



# IFMA<sup>TM</sup> Chesapeake Chapter

International Facility Management Association

April 2021 Newsletter

## Chapter Annual Sponsors

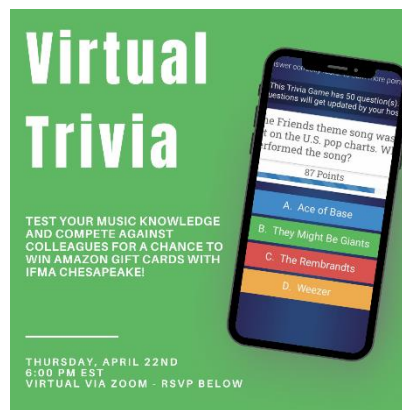
### Platinum Sponsor



### Gold Sponsors



## Social - Music Trivia Virtual Event



**Date:** Thursday, April 22, 2021

**Time:** 5:45PM – 7:30PM

Bring a beverage of your choice, converse with colleagues and compete on your own.

### Event Schedule:

5:45 PM – 6:00 PM Social Time

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Music Trivia

7:00 PM – 7:30 PM Networking

### Prizes to Include:

First Place - \$75 Amazon Gift Card

Second Place - \$50 Amazon Gift Card

Third Place - \$25 Amazon Gift Card

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<https://ifmachesapeake.org/meetinginfo.php?id=58&ts=1616679048>

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## Annual Chapter Awards Gathering



Join your colleagues - *in person* - to network and recognize the contributions and successes of Chapter members during the past extraordinary year!

**Date:** Thursday, June 24, 2021

**Time:** 5:00PM – 8:00PM

**Location:** Valley Mansion, Cockeysville, MD 21093

### Spouses and Guests Welcome

All Attendees \$50

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### Agenda:

5:00 PM - 6:15 PM    Networking and Served Buffet Dinner

6:15 PM - 7:00 PM    Presentations and Reflections

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM    Social Time to Reconnect with Colleagues

COVID 19 Guidelines will be in place. Read the guidelines [here](#).

Click [here](#) to register.



## Member in the Spotlight



**Jason Ludd, MBA, CAMT, LBBP**

**Deputy Chief of Facilities at Baltimore City, Department of General Services**

**We are pleased to feature chapter member Jason Ludd as our Chapter Member in the Spotlight and invite you to read about his journey in FM.**

- \* **How would you describe your job?** Working in the public sector has its challenges, but like any job the key is to learn from them and develop productive methods to overcome those obstacles. I would describe my job as innovative, because in city government there's opportunity to improve and create a new transparent process, and benchmarks that effectively maintain aging infrastructure. Within those opportunities I'm able to provide structure to my division and assist public facing agencies to accomplish their goals.
- \* **How did you get started in facilities management?** Honestly, I'm a product of the Woodstock Job Corp Stationary Engineering Program. In 2001, I graduated from the program and learned basic maintenance skills such as plumbing, HVAC, electrical and carpentry. From that point on I spent most of my career in the property management industry working as a maintenance technician and working my way up to supervising a 1200-unit multi-family complex. Over the past five years, I've obtained my B.A and MBA while transitioning into the commercial facilities management industry.
- \* **What is one of your favorite parts of the job?** Sharing my knowledge and experience with others who are looking to grow and develop their careers.
- \* **What is one of your least favorite parts of the job?** Attending unproductive meetings!
- \* **Explain a benefit you've appreciated as an IFMA member?** All of the Covid-19 related resources have been beneficial - a few of my favorites have been the webinars highlighting reopening plans, cleaning procedures, and the procurement series. The all-member forum is also resourceful and is my "go to" for insight on trending topics in the industry. Also, I'm excited to announce that I've recently enrolled in IFMA's FMP on-line class and I look forward to absorbing all this course has to offer!

