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*YWCA Charity Toy Drive*

*New Member List*

## Next Month in IFMA

Villa Christina - Jan 18

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**Reminder: The deadline for submitting articles is the third Wednesday of each month.**

**STAY CONNECTED WITH**  
[www.ifmaatlanta.org](http://www.ifmaatlanta.org)

Where do you need to go to stay connected for IFMA Atlanta? Thanks to multiple recent upgrades, the new IFMA Atlanta website at [www.ifmaatlanta.org](http://www.ifmaatlanta.org) is the place. Check out the hotlinks to upcoming and pending events. There is no guesswork once you get there. All of the information you need (locations, times, registration processes) is at your fingertips. Check out the wider screen, and flashing front page sustaining patrons' icons. Even the newsletter you are currently reading is on the site. Put it on your favorites list, tell friends and colleagues, the new IFMA website is the source to "connect" at: [www.ifmaatlanta.org](http://www.ifmaatlanta.org).

**IFMA ATLANTA**  
**STRATEGIC PLAN 2005**

**Vision**

To serve as the resource and representative for facility management.

**Mission**

To provide exceptional products, services, and opportunities that support and advance the facility management profession.

**Goals**

1. Support a community that fosters vitality, momentum and impact for the facility management professional.
2. Anticipate and prioritize the resources required to enhance effective delivery of products and services.
3. Inspire passion for the facility management profession that compels facility practitioners to want to join the IFMA network, engages volunteer leaders and attracts / retains top-talent to the full-time staff.
4. Sustain IFMA's financial integrity to achieve and fulfill our mission.

**Purpose**

IFMA is a member-centered association that exists to guide and develop facility management professionals. In support of its members, IFMA promotes the Facility Management profession by providing leadership, recognition and standards of excellence.

Please check out the website at [www.ifma.org](http://www.ifma.org) for more details.

**P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E**

December is a time of reflection - a time to look back on our accomplishments in 2005 & our chance to look forward to the opportunities awaiting in 2006. I've heard it mentioned when you rally talented individuals around a shared, compelling vision, you get an extraordinary team focused on delivering spectacular results. And, that's exactly what happened, as I look back over 2005, I want to take a moment to highlight a few of our spectacular results:



Rachel Blankenship

- An increase of 21 new professional members bringing our professional to associate ratio up to 63% - 37%
- Established a headquarters council group for FMer's in the Perimeter area
- Aligned our fiscal year with International Headquarters
- Our very own, Kathy Roper named Educator of the Year!
- Provided outstanding luncheon programs, well-attended educational seminars, three sensational Career Services events, & an International HQ instructor lead CFM review class

I am immensely grateful to the Board & Committee members who continue to show the courage, passion, & determination to excel in challenging times. Kudo's for all you've accomplished in 2005 & what a way to start 2006!

I'd like say a special thanks to Beverly Parker for her commitment & leadership to the Community Services committee & partners in 2005. Due to an overwhelming travel & work schedule, Beverly had decided to pass the torch a bit early. Let's give a warm welcome to Joanne Cole who has graciously agreed to serve as our new 2006 Community Services Chair. We welcome her to the Board & look forward to hearing many exciting things from her & her committee members.

**Future Leaders – I know you're out there!!** We begin our search for future leaders for IFMA Atlanta in early 2006. With the alignment of the fiscal year, the new leaders will assume their positions in May. What a rewarding & exciting experience you will have when you decide to step up & serve on the Executive Board or as a Committee Chair. If you have interest in creating measurable value for the Facility Management Profession & investing in the growth of your professional career, please contact Stewart Smith, Operations Manager at Kilpatrick Stockton & Vice President of IFMA Atlanta, at [stsmith@kilpatrickstockton.com](mailto:stsmith@kilpatrickstockton.com).

**Did you know?** At 211 degrees, water is hot. At 212 degrees, it boils. And with boiling water, comes steam. And with steam, you can power a train. Applying one extra degree of temperature to water means the difference between something that is simply very hot & something that generates enough force to power a machine. This is a beautiful uncomplicated metaphor that ideally should feed our every endeavor – consistently pushing us to make the extra effort in every task, action & effort we undertake. This reminds us that seemingly small things can make tremendous differences.

As we close 2005 and welcome 2006, I want to encourage each and every one of you to dream big and add that one extra degree of effort – not only in your professional world, but in your personal lives as well. It makes all the difference in the world – it's what distinguishes good from great and great from EXCELLENCE!

