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Monthly Meeting May 1994

Mike Butler

Topic: The Braves !!!
Date: May 25, 1994
Time: 5:00 p.m. Truck-gate Party
7:40 p.m. Braves Game
Cost: \$25 Per Person for Ticket & Party
Location: See Map on Page 6

Once again, Myles Wegman & Wegman Associates are hosting our annual "IFMA Outing" at the Braves Game. Those of you who attended last year know what a blast this gathering is . . . those of you who weren't there, don't miss it this year!

Myles will cook his famous jambalaya; Haidee Courson will be stirring up red beans & rice; and Pete Conlin and Jean Lusso will grill the hot dogs. Wegman is also bringing all the beer, soft drinks, tents and tables. So be ready to eat, drink, and watch the Braves stomp the Houston Astros!

ALL 110 TICKETS TO THE BALLGAME HAVE BEEN SOLD, SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

PROGRAMS UPDATE

Please note that the deadline for reservations for the monthly program is the **Friday before the Wednesday meeting**. Our recent surge in attendance (average 75) has created a great opportunity--meeting space! There is a large financial obligation to the chapter when we must guarantee how many members will attend the monthly meeting. It's great to see the higher attendance, but too hard to forecast on a month-to-month basis. Please make your reservations by the Friday deadline.

IFMA needs your ideas! What facility topic has really got you thinking of late? Give **Steve Pelham** a call at (404) 641-3243 with your thoughts/opportunity.

President's Message



Interested in helping out in Programs? We coordinate around the month (that's right, one month only!) best for your schedule. Help keep our meetings current and on the cutting edge. Looking for Fall and Winter/Spring volunteers. Give **Steve Pelham** a call at (404) 641-3243.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!!

Terry Bryant
Professional Member
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Louise Langs
Professional Member
Visiting Nurse
Health System

QUARTERLY CALENDAR

May 17, 6:00
Board Meeting
Hendrick Associates
Piedmont Center

May 25
IFMA Goes to the Ballpark
Truck Gate Party 5:00
Braves Game 7:40

June 14, 6:00
Board Meeting
Steelcase Showroom
One Peachtree Building

June 15
Chapter Luncheon
Merchandise Mart

"My, how the time flies." We are into the month of May already, and it seems that just a few days ago we were on the final days of January. As I approach the fifth month as President of the chapter, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks and appreciation on the following:

To all those who have been involved in our monthly programs. The presentations have been excellent and very useful to the membership. We can be proud, as a chapter, that all but one of the programs have been presented by members of our chapter. This reflects the wealth of information and expertise we have in our chapter that can be shared, benefitting our membership. Such was the case of our April presentation. **Sonya Tablada** of Facilities Relocations made an excellent presentation on **"Strategic Facility Planning."** This complex subject was presented in a very concise and informative manner. With the planning of our Program Chairperson, **Steve Pelham**, and the expertise we have in our chapter, I'm sure the programs will continue to be of benefit to all chapter attendees.

To each of the Chapter Officers and Committee Chairpersons who provide the excellent support in making the chapter go forward. It takes a lot of dedication and time to make an organization like the Atlanta IFMA Chapter "go." **Gene Meany, Harry Ludwig, Allan Caddell, Pete Conlin, Mike Butler, Lisa Steckbeck, Nancy Warner, Susan Gray, Steve Pelham, Malcolm Weiss, and Trish Meyer** have all made the commitment and stepped forward to make our chapter "go."

Again, my thanks to all who support the chapter and its activities with their time and effort.

p.s. We need more chapter members to step forward and drive this chapter forward.

Tom Vernon, CFM

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*are cordially invited to
attend a presentation by*

Dr. Mark S. Redfern

Assistant Professor,
University of Pittsburg Medical School

***"An Ergonomic Study of How
Flooring Surfaces Affect
Movement, Fatigue, and Balance"***

Dr. Redfern is a noted human movement analysis expert. His presentation gives a new and valued insight into understanding which types of flooring surfaces reduce bodily stress and fatigue.



MAY 17, 1994

WORLD TRADE CLUB

22nd Floor Merchandise Mart
240 Peachtree St.
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6:00 PM

Reception, Light Buffet

7:00 PM

Dr. Redfern's Presentation

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IFMA INFORMER - MIKE BUTLER

Subject: Mike Butler, Planner-Properties & Facilities for WORLDSPAN, a provider of Travel Agency Information Services.

Hails From: Born in Atlanta.

