

Holiday Party Economic Forecast Meeting

IFMA's Spirit Is Contagious! Gift Collection and Holiday Party a Success

On Wednesday, December 9th, over 60 people braved the wet and rainy weather to participate in the Charlotte Chapter of IFMA's Holiday Party and gift collection to benefit The Urban Restoration. Petra's Piano Bar and Cabaret, in Plaza Midwood, was the location for this year's party. Holiday casual was the theme for the evening. Local talent entertained the crowd by singing and playing holiday tunes on the grand piano in the main bar and the back room was the place to shoot pool with pool tables and a bowl of quarters providing entertainment to all the pool sharks trying to redeem themselves after the IFMA Olympics in the fall. A tasty spread was provided by the Chef Herb Productions that left no one hungry! The carving stations, dips and desserts were the perfect complement to the adult beverages being served up by the bartenders, Christopher and Connie.

Thanks to the generous support of our members and guests, over 100 gifts were collected for underprivileged children living in the inner city of Charlotte. Everyone knows half the fun of receiving a gift is unwrapping it so a special "thanks" goes out to our wrapping divas, Gail Holroyd and Sarah Clark, who set up a wrapping station at the bar and wrapped all the gifts that came in unwrapped. The kids will be grateful! A big "thanks" also to the one and only Petra, who went out and bought a gift to donate to the cause when she found out we were collecting gifts for underprivileged children. IFMA's spirit is contagious!

The evening culminated with a presentation by Sarah Clark, IFMA's Community Service Chair, revealing "The Park", a new and improved playground for the children at TUR, that IFMA will be building this spring. The Park is the Charlotte chapter of IFMA's largest project ever for TUR. Presentations were also made by Chris Berry, with Lee Morgan, Inc. who is the acting Project Manager and Jennifer Orman with Lake Architectural, the architect of record for our project. IFMA's contagious spirit has rubbed off on these two great companies who are both donating their time and services, at no cost, to make this project a reality. Offering their services at no cost enables IFMA to do more for the children at The Urban Restoration. A BIG thanks to AirTight Mechanical, Lee Morgan, Inc. and Lake Architectural. You can learn more about our project at our January meeting to be held at The Urban Restoration.

With our last thank you can see, the IFMA spirit really is contagious. At the end of the evening, AirTight Mechanical decided to pick up the IFMA bar tab and piano tab. AirTight's generosity will enable us to use those funds for another worthy event. Thank you to Greg Crumpton and AirTight!

Welcome New Members!

Thomas Chipman
Schneider Tree Care

Mark Collins
Business Interiors, Inc.

Steve P. Helms
Real Estate Services Team

Thomas Humrickhouse
Rodgers Builders Inc.

Scott Lang
Acoustical Interiors Inc.

Daniel Marshall
Karachaganak Petroleum
Operating

Jason Studer
Graebel Van Lines

Robert White
SBM Site Services

Upcoming Events

January 15, 2009

February 12, 2009

March 12, 2009

April 9, 2009

May 14, 2009
May Golf Tournament

June 11, 2009



Economic Forecast Meeting

Louis Stephens' title is Managing Director for Jones Lang LaSalle and he will speak on his view of the Economic Forecast for 2009 and on how IFMA members can reduce costs given today's business climate.

Date: January 15, 2009

Where: The Urban Restoration
2128 Remount Rd

Time: 11:30a.m. – 1:00p.m.

Cost: \$20 IFMA Members/\$25 non-members and guests
You can use PayPal and pay online!** (details below)

RSVP (if you are not paying online): ifma@earthlink.net by 1/12/09.

Members need to have a login ID to access the \$20 member payment option. Please email me, Pamela Bernstein, for your login: ifma@earthlink.net. Non-members may also pay online; simply skip the login process and pay the \$25 default cost.

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