Have a safe and blessed holiday season.

Rachel Blankenship

President - IFMA Atlanta 2005/2006

Sage Software, Sr. Director of Facilities North America

**DIRECTIONS TO LUNCHEON**

**The 755 Club is located in Turner Field.**

Atlanta Braves Stadium at Turner Field/

If you are trying to get to Turner Field from...

...I-75/85 North or Southbound - Take Exit # 246 (Fulton Street/Turner Field)

...I-20 Westbound - Take Exit # 58A (Capitol Avenue)

...I-20 Eastbound - Take Exit # 56B (Windsor Street/Spring Street)

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON PHOTOS



Was I talking to you?



**Protecting you Assets**

The Luncheon on Wednesday November 16 was stage for Dr. Friedmann as the speaker on “Terrorism and protecting your assets, implications for the U.S.”. Friedmann gave a chilling presentation of video images and translated scripts used by Terrorist groups. He further explained the systematics of these organizations. From Initiation ceremonies to the ultimate award of becoming a martyr for the cause, a hero remembered on billboards in the cities. Most shocking perhaps was the fact that assaults to the people of the free world are not considered against human beings but against animals. The presentation summarized that these financially well-supported organizations will continue their terrorist activities for a long time to come. It is clear that we as a society can’t afford to be complacent.

Eugene de Nijs Bik,  
Project Manager,  
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HOLIDAY COOKING CLASS

A delicious time was had by more than 20 IFMA Atlanta Members who attended the Holiday Cooking Class at the Inspirence studio on Thursday, November 3. The event began with a tour of this unique retail facility and ended with a food fest of scrumptious hors’doeuvres and excellent wines.

IFMA members were guided through innovative showrooms featuring state of the art kitchen and laundry appliances. Inspirence is owned and operated by the Motorola Corporation and features Whirlpool and Kitchenmaid products. The studio is designed to allow consumers to closely examine and experience appliances before purchasing them.

The tour ended in the rear of the studio where John Saxon, executive chef of the Cherokee Town Club and his staff awaited in a large “test” kitchen. The cooking classroom was comfortable and fun, adorned with red & white linen, china, crystal and silverware at each student’s seat. Chef was entertaining, talented and an excellent teacher. From the Herbed Lobster wraps to the Duck Breast on Sweet Potato Biscuits, IFMA members were engrossed in the details and delighted by the taste of every dish.

The Inspirence staff was wonderful. They provided lovely goody bags with the recipes from the class, discount coupons for the kitchen accessory store and information about the facility. The staff made sure that everyone got to sample every recipe along with three fabulous California wines.

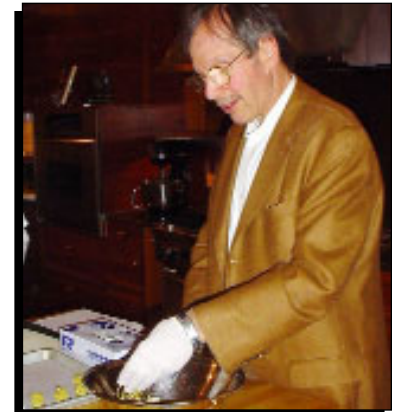
I predict that the Holiday Cooking class will become another signature event planned by the Special Events Committee. This event was a fun opportunity to get to know fellow members and their guests. This event is one that you don’t want to miss next year.

A special thanks to Jones Lang LaSalle for their sponsorship of this event!

Gloria Williams  
Accuclean, Inc.



Chef Meaghan cuts the cheese, or uh, something looking like cheese...



...While Chef Malcom mixes it up, old school.



## YWCA TOY LIST

### **Tis' The Season To spread holiday cheer to a child**

IFMA Atlanta is soliciting toys for North Fulton Child Development Center and YWCA of Greater Atlanta. Both organizations submitted a toy list and I've combined them to create something easy for our members to work from.

**The Community Services Committee Invites you To:**

## **Bring an unwrapped toy**

**To the December Luncheon  
Benefiting  
North Fulton Child Development Center  
and  
The YWCA of Greater Atlanta.\***

*Suggested Toys include:*

**Books - Board, Pop-up, First Reader's and Chapter**

**Dolls – Baby, Barbie's, Bratz, Dora (especially Ethnic)**

**Balls – Nerf, soccer, football**

**Board Games – Monopoly, Sorry, Checkers/Chess**

**See-and Say, Craft Sets, Musical instruments, Robots**

**Cars/Trucks – Hot Wheel, Remote control, Tonka**

**Building sets – Lego's, Etcha Sketch, Wooden Blocks, Hammers and Pounding blocks**

**Yu-Gi-oh cards and figures, Little Nemo movie and accessories**

**Action Figures – Star Wars, Transformers, The Hulk, Rescue Heroes, Spiderman**

\*These two IFMA-Atlanta community partners serve children from 6 weeks through 12 years old.

