

Wichita IFMA News Brief

February 4, 2011

The next chapter program will be Thursday, March 3, 11:30-1:00.
More information to follow or check out the Wichita IFMA web site at:
www.wichitaifma.org.

Upcoming meeting topics being considered:

- Demise of the Cubicle
- Marketing Facilities Management
- Arc Flash
- Project/Time Management

Welcome to our New Members who joined during 4th Quarter 2010:

Justin Baxter, Mahaney Roofing Co.
Shawn Blugaugh, Spirit Aero Systems
Crystal Deselm, Comcare of Sedgwick County
David Kilgore, DEN Management Co., Inc.
Chad Schlittenhard, Honeywell Building Solutions

Free Tour of Via Christi's Back to Action Center March 17

Our January Program featured a presentation from Becky Manson with Via Christi Rehabilitation Hospital on Ergonomics and the Work Environment, with emphasis on Via Christi's Back To Action Center. Becky is offering a free tour of the Back to Action Center on Thursday, March 17, from 11:30 to 1:30, at 9727 Shannon Woods, Suite 160, for anyone interested in learning more. No reservation is necessary, just attend!

For more information, go to www.ifma.org.

FOUNTAIN LADY – What Facility Managers Can Learn From This Incident

Many of you may have already heard about this story; some of you may have even seen the video as well. Cathy Cruz Marrero had an embarrassing mishap while "walking and texting in the mall where she works in Reading, PA. Mall security caught the whole thing on tape and apparently decided to release the video on YouTube without Marrero's consent.

Members of the facility management profession may see mishaps like this on a regular basis. But the fact that the security team posted the video on YouTube, where it went viral (more than 2.5 million views between YouTube and Facebook) in a matter of hours, has added insult to injury. Consequently, Marrero is preparing to take legal action. So what do you do, facility managers? Can you train your staff to respond to situations like this so they react

"professionally" rather than instinctively? Is it possible to stifle the natural inclination to laugh when you see something like this unfold in front of your eyes?

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Phoenix, Ariz., USA**

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There will be a CFM Exam Review Course held in Kansas City May 3-4. Any member of the Wichita Chapter wishing to attend will be offered a discounted price to attend. More information will be sent out soon. In the meantime if you should have questions or want more information, please contact Linda DeTienne at 636-5700 or detienne@ncricat.com.

For more information on the activities of the Wichita Chapter of IFMA, visit our web site at www.wichitaifma.org.