

Building Connections

Bimonthly Newsletter of Chicago CFMA



April, 2016

President's Letter



I am honored to serve as your new board president over the next two years. My first course of business is to thank this past year's Leadership Team for all they did to implement innovative and successful programming for our membership; specifically Kathy Cole who served as President of the Chicago Chapter for the past two years.

Our chapter has many exciting programs and opportunities available in the coming months. I encourage you to visit our [website](#) to learn about our upcoming events. While you are on the website, check out our "Get Involved" tab to learn more about our committees and volunteer opportunities. Speaking of volunteer opportunities, on April 30 our chapter is partnering with Rebuilding Together Chicago Chapter for National Rebuilding Day 2016. We are still looking for volunteers. If you are interested please email [Shawn Erickson](#) or [Michael Pohl](#) for more information.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our 2016 Build Chicago Award winners Michael Harris, Courtney Hartnett and IHC Construction. Please join us on May 12 at the University Club as we honor the winners for their contributions to CFMA and the construction industry. Look for more information about Build Chicago and all upcoming events in this issue. I look forward to working with each of you in the year ahead!

Mary Davolt
Chapter President

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THIS WEEK!

**No Such Thing as a Stupid Question
Round Table Discussion**

April 20, 2016

This program will leverage the wealth of knowledge of Industry Experts and use this forum to share it in a round table discussion where no question is off limits. A facilitator will lead a session of thought-provoking questions and discussion. Who are our experts?

They are CFMA Members, just like you! Each of you is an expert and has something to share. This is an opportunity to learn and share at the same time.





Welcome New Members

Steve Pangere
Pangere Corporation

James Michael Smith
Kelso-Burnett

Gene Huebner
Aldridge Electric

Paul Christofanelli
RSM US, LLP

Andrew Taylor
Willis Towers Watson

Alex Kedzie
AK Services

Mary Francissen
E. Loberg Construction

Michael Pohl
DSP Insurance Services

**Matt McLaughlin
and
Oscar Gutierrez**
Tilson Technology
Management Inc.

Wendy Solomon
Sevan Multi-Site Solutions

The event will consist of happy hour with appetizers and drinks followed by a thought provoking discussion. Feel free to come willing to share insights, ask questions or just kick back and enjoy the evening.

Location: Doubletree Hotel, Oak Brook
4:30 p.m. Check-In & Happy Hour Networking
5:30 p.m. Program
\$50 Members/Member Companions, \$75 Non-members

[Learn More & Register Here](#)

2016 Build Chicago Awards Luncheon

May 12, 2016
University Club Chicago
11:30 a.m.

Congratulations to award honorees IHC Construction, General Contractor of the Year; Courtney Hartnett, General Member of the Year, Michael Harris for the Associate Member of the Year.



Keynote Speakers: We are pleased to welcome Jacob Goldstein and David Kestenbaum, acclaimed economic podcast team at [Planet Money](#). Planet Money, it is a twice weekly broadcast podcast that attempts to explain any and all aspects of the world of economics and finance, while melding comedy and real life scenarios.

For more information and to register [click here](#).

Millennials: Burden or Blessing June 8, 2016 7:30 a.m. Maggiano's Little Italy, Oak Brook

Millennials are now the largest single demographic in our workforce and will soon represent up to 75 percent of all workers. And yet many companies continue to recruit and manage this new multi-generational workforce like it is business as usual.



To be competitive, companies need to adapt and change their recruitment strategies and management style. It's imperative for managers and recruiters to focus on what really matters to Millennials ... and you might be surprised by what works!

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Guest Speaker: Dr. Ira S Wolfe

President, [Success Performance Solutions](#). Dr. Wolfe is a renowned thought leader, popular speaker and writer on talent acquisition and employee selection.



[Learn more and register here!](#)



Mark your calendar for the **2016 Midwest Regional Conference** to be held on September 27th at the Hyatt Lodge on the McDonald's Campus in Oak Brook.

Participating chapters include Chicago, Fox Valley, Madison, Milwaukee, Southwest Michigan and Western Michigan. Visit the chapter's website to keep up to date on speakers, topics and participation opportunities.



The Chicago Chapter of CFMA will join forces with *Rebuilding Together* on National Rebuilding Day, Saturday, April 30th, to make improvements to a home in Blue Island.

Tasks will include painting, landscaping, clutter removal, minor plumbing and carpentry repair work.

Interested in helping? Contact [Shawn Erickson](#) or [Mike Pohl](#) for more information.



March Tech Program was App-tastic!

Thank you to our March Featured Platinum Sponsor

Dom Pernai (far right), Cornerstone Solutions, pictured with Mary Davolt, Englewood Construction and CFMA Board President, and guest speaker James Spellos, Meeting U.



Bill Reidinger takes a turn on the ski slopes with the help of virtual reality.



2016 Board President Mary Davolt (right) presents Kathy Cole with a thank you gift for her service as board president 2014-2016

