all the drama, the players hung with it and we rated the tourney a success once again. Unfortunately, neither of our recipients thought enough of our efforts on their behalf to send a representative to our affair to receive our presentation to them. This was a first in the history of our tournament and the snub leaves a bad taste in my mouth, and in that of some others, to the extent that I am inclined to suggest that we select recipients for next year that might be appreciative enough of our efforts that someone from their organization might be able to join us to acknowledge and receive our contribution. I am sure there are a number of organizations who would be happy to do so.

Following Adam’s announcement, Chapter Administrator Barbe Shaffer came up and joined him in picking the door prize numbers so that he could announce the winners, who then came up and received their prizes, most of which were $25 gift cards. Following that, Big Gavel returned to continue to provide us more music while most of us resumed our socializing as the attendees gradually called it an evening and departed. Thus another nice Holiday Party goes into our annals, although somewhat diminished by the absence of representation from our charitable recipients.

The Christmas Social in Pictures

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2019 PREPAID MEETING INVOICE

CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MEMBER: $125
PROFESSIONAL OR ASSOCIATE MEMBER: $200

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Welcome to our newest members!

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On behalf of the Chapter Board, “Thank You” to the following for renewing/rejoining this month*

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Brian Workman  
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Andrea Niedhammer  
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*B new and renewing members listed since previous publication. Current as of the time of writing.

Bud’s Instructions on Locating Our Meeting Announcement on the Times Dispatch Web Site

- In Richmond.com under All Sections...
- Go down Left column, and click on Events...
- Then over on Right side is the list of Upcoming Events...
- If that list does not go far enough ahead to list your event, click on small "more events" to the right which will bring up the Search Events box...
- Where you enter IFMA Richmond Chapter Meeting and click on Search...
- Which should list the meeting...
- Now click on that heading to get the full description.

Editor’s Note: Simple, right?
the area's image, as it leaves them with just two Fortune 500 companies, Newport News' Huntington -Ingalls and Chesapeake's Dollar Tree.

Had to smile when I read the announcement from Dominion that they were partnering with Smithfield Foods on a venture that will collect their farmer’s hog manure in lagoons, use digesters to trap the methane in it, and turn it into natural gas. Process is already being used by Smithfield at farms in Missouri and Utah, and the first one in this area will be down near Waverly.

Soccer fans probably have already heard that DC United's new stadium is in operation with the RFK parking lots turned into fields. No word yet as to what will end up on the RFK site once the Stadium itself is razed.

Noted that Virginia Blood Services on Emerywood Parkway (near Broad & Glenside) where we met and toured their new facility in Feb. of '08 has been acquired by the Red Cross.

And some disappointment when I learn that the Pamunkey tribe (and their developer partner) is progressing with their plans to buy about 20 acres near the Harbor Park Stadium of the Tides baseball team in Norfolk which would be the site of a $700 million casino based resort development. My disappointment goes back to a conversation I had almost 20 years ago with Steve Adkins, the chief of the Upper Chickahominy Tribe, prior to my going up to the US Capitol for Bicycling Lobby Day. When he heard that I would be talking with Sen. John Warner, Steve urged me to plead with him to make progress on federal recognition of our Virginia tribes, who were only interested in receiving the health care and other benefits that recognition would bring, and not in building a casino (the prospect of which was keeping Sen. Warner from supporting them).

I did so, but Sen. Warner was skeptical. After he retired, recognition of all the Virginia tribes was granted, and now several years later, here comes the casino project (not from the Upper Chickahominy, but one of the other tribes, as Sen. Warner expected would happen). I've always been sympathetic to the Indian tribes, feeling that we settlers had pushed them off their land, but have a problem with the Pamunkey making a case that the land around Harbor Park in Norfolk (and several other sites they were looking at around the state) were once theirs, so they have a right to build a casino there if they reacquire it now.

In closing, I note that Classic Granite & Marble, after more than a decade of operating in Chesterfield county, has purchased a 25 acre site just over the border in Powhatan county (anchoring The Shops at Stone Village) where they will construct a 35,000 sq. ft., $10 million HQ and showroom that sounds a lot like Luck's Stone Center we toured back in August of '08, which Luck subsequently sold off.

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Words of Wisdom

A conclusion is simply the place where you got tired of thinking.
Membership Meeting – January 8, 2019
Where:
Tang & Biscuit
3406 W. Moore Street
Richmond, VA 23230

Please join us at Tang & Biscuit which just opened in August, 2018. Tang & Biscuit was designed by 510 Architects and is Richmond’s first “Floor Shuffleboard Social Club”, featuring 10 regulation courts, games, bar, food, and event space. We will have a chance to network together, hear from the owners of the space and even test our skills playing some shuffleboard!

Time: 5:30-6:15 pm: Networking
6:15-6:45 pm: Chapter Business
Guest Speaker: Dave Gallagher, Owner/Partner

RSVP by: Thursday, January 3, 2019

Simply e-mail Barbe Shaffer at ifmarichya@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
Members: $20
Non-Members: $40

Registrations ae required. An additional $5 will be charged at registration if you have not registered prior to the event. No Shows will be billed. Credit card payments accepted at the door.

Thanks also to our Annual Sponsors
January Meeting

Tang & Biscuit

3604 West Moore Street

Tuesday January 8, 2019

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