



## CHAPTER AND NATIONAL NEWS

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**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Chapter Membership Drive: Bring a facility management professional as your guest and receive lunch vouchers for you and for the guest if they join our chapter by March 31, 2009! No limit, but the guest must be a professional facility manager or facility engineer, property manager, building owner, etc.**

### Chapter Meeting Recap:

Great fun was had at our December meeting and Holiday Social! The Crowne Plaza provided us with holiday yummys, there were door prizes for all, and each table discussed and shared ideas for our chapter for the coming year.

Thank you to all those who provided gifts for our meeting:

Jay Hamilton - The Furman Company  
Jeff Salaita - Hilldrup United Van Lines  
Sharon Hon - Top Level Management Services  
Karla Kelly - Complete Commercial Solutions  
Brandi Sims - ThyssenKrupp Elevators  
Brian Farmer - Commercial Flooring Solutions

And a very special thanks for the incredible poinsettias:  
Jennifer Plourde - A Oak Farms

FOOD DRIVE - we collected 40+ non-perishable items for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry in Greenville - thank you for remembering those in need!

SURVEY Results: Recently we sent a chapter survey to our membership, and the results were encouraging - most agreed that our topics, meeting location, networking opportunities and time were right to serve your needs. Many are interested in a golf outing or two - watch your email box for details, fore!

Look for these meetings in 2009: Insurance and the Facility Manager, Asphalt, Fire Alarm Systems, Upstate Air Quality, OSHA Compliance, Building Codes and more!  
Chapter Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month - Mark your calendar! Next meeting February 12, 2009.

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