

Time to Celebrate!

IREM AT 75—SHINING LIKE DIAMONDS

It is with great pride that *JPM* presents this special double issue to commemorate the Institute's 75th anniversary. I know many of you have been celebrating this special year locally through chapter events—helping communities and businesses around the globe recognize the Institute's significant contributions to the real estate management industry. I hope you will be able to participate in our fall meetings in Chicago as together we take our celebrations to the next level.

As I reflect upon the reality that IREM has been in existence for 75 years and the impact our individual members and organization have had in shaping our industry, I feel a great sense of pride. We uphold the principles today upon which we were founded in 1933, and the word has spread globally that IREM is the gold standard in real estate management. I am honored to have the privilege of serving as IREM President during this anniversary year.

To prepare for this special issue, members of the *JPM* Advisory Board, my fellow officers and our staff partners at IREM headquarters, brainstormed the best way to honor the Institute's history and success. In addition to the obvious physical differences in the cover, paper and length of this issue, the content is also different. Our regular features and columns will appear again in the November/December issue.

However, this issue is "all IREM, all the time." Highlights include coverage of the core areas of the Institute that have been cornerstones throughout its 75 years—ethics, education, legislative advocacy, membership (both domestically and outside of the United States), collaboration with our chapter network, and of course, the leaders who have dedicated themselves to serving our members' needs while creating a vision of the Institute's future.

It's not all serious business with this issue, though! The pullout timeline compares snapshots of IREM history that have paralleled U.S. and world economies and events. *JPM* staff crafted a list of the top 75 things to do while in Chicago—whether you make the meeting this fall or not, it'll be a handy guide for the future!

Finally, we couldn't celebrate the Institute's legacy without speaking with our legacy families. *JPM* interviewed six IREM families with at least two generations of CPMs. Their stories are unique, and I'm sure you'll be touched by each one.

As we our fall celebration, I hope each of you will reflect on what IREM means to you. Know there is a need and a place for all of us to contribute to our industry and to the Institute. Let's keep IREM strong for another 75 years!



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—2008 President