### **Facility Funnies**



Good grief, what Blockhead was in charge of picking out the Christmas tree this year?



**Send your  
Member Profile  
and  
Photo to  
ifmanews@rent  
acrate.com  
or fax to 678-  
547-0132.**

## GEORGIA TECH CORNER

The Georgia Tech Integrated Facility Management program continues to seek new students for the graduate program. If you are interested in obtaining the prestigious Master of Science in Building Construction and Integrated Facility Management from Georgia Tech, please visit our website for all the details necessary to apply, [www.bcprogram.com](http://www.bcprogram.com) and click on Graduate Studies. Applications are due April 15, 2006 and test scores, transcripts and letters of recommendation are required, so it's not too early to start assembling your application for Fall 2006.



For more information or to learn about the IFMA Recognized Program, contact Professor Kathy Roper at [kathy.roper@gatech.edu](mailto:kathy.roper@gatech.edu) or 404-385-4139.

## JOB POSTINGS ONLINE

Looking for a new job? Know of a vacant position?

Check out the job posting section of [www.ifmaatlanta.org](http://www.ifmaatlanta.org). Enter the Career Services section to post a job. Enter your membership number to view available positions.

This website highly benefits our members, so start using it today. Call Brant Bosley with any questions at 404-392 2284. Call Joe Carroll for resume critique and career counseling at 404-582-8859.

## CAREER SERVICES

Window shopping for a new job?

New search options and special search features at IFMA's JOBnet make browsing a breeze!

Here's how:

Go to <http://jobnet.ifma.org> and click on View Jobs in the first column, near the middle of the page. From there, you can view all of the FM and FM-related jobs—there are more than 300 posted right now! We've even added a new quick-search-by-state link to make searching for the perfect job even easier.

The next step is to create your own FREE My Career account and post your resume so employers can find you. And finally, you can set up a Job Agent to automatically send you e-mail notices of jobs available that match your criteria—within 24 hours of the job being posted to JOBnet.

Best of all, JOBnet is 100% FREE to all job seekers! Why not check us out today? [Click here now!](#)

Sincerely,

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## FM DATING SERVICE IN ATLANTA

Not exactly, but now that I have your attention, we do want to help you meet other FM professionals in your area. IFMA Atlanta believes one of the best ways to add more value to our FM member's membership is to develop "networking groups" around metro Atlanta. Networking groups are small gatherings (5-10) of FM professionals who share many common responsibilities and experiences such as; work in the same geographical area, manage similar size facilities, manage workspace in the same market segment (corporate, education, healthcare, government). We are looking for FMer's who have a desire to network with other FM professionals. We want to help you in your efforts to increase your own knowledge base, serve your clients better, and increase your base of FM professional "friends".

We envision these groups meeting 4-6 times per year, each member of the group hosting a meeting and providing a tour of their facility, and ultimately becoming self led. A facilitator would be assigned to each group to help keep topics flowing and bring in guest presenters as deemed appropriate by the group members.

A networking group has formed for facility managers who manage "headquarter facilities" in the Ashford Dunwoody area. Another group has formed in the "academic market segment" in the midtown area. We will be forming groups in the following geographic areas in the first quarter 2006;

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Buckhead area, Midtown, Downtown, Alpharetta, GA 400 at Exit 7

If you would like to participate you need to be facility manager, but do you do not need to be a member of IFMA Atlanta, please contact me in one of the following ways;

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678-898-5280 mobile number  
678-354-6726 ext #221 office

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As most of you know, IFMA headquarters challenged the Atlanta chapter to increase professional membership in order to reduce the ratio of professionals to associate members, which was about 51% to 49%. At the retreat last November, the Board established a goal to increase professional members by 10% (25 new members). The membership committee stepped up to the task and as of the end of October the Atlanta chapter membership ratio is now 63% professional and 37% associates. Professional membership has grown by 22 members since this time last year. We are very close to our goal of 25 new professional members in 2005 and we need your help to achieve this goal this month. Please invite a potential professional member to attend an meeting or event as a guest to show them what IFMA can offer!

