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Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, September 15 ** 103 West

Topic: Feng Shui

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20,00 Member; \$25.00 without advance registration

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Location: 103 West Association

Reservations: Office(404) 766-1632 or Fax 404-768-7767 Please contact Lisa by

4:30 p.m., Friday, September 10, 1999 or your rate will be the higher,

without registration.

Join as in Sept. Our Topic is Feng Shui. Don't be shy if you do not know what Feng Shui is. The translation means "wind and water", Feng Shui is the art of living in harmony with your environment for health, wealth and happiness. We are very honored to have our two speakers, Ms. Tracy R. Miller and Dr. Guy Ferru, Ms. Tracy Miller operates Gazelle Feng Shui Consulting in Atlanta. She is the founding member of an organized network of Feng Shui consultants in the Atlanta area called Feng Shui Solutions, Ms. Miller practices in both residential and commercial applications of Feng Shui. She has personally been able to validate the effectiveness of this environmental art. Dr. Guy Ferru has 25 years of Feng Shui experience. He is a Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine, a Bau Biology Practitioner (specialist in detection of harmful electromagnetic fields), and he is the author of many articles on the above subjects. We hope to see you in Sept, and we will all learn about balancing the vibrations from the 5 elements: Fire, Earth, Water, Metal, and Wood, and how these things can apply to our environment at home and work.

Directions to 103 West: Take exit #107 off of I-75 - West Paces Ferry Road/ Northside Parkway. Go east on West Paces Ferry Road. Go approximately 2.5 miles on West Paces Road through the residential area. Once you see the Governor's Mansion on the left, 103 West is exactly one mile on the left.

Upcoming Events:

New Membership Meeting Oct 14th 8:00 am

Associates Meeting in October

World Workplace '99 October 3-5

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President's Message



Yet again, IFMA Atlanta has one more reason to celebrate!

World Workplace '99 -October 3-5, Los Angeles, CA

We are very pleased to announce that IFMA Atlanta has been selected as one of the top finalists in the judging for 1999 Chapter of the Year! Although IFMA Atlanta has a well-deserved chance of winning this award, we will not know the award winner until the World Workplace banquet on October 5. Please join us in Los Angeles to celebrate IFMA Atlanta's accomplishments and share our best practices with our peers.

As a reminder, World Workplace is one of your best IFMA educational and networking opportunities. For your convenience, you may register on-line at www.worldworkplace.org. If you do not register prior to August 27, you will be required to pay the full onsite event rate.

In an effort to better plan IFMA Atlanta activities, please let our Association office know if you are planning to attend this important event. You now have one more good reason to attend the conference!

Member-get-a-Member Campaign Deadline is Sept. 9th

Our local IFMA Atlanta membership drive concluded in July. Many thanks to Beth Chaplin and the Membership committee for their excellent work! As of September 1, we have added 27 members bringing our census to 390.

As you know, the quality of your chapter programs and networking sessions are enhanced as we add more facility management experience to our chapter.

Let's continue our support of Beth and the committee in meeting the International Member-get-a-Member challenge. We still need your assistance in meeting this challenge by attracting twelve additional new members by September 9th. We have a Prospective and New Member orientation breakfast planned on Wednesday. October 14 at 8:00 a.m. Please RSVP through Association Headquarters at 404.766.1632.

Luncheon Program Fees to increase effective October

As a result of our recent budget and fiscal year-end review, we have determined that a cost increase is necessary to break even on our hundroon programs. Effective in

October, we will increase our monthly luncheon fee as follows:

- \$25.00 Pre-registered Members
- * \$30.00 Facility Manager Guests
- \$40.00 for non-facility managers and members without advance registration

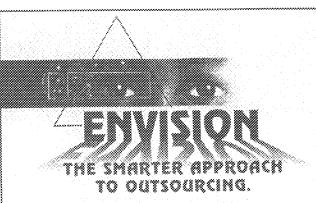
The cost increase is necessary to ensure the financial health of the chapter along with the quality of our venues and programs. Should you have any questions regarding this change, please contact our chapter Administrator.

