Options for Purchasing Natural Gas: Save Money for YOUR Facility

In these economic times, it makes sense to look at all your business decisions and make changes that will affect your bottom line revenue without risk. Natural gas is a big expense for most facilities. Has your company considered purchasing your natural gas from a marketer instead of from a public utility? End-user facility managers can access a “gas marketer” through the New Mexico Gas Company Transportation System, and it is possible to save money in this way.

The New Mexico Gas Company makes their profit on the gas transmission and gas distribution charges for the natural gas, rates which are set by the New Mexico Public Regulatory Commission (NMPRC). By law, they cannot make any revenue on the sale of natural gas. New Mexico businesses everywhere in the state (except for Las Cruces and Raton) have alternatives to buying natural gas from NMGC. NMGC’s natural gas revenue comes from the tariff rates set up for gas transmission and distribution charges—NMGC is revenue neutral on their natural gas sales, as a straight pass-through to the customer. For a variety of reasons, NMGC’s natural gas costs are, on average, 10-30% higher than the San Juan Pipeline or Permian Basin prices. Transporting gas with a third party marketer can reduce natural gas prices anywhere from 14% to 25%, and possibly even more, depending upon usage.

Join the Facility Manager Association of New Mexico at 7 am on Wednesday morning, February 19th, 2014 at Garduno’s Uptown Restaurant to hear this important information. Cost for members is $30.00 and non-members pay $35.00. First-time facility managers are ALWAYS free but you must RSVP to carolee@fmanm.com (preferred) to be included, or by calling 505-975-6753.

FMANM Endows CNM

Central New Mexico Community College was awarded a donation for their scholarship fund at the February meeting. Anna Sanchez with the CNM Foundation and student Chyne Foster accepted the check from the Board of Directors of the Facility Manager Association of New Mexico. The organization has fully endowed scholarships at CNM and the University of New Mexico for students studying to be the technical tradesmen who are the facility managers and engineers of the future.
Executive Director - Carolee Griffin

July and October may seem like a long way off but in the event planning world, they are right around the corner. Years of experience have taught us (as an organization) that detailed advance planning is the key to making things look easy, run smoothly, and achieve the desired outcome. I am asking you now to consider becoming involved in the two big fundraising efforts from which the money for the scholarships at the University of New Mexico and Central New Mexico Community College come.

In April, I will ask for folks to sign up to participate in the now famous Facility Manager Association of New Mexico’s “Golf Gang”. These folks are where “the rubber meets the road” as far as getting participants on the radar for the event, held again this year on July 25th at our partner Isleta Eagle Championship Golf Course. Last year 150+ golfers showed up and I hope to break the record again this year. If you are a supplier and you want exposure to facility managers, you need to purchase a hole or a sponsorship at this fun event. Put it in your budget NOW!

In August, I kick off the planning for the Facility and Building Operations and Maintenance Show. FAB O&M was over the top in 2013 at the beautiful Sandia Resort and Casino with 60 booths and 300 facility folks wandering the aisles looking for information. This year we plan to up the ante and have even more reasons for the facility folks to stick around and get involved. Here too, plan ahead to be there on Friday October 24th for this storied event.

Give me some hope! Let me know you plan to get involved and maximize your membership in this awesome organization which has given over $70,000.00 to our charities.

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

Upcoming Events Calendar 2014

Wednesday, February 19th
7:15 am, Garduno’s Uptown
Got Gas? Natural Gas Purchasing Strategies

Wednesday, March 19th
7:15 am, Garduno’s Uptown
Need CEUs? We Can Help

Wednesday, April 16th
7:15 am, Garduno’s Uptown
Pest Management: The New Frontier

Special thanks to our Corporate Members in bold
Choose to Be Happy!
(And...... You Will Be Successful)

Jose Maresma MS, NESTA PFT is an Exercise Physiologist with Nuvita and Director of Wellness Programs. As a Certified Stress Management Coach and Certified Mind Body Coach, he was highly credentialed to address the Facility Manager Association of New Mexico members and guests at their January meeting on life balance and wellness. This is a summary of his presentation to the organization:

On life satisfaction:
- In 2010 only 45% of workers surveyed report being satisfied at with their work, the lowest in 22 years.
- Mean onset of depression in 1960: 29.5 years old. Mean onset of depression in 2012: 14.5 years old.
- 80% population reports being stressed.
- 33% of population report anxiety disorder annually.
- USA ranks 17th happiest country

On obesity:
- 70% of Americans are overweight or obese
- 33% of children/adolescents are overweight
- 10% of Americans have Type II Diabetes
- 40% are pre-diabetic
- Heart disease is still number one cause of death in America
- Life style choice is set to be number one cause of cancer (specifically weight and sedentary lifestyle)
- Fastest growing population with heart disease is in their 20's
- Only 54% of American are considered "healthy"
- 21% of Americans meet the basic daily recommendation for physical activity
- Children born since 2000 have a shorter life expectancy than their parents
- Fast food industry spends over 10 billion a year on advertising, revenue is over $172 billion
- Food industry revenue is over $550 billion
- Soft drink industry is over $68 billion
- US fitness industry is around $23 billion

On physical activity:
Exercise is for more than your waist size:
- Duke University - 30 minutes of physical activity best antidepressant
- UC Davis – Exercise grows the brain
- University Chicago – Speed of brain cells firing increases after exercise
- Exercise improves insulin and leptin sensitivity—most important
- Mayo Clinic- Daily physical activity is the best thing you can do to prevent Alzheimer's disease, “The doctor of the future will give no medication, but will interest his patients in the care of the human frame, diet and in the cause and prevention of disease.”

On success and happiness paradox:
If I work harder, I’ll be more successful. If I’m successful, I will be happier. If happiness is always on the other side of success, we never get there and have pushed happiness past our cognitive horizon. Science is telling us that this is all wrong. It is time to make a change!

Finally, choose to be happy:
You can rewire your brain and improve your outlook. Take advantage of the “Happiness Advantage”. Raise your level of positivity. Intelligence improves, creativity improves, productivity improves, and energy improves. You can find balance in YOUR life.
Wellness Programs cont’d
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Got Gas?
Wednesday, February 19th

Make reservations now to join the Facility Manager Association of New Mexico to hear important information on how to develop new strategies for purchasing natural gas. You must rsvp by 5 pm on Monday, February 17th, to be included. Please rsvp to carolee@fmanm.com (preferred) or by calling 505-975-6753.

When: Wednesday, February 19th, 2014, at 7:15 a.m.
(Arrive early for coffee and connections)

Where: Garduno’s Uptown
2100 Louisiana Boulevard NE
Albuquerque, NM (505) 880-0055

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

Join us for a Southwestern style breakfast buffet!