

## Change in the air

By Melissa Schumacher,  
Communications Chair

They say the only thing consistent is change, and it seems that is more true these days than ever before. You'll be noticing some changes at IFMA too.

We have some new board members, who are very dedicated to making this a strong chapter that you can use as a resource.

### Communications

We're also changing the way we communicate. The website is up and fully functioning, that includes credit card payment for our monthly meetings.

And finally we have changed the look and feel of our newsletter. We are going to a hybrid of text and on-line links. We hope that this shorter version helps you find the information that you are looking for quickly, while still giving you full details on our website.

You can't go through all these changes without some growing pains, so please give us your feedback, let us know what is working for you, what programs you'd like to see, and how we can keep improving.

Happy October!



## Programs: State of the Chapter Review & a Miron Tour

The IFMA Northeast WI chapter hit the ground running with our September program at the Mustard Seed Café. President, Lydia Bessert, reviewed the annual [State of the Chapter](#) facts.

Melissa Schumacher talked about the new website revamped for up-to-the-day information regarding local facility events and information.



Lydia and Dominic presenting at the Mustard Seed Café.

The meeting finished with guest speaker, Dominic Langteau, from Brintech, discussing how to be ahead of the curve in challenging times.

### [\(Dominic's Presentation\).](#)

He also offered a Cost Segregation Tool for review and discussion.

### [\(Cost Segregation Info\).](#)

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Our [October Program will be at Miron Construction](#) Miron recently added 46,000 SF onto the existing 65,000 SF building. This includes additional office space, conference rooms, and expands the health and fitness center.

The existing structure will be completely renovated. Miron has incorporated numerous "green" initiatives into its corporate culture. This new and renovated space reflects those values. The new interior space serves as an educational tool and 'showroom' for sustainable materials and practices. The new expansion is built to LEED standards, and the existing structure renovation also incorporates sustainable elements.

Features include outdoor sunshades on the glass walls, substantial daylighting, and a focus on energy efficiency which includes a geothermal heating/cooling system. Building Information Modeling (BIM) was also used.

Miron is Seeking LEED Certification Silver.



## Member Focus on Lois Peterson

### Brief History of Work Experience:

I worked with InterPlan, a Herman Miller dealership, from April 1993 through January 1999, as an interior designer of office and healthcare environments. I then made a career change and became a sales rep in northern Wisconsin and upper Michigan for D.L. Couch, a distributor of commercial wallcoverings and healthcare and hospitality textiles. I have been a member of the Northeast Wisconsin IFMA chapter since April 2000 and served as the Communications Chair from 2002 -2009.

### Family/Home Life:

I have been married 20 years to my husband, Darin, who works in technical sales within the paper industry. Darin and I have several children of the fur-bearing kind. We currently have 2 three-legged cats and one "normal" foster kitty; our past "kids" have ranged from other "normal" cats to a three-legged dog. The great thing about these "kids" is that they don't need to borrow the car, they'll never need to attend college, and they're not more interested in their friends than us. How easy is that?!

### Hobbies/Interests:

Gardening, reading, nothing terribly

exciting (I don't skydive or rock climb). I guess I'm secretly a Suzy Homemaker since I like to cook, knit and make candles. If things ever go pre-electric again I could clothe myself, feed myself, and produce light. For other recreation I do a little computer gaming; typically role-playing games (believe it or not, I used to play Dungeons & Dragons back in the day).

### Most Interesting Facility-Related Problem or Solution:

Not being a facility manager, I really don't have any unusual or unique facility stories. I did help one of my wallcovering contractor's clients, Plexus, select new interior finishes for one of their buildings recently. We were able to find wallcoverings for their project that were recycled-content, and I was able to have all of their old wallcovering sent in to the manufacturer to be recycled back into new wallcovering, eliminating having to landfill that portion of the construction waste.

### Any Unusual Happenings on the Job?

I once fainted in front of a client.

### The thing you appreciate most about IFMA?

I appreciate the people and the camaraderie. IFMA is really a great way to get to know facility managers and people in related fields even better. Also, I now have a greater understanding of and respect for the world of a facility manager.