Closing

Please remember that your IFMA Atlanta networking sessions prior to monthly programs are a valuable member resource. The larger the group, the better!

Many thanks.

Matt Dawson



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A Life of its Own...Community Services Update

Our efforts with the YWCA have taken on a life of their own. Our volunteer base continues to grow with the following new additions:

Charlie Cayce Aircond
Brian Benedict Humphries
Patti Stewart Initial Contract
Rick Yarborough Roof Tech

Charlie

Cayce, of Aircond, has been hard at work developing needs assessments and recommendations for the HVAC systems at both the In-Town and Dekalb sites. Charlie is a returning volunteering champion. His efforts went a long way to reducing the HVAC costs at the Frazer Center (REACH) last year.

Brian Benedict, with Humphries, has graciously speed to serve as our general contractor for the Dekalb site project. If you feel you would like to help us, and help Brian, with our efforts at the Dekalb site, please contact Brian and let him know you want to be a part of his team.

Rick Yarborough, with Roof Tech, has done an outstanding job assessing the roofing needs at the In-Town site as well as the Dekalb site. And, thanks to the efforts of Ayesha Khanna, funding has been made available to begin the roofing project at the In-Town site.

Patti Stewart, with Initial, has provided us with a very thorough analysis of the present junitorial and maintenance

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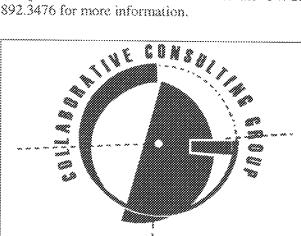
For information contact: Sheila Foster at 770-998-2122 services of the In-Town site and has developed recommendations to be implemented by the site coordinators.

Last, but certainly not least, Neale Terry and Dan Longshore continue to be the driving force behind our overall success with the YWCA. Neale has done an excellent job maintaining our project status reports, identifying outstanding tasks and insuring all volunteers are provided the direction necessary to be successful in their particular endeavors.

If you would like to join us to learn more about what we are doing and bow you can help, please contact Tom Haslach at thaslach@mindspring.com or by phone at 770.975.1113. Our meeting dates are every other Wednesday, 8.00 am at the Dekalb YWCA. Our next meeting is September 8, 1999.

Hands On Atlanta Day

Hands On Atlanta is sponsoring a Volunteer Day at the Dekalb YWCA October 2, 1999 beginning at 9.00 am. This is not a formal IFMA Atlanta Volunteer Day, but if you would like to lend a hand with painting and landscape projects please contact Christie Jellets of the YWCA at 404.892.3476 for more information.



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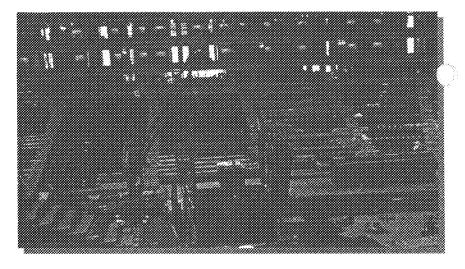
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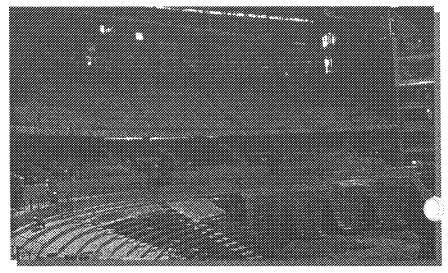
July's membership meeting was a tour of the new Philips Arena hosted by Ken Gwinner and his team at Turner Properties, Inc. The new \$213 million Philips Arena is scheduled to open in the fall of 1999 and is being built on the former site of the Omni Coliseum in downtown Atlanta. This multipurpose sport and entertainment complex will be the home of the NBA Atlanta Hawks and the NHL Atlanta Thrashers.