**Don't forget!!**

**The YWCA Charity Toy Drive**

**ROUND TABLE**

A successful International Committee week!

The early morning Round Table Conference on Monday November 14, with breakfast at the Show Room of Interface, was the start of the International week carrying the theme "Security".

Twenty-two members attended the session with two experts in the field: Dr. Robbie Friedman, Criminology Professor at Georgia State University and Jim Lucas, Director of Security at CNN Center. The discussion was about securing corporate assets including buildings and people from possible threats such as violence by co-workers, ex-employees and even terrorism.

Whatever security level may be implemented, it became clear that employees, or citizens, should also have a responsibility, and in fact can increase security. This will require however a change in attitude or mind set of citizens and corporate and government entities.

Eugene de Nijs Bik,  
Project Manager,  
Turner Properties, Inc.  
Chair International Liaisons



Jim Lucas, Director of Security, CNN

**CFM ARTICLES FOR POINTS**

Attention all CFMs! You can receive CFM Maintenance Points for writing educational articles in Industry Related Publications including our Chapter Newsletter.

Please submit any articles of educational value to Monte Townsend at [ifmanews@rentacrate.com](mailto:ifmanews@rentacrate.com).

**IFMA ATLANTA CHAPTER CFM COORDINATORS**

- Clara M. Smith, CFM - CMS Enterprises
- Cheryl Waybright, CFM, CFMJ, - CB
- Richard Ellis

**ASK ME ABOUT CFM**

As a benefit to the Atlanta Chapter Membership, the Professional Development Committee plans to have members with CFM designation wear ribbons at each monthly meeting. Professionals and Associates are encouraged to discuss the benefits of getting CFM certification and information on taking the exam during the networking session before the meeting. Learn what certification is all about with other members who have become Certified Facility Managers. Ask questions, get the details, maybe hook up with a study partner.

Cost? Experience required? Qualifications? Information on the test? Bring your own questions. Look for the CFM ribbon attached to member name tags.

**MONTHLY CFM EXAM QUESTIONS**

1. Workplace safety for tenant employees is the responsibility of:
  - A. The tenant employer
  - B. The building owner
  - C. The building manager
  - D. OSHA
2. In commercial construction, an interior wall with studs is:
  - A. Always load bearing
  - B. Usually load bearing
  - C. Always non-loading bearing
  - D. Usually non-load bearing
3. Activation of a smoke control system is best done by operation of:
  - A. Smoke detectors
  - B. Manual pull stations
  - C. A sprinkler system
  - D. Heat detectors
4. The most common means of exposure to a hazardous chemical is through:
  - A. Absorption
  - B. Injection
  - C. Ingestion
  - D. Inhalation



