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Mark Your Calendar!

Upcoming Programs and Events

March 24th – MPLS Federal Reserve
State of the Construction Economy

April – Insurance & Bonding
Marketplace Update

May – New Member Event
Top Golf Event W/Happy Hour

June – Annual CFMA Sporting Clays
A Shot at a Networking Opportunity

July – Health & Welfare
General Meeting

August – CFMA Golf Outing

The Twin Cities Chapter would like to welcome our newest members!!!

- William Butler – BNC Finance
- Austin Frank – G4CM
- John Hames – Lovegreen
- Amy Hanson – Gardner Builders
- Mitchell Johnson – Ryan Companies
- Dan Kretovics – Derrick Companies
- Crystal Patterson – LinnCo
- Mike Vandenburg – Nor-Son Construction
- Andy Worzala – Kraus Anderson

Message from the President

As we continue welcoming 2021, the one constant that we can continue to count on is CHANGE. As we navigate constant change, making the best choices as leaders in all aspects of our lives is what drives our continued success. Being a Member of CFMA Twin Cities continues to be one of the best choices for Construction Financial professionals. Why, you ask? Well, one of our most recent changes has been the addition of networking to our virtual meetings!! While many chapters around the country struggle to even virtualize their monthly meetings, the CFMA Twin Cities is already asking how we can further improve our virtual environment for our members. As a board, we not only felt the impact of not being able to network, but we heard from many of our members that they missed that interaction. So, moving forward you will notice that all of our virtual events will be scheduled for an hour and a half, just like our general meetings were pre-COVID. In the first half hour, we put attendees into breakout rooms of 5-6 people to discuss the day's topic or the latest top of mind peer discussion each group chooses! Then we return as a large group for the general meeting. In our last meeting we polled the attendees to see if the members were enjoying the virtual networking and 95% were!!

The other big change coming to CFMA Twin Cities is our next president, Will Titus with RSM. It is difficult to believe that it will be two years at the end of March since I was elected to lead our Chapter. It has been not only an honor, but a great opportunity for me to grow personally and professionally. Please know that the more you give to an organization such as ours the more you receive in return so THANK YOU for the opportunity!!

All of our successes are a result of the entire organization with its talented and dedicated Board, Committee Members, and all of our Members! Oh, and when I say all members, that means Karl Anderson with Donlar Construction (who has been a member since 1987!!!) all the way through to our newest members joining CFMA listed out in today's publication.

I look forward to seeing you all at many of our upcoming meetings!

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Membership Update

Nationally we are more than 8,300 members/peers strong across 99 chapters! Our Twin Cities CFMA Chapter consists of **OVER 200 members** representing over 150 companies. Want to know more, contact our membership committee chair Tom Opfar at membership@cfmatc.org or visit:

twincities.cfma.org/sectiondirectory/join-cfma

Suicide Prevention

Did you know that the Construction industry has the highest rate of suicide as an occupation? It is nearly 4 times greater than the national average. That is why CFMA Twin Cities and CFMA National have made a pledge to stand up for suicide prevention!!! Where, how, why, what can we do? You and your Team can start by visiting the [Construction Industry Alliance for Suicide Prevention](#) for more information, resources, tools and to take the pledge with us! This topic may be difficult to discuss, but change is needed. So, a national CFMA committee has been formed with each Chapter identifying a Chapter Champion to further our efforts in prevention. Will Titus has volunteered to be our local Chapter Champion. The first step is awareness, so take a few minutes and commit to prevention.

Join us in making the [Pledge!!!](#)



A Photo to get us primed for Top Golf!!!!!!!!!!!!

Did you know that some of our best CFMA photos have been taken by Kari Nix from A&P? She started taking CFMA photos, just before our last Top Golf outing and I know we will have a much better Twin Cities CFMA photo after our May outing. Thank you for all you do Keri!!