### Your Idea of a Dream Vacation:

Probably four weeks meandering through the South Pacific—New Zealand, Tahiti, Fiji—moving around from place to place...seeing, doing, or *not* doing.

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## Member Anniversaries: October

Jeffrey Lau 10/27/1987  
Robert Rocque 10/12/2001  
Lewis Pullen 10/5/2006



**Program Schedule**  
**(Dates subject to change)**

- 10/20: Miron Construction**
- 11/17: Plum Hill Café & Kaukauna Utilities Tour**
- 12/15: Holiday Party at Tom, Dick & Harry's**
- 1/19: January Program**
- 2/16: St. Norbert College**
- 3/16: March Program**
- 4/20: April Program**
- May: Tri-Chapter**
- 6/15: Golf Outing**
- July/August: Possible Networking Event**

**Mission Statement**

The Northeast Wisconsin IFMA Chapter is an Association of Facility Management Professionals with the common goal of advancing their profession and promoting individual career development through education, networking and information-sharing.

**Upcoming Events (click on the link for more details)**

[Building Systems: Retro-commissioning](#)

Oct 7, 2009  
Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton

Benefits of Attending:

- Learn the step-by-step retro-commissioning process
- Gain insight from case study and "real life" retro-commissioning scenarios
- Understand the cost and benefits of retro-commissioning
- Become familiar with retro-commissioning and its connection to LEED for Existing Buildings
- Get the tools you need to get started on a retro-commissioning project

[Therapeutic Healing Color Strategies and their Implementation in the Healthcare Environment](#)

Oct 14, 2010  
Northwest Technical College in Green Bay

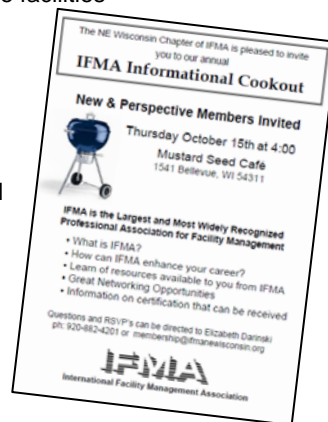
At the completion of this program the participants will have a clear understanding of the following:

- Color and the impact that it can have upon individuals.
- The added healing benefits of using color in healthcare spaces.
- Specific applications in healthcare where color can be effectively used.
- Specific implementation details to use color for helping to create better recuperative environments in healthcare facilities

[IFMA Informational Cookout](#)

Oct 15, 2009  
Mustard Seed Café, Bellevue

Great event for new and perspective members. Find out more about IFMA, and how it can enhance your career. Invite a Facilities Friend today!



[IFMA's Sustainable FM Course offered by NIU](#)

Oct 27, 2010

Sustainability in the workplace is no longer an option - it is becoming a mandatory practice for facility managers. This course is designed to assist facility management professionals with planning and implementation of a sustainability program.

Participants will:

- Learn how to assess your organization's interest and capacity to implement sustainability initiatives
- Prepare a compelling business case for justifying a sustainability program
- Understand the methodologies for designing, implementing and operating sustainable sites and facilities
- Learn how to lead efforts that complement your organization's specific sustainability objectives.



**More Events**  
**October Program -**  
**Tour of Miron Construction**

Oct 20, 2010  
 1471 McMahon Drive, Neenah WI

The project was delivered using a team-based delivery method, is projected to qualify as a LEED silver project and involved many site constraints, and design challenges.

The 45 minute tour begins at 11:30 from the front entrance. Lunch (sponsored by Miron) and a sustainable design presentation will be held after the tour.

Meet at the main entrance to Miron Construction -. Parking will be available in the visitor's parking lot adjacent to the building.

Admission:  
 \$15.00 Members  
 \$25.00 Non-Members

**To Register:**

Go to [www.ifmanewisconsin.org](http://www.ifmanewisconsin.org), click on the **October Program** in Events.  
 Deadline to register is 10/14.

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**Know of an event or have information that our membership would appreciate?**

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**Stay in Touch!**

**Any changes in your contact information?**

**If you need to make a change, please contact Elizabeth Darinski at [membership@ifmanewisconsin.org](mailto:membership@ifmanewisconsin.org)**



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