Family Ties: Married to Jennifer with two boys, Justin (10) and Chris (6).

Back to School: Industrial Engineering and Industrial Management degrees from Southern Tech.

Office Hours: Mike's career began as an Industrial Engineer supporting manufacturing processes at Northern Telecom before moving into Facility Engineering in 1984. After numerous projects, Mike was promoted to Manager of facilities responsible for both managing two office sites while performing Facility Planning for all Atlanta locations. In May 1993, Mike joined WORLDSPAN to develop strategic facility planning, capital budget support and project management services. He has been an active IFMA member in the Atlanta chapter for the past six years and currently chairs the Education Committee.

After Hours: Mike enjoys gardening (mostly cutting grass) and little league baseball.

Business Philosophy: "A true leader will not manage his troops as they charge the hill but will lead with the troops following."

Secret of Success: "Never ride a losing horse."

Most Important Achievement: Effectively demonstrating to Senior Management the value that Facility Management can make to the bottom line.

To Be or Not To Be: Living in the country (Cumming) and providing a good environment for his children is very important to Mike. He is very confident he could do some serious damage if he wins the Georgia Lottery.

Reading List: "Sharkproof" by Harvey McKay and "Leaders, The Strategies for Taking Charge."

I Hate It When That Happens: Dealing with Atlanta traffic slowdowns for no apparent reason.

High Anxiety: "The job change process, after many years with one company, was a unique experience. It's sometimes easier to sell a product or a service than to sell yourself."

The Challenger: Become active in the local chapter. The rewards to you will not only improve networking opportunities but foster new ideas to take back to your job.

JOB BANK OPPORTUNITIES

OFFICE FURNITURE COORDINATOR: The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games is interested in filling a position for an Office Furniture Coordinator. The position would require 3-5 years of furniture experience, both panel systems and casegoods. The position offers a starting rate of approximately \$28,000 per year and would be an assignment lasting through 1996 or early 1997.

For a detailed description of duties, contact Carl Pahl with ACOG at 224-1459.

ASSISTANT FACILITY MANAGER: The company is a subsidiary of a division of a New York corporation with over 12,000 employees worldwide and is a leader in the global banking marketplace. The position has direct involvement in all aspects of day-to-day facilities management for a two-building complex currently totalling 230,000 square feet. A Bachelors degree and 4-5 years experience in facility management environments (versus property management) are required.

For further details, contact Drew Thigpen, Questar Partners, Inc., 100 Winners Circle, Suite 160, Brentwood, TN 37027, FAX (615) 371-8804.

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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS NETWORKING

The next Professional Members Only Networking will be held in conjunction with the Steelcase Business Telecast on June 7. The telecast begins at 3:30 in the new Steelcase Showroom. Refreshments and networking will follow. Plan to attend and hear discussions on preparing for the phaseout of chlorofluorocarbons.

REMINDER TO CFMs: You can receive certification maintenance points for the following:

- o Attending IFMA/Steelcase BTV broadcasts - one point per program with a maximum of 12. Just receive written verification from a chapter officer of your attendance.
 - o Attending IFMA's Leadership Conference or a two-day regional conference - six points. Copy of registration form and/or payment.
 - o Serving as a council officer - 20 points per year. Letter from another council officer.
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MEDICAL SCHOOL ERGONOMIC STUDY OF HOW FLOORING SURFACES AFFECT MOVEMENT, FATIGUE AND BALANCE

Noted human movement analysis expert, **Dr. Mark S. Redfern**, Assistant Professor at the University of Pittsburgh Medical School, will report his findings and comments on a three-year pilot study investigating how flooring surfaces and floor coverings affect users. Dr. Redfern is among the world's leading experts on analysis of slips and falls.

The study of how flooring surfaces affect locomotion and fatigue gives new and valued insight into understanding which types of carpets and carpets with cushion reduce bodily stress and fatigue.

A receipt and presentation by Dr. Redfern for design professionals and industry sponsors will be held at the Atlanta Merchandise Mart on Tuesday, May 17, 1994.

Please refer to the insert in this newsletter for further details.

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MAY RVP MESSAGE

By: Janceen Trevillyan, South Region V.P.

Jobs, jobs, jobs . . . a topic of utmost concern to those seeking one, and, of course, politicians who espouse on how they can create them. As you may have read in *IFMA News*, international has outsourced its job referral database. A company in Georgia, Comprehensive Search, will now receive members' resumes. Comprehensive Search has a larger database than IFMA was maintaining and one that is used by more employers.