- \* **Is there any advice you could provide a young FM?** Or what do you wish you knew when you first started? Create short term and long-term goals for your career and be patient!
- \* **Discuss a best practice that makes your job easier.** One practice would be my ability to be candid with my employees and developing a great working relationship with others. With candor I'm able to be transparent and deliver a winning culture at work.
- \* **What question would you like us to ask the next FM that we interview?** I would ask "What do you consider to be your biggest professional achievement and why"?
- \* **How can we do a better job of recruiting young professionals to the FM field?** Engage interested candidates by developing relationships at local high schools, colleges and trade schools.
- \* **What do you do, or try to do, in order to have a healthy balance between work and your home life?** When weather permits, I try to go to the golf range for some time to myself. If it's too cold or rain is in the forecast, I enjoy cooking after a long day of work. Since this pandemic has started my entire family has been remote working and virtual learning. With that being said, every day we try to have lunch together and make time for outdoor activities such as walking, exercising and even building a snowman....lol.

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## IFMA CHESAPEAKE Members Volunteer at Happy Helpers for the Homeless



Several chapter members spent the afternoon of Saturday, March 20 wrapping presents with Happy Helpers for the Homeless in preparation for the charity's 28th Annual Birthday Party for the Homeless. The outdoor event is always a festive occasion, providing an opportunity to celebrate, even if some of the attendees don't know when their real birthday is. IFMA has supported Happy Helpers during the past three Christmas seasons, and we look forward to returning for other events.

When you shop through [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com), you may designate Happy Helpers for the Homeless as the charity to benefit from your purchases, and the money will benefit local homeless families.

Click here to volunteer or donate: <http://www.happyhelpersforthehomeless.com/>

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## **IFMA CHESAPEAKE IS NOW ON FACEBOOK!**



**IFMA Chesapeake is on Facebook!**

**As we kick it off, be one of the first 25 people to "like" our page and be entered into the drawing for a \$25 gift card to a location of your choice!**

**The IFMA Chesapeake Facebook page will be sharing events, industry news, tips & tricks, and more.**

**We look forward to connecting with you!**

**<https://www.facebook.com/IFMA-Chesapeake-177063813857264/>**

# Chapter Member Jim Loesch Will Be a Speaker at What's Next FM – The Evolution of Work from the FM Perspective

Join our esteemed panel of speakers, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 – 1:30 as they explore the impact of the current climate on the workplace. Read full bios of speaker and secure your spot: <https://lnkd.in/eJgpDtG>

The graphic features a laptop on the left with the following text on its screen: "WAHT'S NEXT FM" (with "WAHT'S" in green and "NEXT FM" in black and red), and "THE EVOLUTION OF WORK FROM THE FM PERSPECTIVE." in blue. To the right of the laptop is a vertical red line. To the right of the red line is the text "EVENT SPEAKERS" in bold black. Below this text are five circular headshots of speakers, each with their name and company logo below it: Lori Rowlandson (BGIS, IFMA), Gavin Perkins (JLL), James E. Loesch, CFM (3M), Tracy Brown, PhD, MHA, BCSP (Steelcase), and Mike Petrusky (office).

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It is not news that workspaces today are being designed to optimize the interactions of humans and mobile technologies, but are you aware of the thinking behind them? Given the events of 2020, many business leaders now recognize that if they are going to enable collaboration that drives faster innovation, they need knowledge that can stimulate new workflows. Forward-looking businesses recognize that their properties have become absolutely strategic in this regard, in essence, they've become a vehicle through which employees pursue the organization's higher goals.

# IFMA FOUNDATION CHARITY EVENT

**Wine Tasting, Raffle, Trivia, and more!**



## **Join the IFMA Foundation at IFMA Facility Fusion for a celebration of Facility Management!**

Enjoy a tasting of delectable wines by the producers themselves; take part in a spirit discussion, a virtual auction and more! To join, simply purchase a ticket and log on.

Unable to attend the event? You can still participate in our virtual auction by clicking on the "Virtual Auction" button. This portion of the event will be open from April 8 to April 22.

*Alcohol will be sold separately. Details on how to purchase alcohol will be sent with your registration receipt. If you do not wish to purchase your alcohol from us, you can bring your own using our recommendation list.*

Join us for a fun interactive virtual event that promises a virtual good time while supporting the vision of the IFMA Foundation.

To live in a world where FM is a career of choice inspiring and shaping the built environment.

[Register](#)

[Virtual Auction](#)

## SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL CHAPTER GOLF OUTING



Grab your calendar now and *save the date* for a fun day on the links at our annual golf outing on Tuesday, October 12. The outing always sells out, so get your foursome together and plan to join us at Mountain Branch in Joppa, MD for great golf, fabulous food and networking!

