December’s Gathering Presents Opportunities to Network and Give Back

Plan today to attend the special afternoon gathering of the Facility Manager Association of New Mexico as we join together on the regular meeting date of Wednesday, December 18th, 2013. From 5 pm to 8 pm at the Club House on the gold course at the Sandia Resort, we will share holiday cheer as we support the less fortunate in our community.

Your $30.00 admission provides you with access to heavy hors d’oeuvres and drink tickets. Bring a facility manager guest to join you for a relaxing break from the holiday rush as we watch the sun set over the West Mesa. As always, reservations are required so email carolee@fmanm.com to be included.

Please be generous and write check made out to “Joy Junction” as we join forces to support other members of our community who are struggling economically. FMANM President Joseph Rodriguez will collect the funds and deliver them on our behalf to this organization which helps so many families in need at this time of the season.

Mark your calendar today! See you Wednesday afternoon, December 18th, at Sandia!

2014 Programs Announced

Thank you to the participants who provide thoughtful deliberation and guidance in formulating the program agenda for the Facility Manager Association of New Mexico and the New Mexico Society for Healthcare Engineering Division for the upcoming year.

On the 2014 agenda:

**January**
Dealing with Stress in the Workplace

**February**
Got Gas? Natural Gas Purchasing Strategies

**March**
Need CEUs? We Can Help

**April**
Pest Management: The New Frontier

**May**
Water Treatment Options for Facilities

**June**
Isotopes Baseball

**July**
Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament

**August**
Steamed Up? Boiler Maintenance Basics

**September**
Breaking Bad? Building Assessments

**October**
FAB O&M Show

**November**
Lady’s Choice

**December**
Holiday Social
I want to thank **Joseph Rodriguez** for his years of devoted service to the Facility Manager Association of New Mexico as he steps down as President and into the role of President Emeritus and Director. Joseph was a driving force in bringing the group through the reorganization and acquisition efforts which have legitimized and grown the alliance of facility managers and their constituents. He is owed a real debt of gratitude for his guidance and support during FMANM’s evolution.

Next, join me in welcoming **George Jimenez** in ascending to the role of President. Every level of leadership is important on the organization’s Board of Directors and George brings great enthusiasm and experience with the group to this position.

New to the board for 2014 is **Tom Plummer**, an engineer with the Army Corps of Engineers, whom I initially met as the facility manager for San Juan Regional Medical Center. Tom is a well-rounded facility professional. Also new is **SelbyLucero** who is an architect by training. He has served as the Deputy Director for the State of New Mexico Building Services, the head of maintenance for Rio Rancho Public Schools, and now is the facility manager for Sandia Laboratory Federal Credit Union.

The day-to-day “heavy-lifting” for the group is performed by my treasurers, **Lori Gunnare** and **Dave Jensen**. Another organizational force and invaluable Board member is secretary **Kevin Givens**. Stepping up this year as well was **Mary Beth Hames** who brings her expertise in marketing and social media to play in promoting the organization’s events. We also welcome **Mike Chavez** as a long-time member but first-time board member.

Be sure to take a minute to thank the leaders of this association when you see them at the Holiday Party on December 18th, 2013. Don’t forget to bring your checkbook so you can help us to help the less fortunate folks of the community by writing out your check to support the efforts of the homeless shelter called Joy Junction.

**FMANM Vision Statement:** Establish and implement an organization to promote education, information, solutions and opportunities associated with the operations, maintenance, and sustainability of facilities.

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**Executive Director - Carolee Griffin**

Upcoming Events Calendar 2013/14

**Wednesday, December 18th**
5-8 pm, Sandia Resort and Casino
Holiday Party at Bien Sur

**Wednesday, January 16th**
7:15 am, Garduno’s Uptown
Dealing with Stress in the Workplace

**Wednesday, February 20th**
7:15 am, Garduno’s Uptown
Got Gas? Natural Gas Purchasing Strategies
Making Dumb Things Smart: RFID Technology Explored

Matt Proctor is a Vice President with the Improve Group, a business that believes that real efficiency is often based in good physical storage and the technology to track it. They know that every organization has critical items and records. As experts who know that how well you store, and how fast you find, can determine how efficient you are, they design systems that make businesses more productive. They also design and implement systems based on the use of RFID technology.

Speaking to 40+ members and guests of the Facility Manager Association of New Mexico and the New Mexico Society for Healthcare Engineering, he explored real-world applications of this technology and advised facility and asset managers about how to get started implementing this type of auditing.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, radio-frequency identification (RFID) is the wireless non-contact use of radio-frequency electromagnetic fields, used to transfer data, for the purposes of automatically identifying and tracking tags attached to objects. The tags contain electronically stored information. Some tags are powered by and read at short ranges (a few meters) via magnetic fields. Others utilize a local power source such as a battery, or else have no battery but collect energy from the interrogating EM field, and then act as a passive transponder to emit microwaves or UHF radio waves (i.e., electromagnetic radiation). Battery powered tags may operate at hundreds of meters. Unlike a bar code, the tag does not necessarily need to be within line of sight of the reader, and may be embedded in the tracked object.

RFID tags are used in many industries. An RFID tag attached to an automobile during production can be used to track its progress through the assembly line. Pharmaceuticals can be tracked through warehouses.

“In facility management, we can track a serial number, make and model, date of install, date of last service, and other maintenance information,” he explained. Other applications which cost more can also monitor the environment.

Some assets that require benefit from these applications include room audits, theft control, and financial depreciation situations. “This trend is being used increasingly in facility management,” he said. He apprised the group in the proper ways to launch such a program for use in their organizations.
RFID continued

Michael Piscitello, Facility Engineer for UNMH’s Sandoval Regional Medical Center, spoke to the facility managers and guests about the exciting new opportunities presented by the merger of the New Mexico Society for Healthcare Engineering with the Facility Manager Association of Ne Mexico. He is president-elect of NMSHE.
RFID continued
Annual Holiday Party
and Joy Junction Fundraiser
Wednesday, December 18th

Make reservations now to join the Facility Manager Association of New Mexico to relax and network with your friends while supporting an outreach to help Joy Juction, a donations-only homeless shelter. You must rsvp by 5 pm on Monday, December 16th, to be included. Please rsvp to carolee@fmanm.com (preferred) or by calling 505-975-6753.

When: Wednesday, December 18th, 2013, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Where: Sandia Resort and Casino
Bien Sur Restaurant
Albuquerque, NM

Cost: $30 to Members
$35 to Non-Members

Join us to celebrate the holiday season!