Headquarters still directly handles some job search functions. Shari Epstein, IFMA's research specialist, talks with potential employers and does provide targeted mailing for employers. In addition, *IFMA News* will continue to run the FM Jobs column.

Headquarters has requested that all chapters with their own job banks send the contact name of the person responsible for this duty to Shari Epstein. This will help Shari direct employers who are interested in looking in a specific city or region. Ask your chapter president to send Shari the contact name even if the person who maintains the job bank has not changed lately. In addition, if you are interested in placing your resume in international's database, you still need to first contact Shari, and she then will forward your resume to Comprehensive Search.

IFMA's board of directors recently welcomed two new RVPs. Philip Lo, CFM, and Daniel Sweeney, CFM, representing the Pacific Rim and Europe respectively, were appointed by the Association in its continuing effort to support international members.

Facility management is a profession practiced worldwide, and all professionals deserve the option of using IFMA as a resource. The creation of the two new RVP positions is one way the Association is proving its desire to truly be "international." Another way is by allowing facility managers outside North America the chance to become Certified Facility Managers. For now, those people who live in a country where the CFM exam is not offered can receive equivalency-based certification. IFMA is developing exams for other countries, but this is a time-consuming process.

1995 seems like a long way off, but it's not. Before you know it, IFMA '94 will be over and we will be planning for the first World Workplace, taking place in Miami Beach. Of course, a city in our own region will start World Workplace off on the right foot. Also, the decision has been made for World Workplace '96--Miami Beach will be passing the torch to Salt Lake City. So, if your calendar goes far enough ahead, mark down that you'll be in Salt Lake City on October 6-9, 1996.



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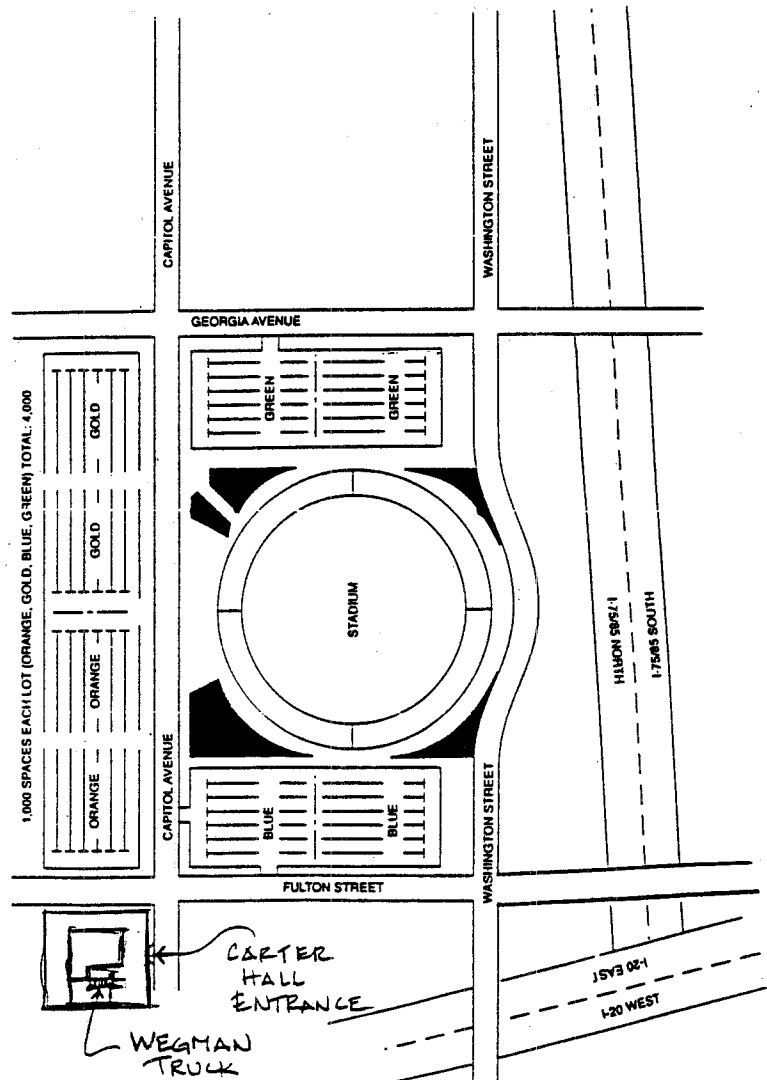
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