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I am proud and honored to host the IFMA member outing here at Google in Irvine! I am also excited to be a new IFMA OC Chapter, member this year! The IFMA is a fantastic organization for education, networking and for facilities professionals to share experiences. I look forward to meeting more members through outings like this.

Here is a little about me -

Born and raised in Orange County, specifically in the mean streets of Huntington Beach, California. Because of that, I grew up a surfer from the age of 10 years old. My father was a general contractor that primarily did commercial/industrial tenant improvements and even took many projects back east in Texas, Utah and various other states. Once I was in high school, I began to work in the family business, I always gravitated to the electrical work. So, I began working on the electrical crew at 16 years old (in my summer breaks from school) and as my skills and education advanced, I began taking jobs for various other local electrical contractors here in Southern California. Quiksilver & Roxy surfwear was a client of one of my former employers in the early 90's, and I ran projects for their various relocations, installations and performed a multitude of different service work.

Eventually, Quiksilver Inc. asked me to come inside and become their first official "Facility Manager", which meant pretty much that you did everything no one else wanted to do. I was Office Manager, Security Manager, Project Manager and FM. The company had about 200 employees (HUGE to me!) at that time and I was the solo Facilities Department. As the company grew, I grew with it. For over 20 years, I tried to educate myself by learning from other service providers by developing good relationships with them (like other FM's, commercial real estate agents, property managers, landlords, office managers and security professionals). Over 20 years later, I was still there as Director of Facilities and Security for the Americas Region, with over 2,000 employees on the campus and over a million square feet of office and distribution center I was managing and even coordinating real estate transactions. It was a great ride but felt like I wasn't "growing" anymore as the company and industry had stalled and went in reverse.

Then, came [Google](#)....

Google recruited me in late 2015 and has been a completely different and wonderful experience! I continue to learn everyday, from many different facilities and real estate professionals both in-house and vendor partners. Working in such a diverse and inclusive environment has been teaching me to look through a different set of eyes when it comes to the workplace and services we provide. Our REWS (Real Estate and Workplace Services) mission is: "Deliver services and spaces that enable Google to thrive" and we do everything we can to do that. It's great to work with a younger and diverse group of talented FM's across the globe and get different perspectives and insights. I look forward to continue growing and absorb information from others wherever I am, until the day I retire.

Then, I will just learn from golf instructors and grandkids.
Cheers!