In both aesthetics and function, Philips Arena connects with CNN Center and the city around it, rather than acting as a stand-alone venue. Important elements of the design the IFMA members saw include the following:

- q The main entrance to the arena is literally supported by steel columns spelling out ATLANTA.
- The three roofs of the arena reduced the building scale and create a distinctive roof line that will become part of Atlanta's signature skyline.
- q Three quarters of the seating is the old-fashioned "lower-deck/upper-deck" configuration, placing the upper deck





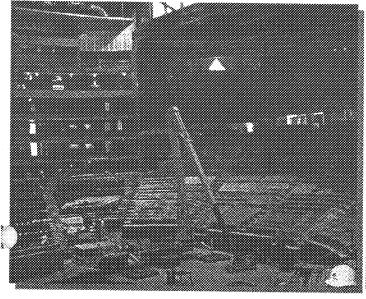


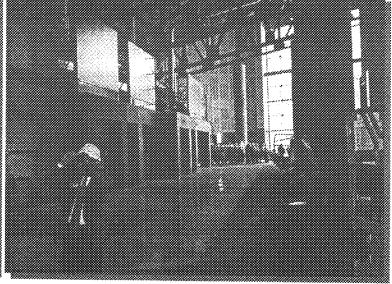
closer to the court than any NBA arena built since 1940.

- The arena entry will be contiguous with the CNN Center atrium and will feature a 400' long interior street called the "HawkWalk" lined with food, retail and entertainment.
- q Colorful, decorative lighting will illuminate the entire arena, giving it a 24-hour presence and making it a visible and attractive addition to the nighttime skyline.
- q Suites and club level seats are concentrated in the west side to the arena, forming a vertical seating element. As a result, all spectators will have extremely intimate views of the action.
- The 700,000 SF Philips Arena was designed by HOK Sport of Atlanta/Kansas City. The arena is being built by Atlanta Area Constructors, a joint venture team of Beers Construction Company. Holder Construction Company, H.J. Russell & Company, and C.D. Moody Construction Company.









IFMA Atlanta Membership Directory Update Form

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## Calendar of Epcoming Events

### Calendar Events

New Membership Meeting
Oct 14th 8:00 am

@ Herman Miller 3445 Peachtree Street
(Corner of Peachtree and Lenox)
Suite 650
Parking available in adjacent lot
RSVP to Association office 404-766-1631
Call Beth Chaplin 404-522-1835 with questions
regarding membership

Associates Meeting in October Time and Place TBA via fax and/or mail

World Work Place Parties and events

Monday, Oct. 14th
Royal Cup Coffee Southeast region get together
Cort Furniture Football Party
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## Career Services

### You Don't Know What You Don't Know!

By: Marty Mason

In a tight marketplace where unemployment is at an all time low, about 2.7%, finding the career of your dreams could be challenging. What is a person to do if their position has been eliminated by down or "right" sizing? Maybe your goals don't match the goals of your present employer? Or maybe you just need a change of scenery?

I have had the pleasure of serving as Career Services Chair for two years now and I have had the opportunity to work with, and help several of you readers out there. And I hope to touch many more. We have placed over 7 (seven) facilities managers from our oup over the last two years and

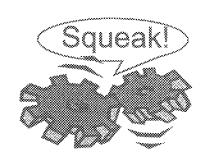
that's pretty good, yet there are several of you that need to be placed. I am hopeful that will be reduced soon.

I have found that job searching is all about networking. The more people that know you are looking the better your chances of getting valuable information. One reader went as far as to place signs on her body at a local IFMA meeting to advertise that she was available. I don't recommend that for everyone, but it worked with her personality. The point I am trying to make here is that; "You don't know what you don't know!" If people don't know you are looking, they can't help you.

My grandmother told me a long time ago; "the squeaky hinge gets the grease." It is your future, if you want more you may have to do more! Squawk it up! Make some noise! We are here to help you!

In case you don't have a directory and need to reach me you can call me at my new number, (you're not the only members that need a new job)

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