Non-golfers may purchase a ticket to attend the social hour/dinner. A spa option is also available.

Registration and sponsorships will open on the website in June. For information, contact: René Carter at [rcarter@urinow.com](mailto:rcarter@urinow.com); 443-610-2200



### **2021 IFMA Foundation Scholarship Applications Available Online**

**Deadline for submission: April 30, 2021**

Student Scholarships are available for individuals seeking a Facility Management (FM) degree or a degree in the built environment. Any student seeking a career in FM or related field are encouraged to apply.

Through the generosity of IFMA Fellow Eric Teicholz, the IFMA Foundation is offering scholarship opportunities to individuals interested in earning their Sustainability Facility Professional® (SFP) in 2021.

Click here to learn more about Foundation scholarships. <https://foundation.ifma.org/students-academics/scholarships/> The IFMA Foundation appreciates the support of the IFMA Chapters, Councils, Communities and companies supporting the profession for their sponsorship towards scholarships. If interested in impacting the life of a future FM leader, contact program support specialist, Christina Gonzales, at [christina.gonzales@ifma.org](mailto:christina.gonzales@ifma.org) to learn how to become a sponsor.

## FM RESOURCE DIRECTORY



IFMA Chesapeake can help you find top notch, reliable vendors for services needed at your facility, such as mechanical services, emergency services, fire protection, janitorial, and so much more! Click here to access the on-line Resource Directory. [IFMA - Chesapeake Business Directory](#)

**Please consider our associate members when you need an excellent service provider at your facility.** Count on our annual chapter sponsors to provide you with the best service and pricing!



### About IFMA's Facility Fusion

As the FM leadership event of the year, IFMA's Facility Fusion Conference and Expo is an opportunity for facility professionals at every career level to focus on personal leadership skills and career development.

Geared toward the unique needs and challenges in managing specific types of facilities, projects and teams, it fuses global, local, industry-specific and individual FM focus areas into one highly charged learning and networking event.

In the expanding field of facility management, it's imperative for FM professionals to have the tools necessary to excel. Facility Fusion is hosted by IFMA, the most widely recognized and well-connected international association for FM professionals. IFMA gets what you do, and Facility Fusion gives you the tools to do it.

# Why Attend?

Facility Fusion is all about focus — on your needs as a facility manager, on your concerns in supporting specific facility types, on your career advancement and on building your professional network. What you learn and who you meet benefit both you and your employer.

- Pivoting to a virtual platform opens up the opportunity to connect with others on a global scale and participate live from anywhere in the world
- You'll gain best practices for improving operational efficiency, as well as field-tested strategies for increasing employee productivity through a better work environment.
- You'll stay up to date on industry trends and standards, helping you ensure that your organization is current, compliant and competitive.
- You can tailor a learning agenda applicable to your job responsibilities and existing facility issues.
- The virtual expo saves you hours of independent research on products, services, and suppliers. Fusion exhibitors not only introduce you to their solutions but educate you on how to make those solutions work for you.
- Connecting with fellow practitioners, topic experts, and reputable solution providers allows you to compare processes, share ideas and return to work with solid recommendations for improving the workplace.
- Employers who support their FM team's continuing education ensure that their facility is being managed by informed and prepared professionals.
- With Full Event registration, you'll gain a wealth of relevant, reliable information in one place, for an affordable price, from the convenience of your home.

Click here for more information: <https://facilityfusion.ifma.org/>

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## [Discover Chesapeake Chapter's LinkedIn Group](#)



LinkedIn is a great way to connect with your colleagues in the FM industry and stay informed on current events and industry news. You may also share *your* knowledge or start a group discussion about a topic of interest to you.

Visit [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com) to create an account. Search for IFMA CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER and follow the prompt to request to join.

**Note:** *This group is only open to Chesapeake Chapter members.*

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Looking for a great candidate to fill an open position at your facility? Send your job postings to René Carter [rcarter@urinow.com](mailto:rcarter@urinow.com) and we will post them here, and on the website.

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## Upcoming Events

**Educate | Engage | Encourage**

The latest news in the FM world and the Chapter's upcoming events are at your fingertips!

Click [here](#) to view calendar of events and register.