## NEW MEMBERS

### IFMA ATLANTA Welcomes it's Newest Members Since June 2005:

- Wayne A. Battles**  
Facilities Manager  
MCI Telecommunications
- Daniel A. Bedard**  
Project Director  
Woodward Academy
- Timothy Boyd Blankenship**  
Interim Director, Facilities  
Agnes Scott College
- Anthony R. Bottino**  
Director, Facilities  
Southeast Automotive Group
- Carolyn Brasfield**  
Real Estate Specialist  
Cingular Wireless
- Josie L. Brown**  
Territory Manager  
Internal Revenue Service
- William T. Brown**  
Vice President, Real Estate  
EarthLink, Inc.
- Carlton T. Bruner**  
Business Development  
NEO, Inc.
- Joe Burns**  
Color Burst
- Jeff Chalmers**  
President  
The Rayley Group
- Craig R. Clark**  
Site Manager  
Cherokee Presbytery
- William Clark**  
Manager, Facilities Planning  
AFLAC, Inc.
- Sheryl T. Cosby**  
Sales Manager  
The Plant Peddler, Inc.
- Jimalee R. Dakin, IESNA,LC,LEED**  
Director  
Acuity Brands Lighting
- Venson S. Davis**  
Director, Facilities Planning & Se  
EarthLink, Inc.
- Ronald M. Drake**  
COO  
Cohutta Water
- Thomas H. Edmunds**  
Manager, Field Operations  
InterNAP Network Services
- Mark W. Erba**  
Corporate Specialist  
Shaw Contract Group
- Robert W. Eskew, RCDD**  
President  
Automated Systems Design, Inc.
- Behzad Ghafourikia**  
President  
Southern Sun Control
- Jason G. Grimes**  
Building Management Specialist  
US General Services Administration
- Mary H. Harmon**  
Sales Manager  
The Plant Peddler, Inc.
- Dan Hayes**  
Asset Manager  
EarthLink, Inc.
- David P. Heidlauf**  
Senior Project Engineer  
AutoTrader.Com
- Monica M. Hellekson**  
Sales & Design Consultant  
Initial Tropical Plants, Inc.
- David Hobbs**  
President  
Interface Flooring Systems, Inc.
- Christopher H. Hom**  
Construction Manager  
EarthLink, Inc.
- Bryan H. Houston**  
Facilities Manager  
Siemens Energy & Automation, Inc.
- Douglas D. Ibele**  
Account Executive  
Office Furniture Rental Alliance
- Sharon M. Jaye**  
Projects & Office Manager  
Agnes Scott College
- Mike Jones**  
Manager  
EarthLink, Inc.
- Paul G. Marx**  
Account Manager  
Hilti, Inc.
- Ed McNeal**  
Director  
IES/Mark Henderson Electrical Services
- Tricia W. Moore, ASID,RID,LEED AP**  
Interior Designer  
Gensler
- Daniel J. O'Sullivan, RCDD,NTS,OSP**  
COO  
Georgia Cabling & Electric
- Faro Pezeshkmehr**  
Partner/Architect  
Rosser International
- Chuck Rhode**  
Associate Vice President for Facil  
Georgia Institute of Technology
- Beth A. Roby**  
President  
AFF Services Inc
- Jenny R. Roginsky**  
Director, Marketing & Public Rel  
Cohutta Water
- Patricia A. Sane**  
Manager, Facilities Services  
Shaw Industries, Inc.
- Jean P. Shelor**  
The Shelor Group
- Robert R. Shelor**  
Capital Project Officer
- Henry E. Smith**  
Senior Manager of Design, Engin  
EarthLink, Inc.
- Melinda K. Smith**  
Manager, Facilities Services  
Shaw Industries, Inc.
- Jan Torley**  
Senior Analyst/Real Estate & Faci  
Verizon Wireless
- Glenda F. Vinson**  
Facilities Operations Supervisor  
CH2M Hill
- James D. Wallace**  
Facilities/Office Manager  
Deloitte & Touche LLP
- Jeffrey A. Walsh**  
Assistant Vice President, Adminis  
AXIS US Insurance



## 2005 IFMA ATLANTA SUSTAINING PATRONS

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 Baker Audio  
 BC Group  
 Bonitz Flooring Group, Inc.  
 Carithers, Wallace & Courtenay  
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 Carter & Associates  
 CB Richard Ellis  
 Choate Interior Construction  
 Contract Marketing  
 Corporate Environments of GA, Inc.  
 Cort Furniture Rental  
 Dekalb Office Environments  
 Flood Brothers Relocation  
 Geiger  
 Gensler  
 Graebel Atlanta Movers, Inc.  
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Hendrick, Inc.  
 Herman Miller, Inc.  
 Humphries & Company  
 IntraSpec  
 Invista  
 Ivan Allen  
 Jova Daniels Busby  
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 Malone Construction  
 Milliken  
 Mohawk Group  
 NFL Officeworks  
 Royal Cup, Inc.  
 Southern Business Systems  
 Steelcase, Inc.  
 Trilogyfm  
 Walter Hopkins  
 Wegman Associates

## MEMBER PROFILES



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 Bachelor of Interior Design, School of Architecture,  
 Auburn University

**FAVORITE VACATION DESTINATION:** Europe

**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Gone with the wind.

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AN IFMA MEMBER?** 2 years.

**WHAT IS THE MOST CHALLENGING ASPECT OF YOUR PRESENT JOB?**  
 Keeping up with the ever changing market place.



**NAME:** Christy Jellets  
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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**  
 Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

**FAVORITE VACATION DESTINATION:**  
 Las Vegas, Nevada

**HOW DID YOU GET INTO THE CAREER YOU ARE IN NOW?** After being the liaison between the YWCA of Greater Atlanta and IFMA-Atlanta for about a year, Harry Ludwig took me to lunch and approached me to consider making facility management a career choice. I did, and I love it! Thank you, Harry.

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AN IFMA MEMBER?** 6 years

**WHAT IS THE MOST CHALLENGING ASPECT OF YOUR PRESENT JOB?**  
 It is always challenging educating the benefits of preventative maintenance versus supporting programs to funders of non-profits.

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