



City & Country Clubs Council of IFMA

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Dear Fellow City and Country Club Council Member:

I hope you are having a great year. It's hard to believe Spring is in the air again. I wanted to update you on our annual meeting held in March and our current Board initiatives. The Annual Symposium and Meeting for 2017 was a great success. John Oosterwal was a gracious host and the staff at the London Hunt and Country Club treated us like royalty. Thank you John for a wonderful experience at your Club. The history of each Club is unique and certainly was at your Club. The education was more of a coaching session for professionals. Kevin MacDonald worked with the group on the first day on a personal level and then on the second day at a professional level. This was one of our most successful education sessions yet. It was so successful and well-received that the Board has been asked to look at future opportunities similar to this which our Education Chairman will be working on for the future. One of the most important points for me in this year's educational sessions was the fact that we all have important roles in our lives whether it's at work or home and "we must be able to give our best not our all." Think about it. It's all about life balance.

This leads me to our 2018 Annual Meeting and Symposium. We are pleased that David Taylor will host our 2018 Annual Symposium and Meeting at **The Country Club of Orlando, Orlando, Florida** so please plan ahead for this one. You will not want to miss this opportunity to come to sunny Florida in February when many of you are still in the winter doldrums. In 2018, we will complete the remaining three core courses of the CFM program with Technology, Quality and Real Estate and Property Management. We will then spend a day reviewing the CFM exam with our instructor John Rimer. Even if you decide not to take the exam, this will be another comprehensive year of information that is useful. However first and foremost, you will be a part of our annual networking event. Each of us has something that we bring to the group that can help each other. There are years and years of industry experience at everyone's finger tips. We are much better than GOOGLE! Everyone please save the dates **February 24 - 28, 2018**. We do have a little different set up for next year, our education will begin at 1PM on Sunday, February 24 and end on Tuesday February 27. Our Annual Meeting will be then held on Wednesday. Please keep this in mind when making your travel arrangements. You will want to come down on Saturday, bring the wife or significant other and enjoy sunny Florida! We **do not** have a place lined up yet for 2019, so if you think you can host the 2019 meeting, please let myself or one of the Board Members. We like to schedule our meeting locations two years out if possible so everyone has an opportunity to make plans. Not everyone can make it each year so if we plan ahead it is an advantage to everyone.





In other news, the Board of Directors has been working on a sponsor program. This program will look for national and local donations to sponsor our Council. Within a few months of our program we have picked up some very nice sponsors. We have three Platinum Sponsors, Two Gold Sponsors and one Silver so far. These moneys will be used to help reduce the cost of our education programs in the future, help our Board Members that attend the CMAA every year to help recruit members and provide education to the Club Manager's Association and provide scholarship money to those looking to get a higher education in the profession of Facilities Management.

Lastly, I would like discuss our Membership and Webinars. Our Membership has grown to 59 Members in recent months thanks to the efforts of many. I would like to extend a special thank you to John Hemrick and Ian Critchley our Co-Chairman of the Membership Committee last year for their work and to all of our Board Members past and present for volunteering their time to help grow this Council. In addition, thank you to Willie Arce, Past President for his dedication to lining up excellent guest speakers for our Webinar series. We will be announcing the webinar line up very soon! If you have not been taking advantage of the webinars you are missing out on some useful information. Please check our website for current information pertaining our webinars at <http://www.ifma-clubs.org/> and your email when the announcements are sent out a week or two before the event. IF you are not receiving these notices, please let me know. I would be remise in not thanking Jaclyn Lee, our IFMA Senior Components Liaison, for her continued help and support of the Council and Steve Ballard, one of our founding fathers and very first President. Steve continues to support the Council and many different ways.

I would like to request each of you to find a few volunteer hours a year to help with our membership recruitment and any other of the Boards initiatives and Committees. If each of you recruited just one member, we would double our membership in one year. We all have busy lives and families but there is nothing more satisfying than helping others in their careers as well as self-development. That is what the Council is all about helping each other.

In closing, I look forward to seeing each of you at the **2018 Annual Symposium and Meeting** at the **Country Club of Orlando**. We will be providing additional information this fall for sign up. On behalf of your Board of Directors, I wish you well and hope you have a great summer. I want to thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving on your Board. Please feel free to email or call me anytime.

Sincerely Yours,

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