



User Group Newsletter

March/April 2008

Meeting Reminder **MUGWNY User Group Meeting** **Thursday, April 24, 2008**

Program

Tony Rome's A Place For Ribs
1537 Union Rd
West Seneca, NY 14224-2017
(716) 675-4351

(easy access from the Union Rd, Route 400 - Interstate 90 Thruway junction)

Featuring

*****Open bar from 5:30 to 7:30, to include:**
- Well drinks , Draft beer , House wine -

We will again be offering Prime Rib, as well as the chicken, selection.
NOTE: It will, once more, be necessary for you to make your selection
online by April 23rd

You will need to choose 1 meat item below:

- Queen cut Prime Rib
- Broiled Chicken Breast

Included with the selection will be Baked Potato, Chef Salad, dinner rolls, Coffee, & Tea.

Cost

\$20.00 - Members
\$30.00-Non-Members

5:30 PM Cocktails and Registration
6:00 PM Dinner
7:00PM Open Forum/Roundtable Discussions
Topic System I & networking

***** **IMPORTANT REMINDER!!!** *****

Please register for this meeting ASAP at www.mugwny.org,
Online registration will extend until 2:00 April 23 for your
added convenience.

If you register, please be sure to attend since we are charged for the dinners we order
based on your reservations!

Of Special Interest in this Month's Issue:

- April 2008 Meeting
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by Ted Korkuc
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President's Corner

by Leigh Sworts

April 2008

So is it Spring yet?

Our MUG season is winding down. We only have two meetings left before our year-end party. This year is just flying by... It seems like just yesterday that we had our March meeting with IBM's Steve Fier. We all learned a lot about what is new with the iSeries release 6.1

"We will have our April meeting, as planned, on Thursday, 4/24/2008"

So now we have another meeting scheduled for April 24th at Tony Romes in West Seneca. Guess what? We are trying something a bit new for us. We are having an open forum where we won't have an actual speaker, but will open the floor for iSeries discussions and questions. Basically we will be tapping the resources of the group to share information and to network. Yes, that's right no speaker. This is our back-up plan in action. Plans fell through for getting a speaker in April. But rather than going without a meeting, we decided an open forum would be a positive alternative. Please go to our web page and register, you should see a special incentive to "wet your whistle."

But don't stop reading...

Now don't worry about the rest of our calendar, that's my job. We only have May to cover before our end-of-year party in June.

I will let you know...

Now for other MUG business:

Our board elections are coming up, and we will take final nominations at our April 24th meeting. Please note: We are on a two year cycle with our board. So if anyone is interested in a position on the board, please see me or any other board member to volunteer to be put on the ballot. I have personally enjoyed serving as the MUG president for the past two – two year terms. We don't have term limits because it is difficult to find members who will commit their time. I would be happy to step aside and pass the torch to a new MUG president. We have a great organization. If you can support it, our members will be glad to support you.

Give it some thought!!!

**DON'T FORGET THURSDAY April 24, 2008 FOR OUR ROUNDTABLE
OPEN DISCUSSION FORUM & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY
AT TONY ROME'S RESTAURANT**

January 31 MUG Financial Data BY Ted Korkuc

September 1, 2007 Beginning Balance \$1,863.73

Income:		Date	
Membership Dues	Dep.	09/10/2007	\$340.00
Dinner Meeting - Chef's	Dep.	09/14/2007	\$1,030.00
Membership Dues	Dep.	09/28/2007	\$255.00
Membership Dues	Dep.	10/09/2007	\$210.00
Membership Dues	Dep.	10/19/2007	\$295.00
Dinner Meeting - Tony Rome's	Dep.	10/19/2007	\$920.00
Membership Dues	Dep.	12/11/2007	\$85.00
Holiday get together - Ying's	Dep.	01/04/2007	\$370.00
Total Income			\$3,505.00

Expenses:	Check #	Date	
Dinner meeting - Chef's	1065	09/13/2007	\$550.22
Dinner meeting - Tony Rome's	1066	10/19/2007	\$515.80
Deposit & Exp. - Ying's - 12/07	1067	11/14/2007	\$63.40
Holiday get together - Ying's	1068	12/13/2007	\$671.00
Deposit - Chef's - 03/08 Mtg	1069	01/27/2008	\$100.00
Deposit - Tony Rome's - 02/08 Mtg	1070	01/30/2008	\$50.00
Total Expenses			\$1,950.42

January 31, 2008 Ending Balance \$3,418.31

**MUG
MEMBERSHIP
UPDATE
JANUARY 2008**

by Steve Kait

Happy New Year to everyone!!! I hope you each had a safe and enjoyable holiday season with your friends and families.

MUG welcomes Independent Health Association of Williamsville back to membership.

Additionally, MUG thanks the following companies for their continued support of our association: BCB International, Inc. of Buffalo, Carriage House Cos. Inc. of Fredonia, City of Niagara Falls, Corning Data Services of Corning NY, Genesee County of Batavia, Home Market Foods, Lapp Insulators LLC of LeRoy, Luvata Buffalo Inc. of Buffalo, Merchants Insurance Group of Buffalo, SDC Information Services of Williamsville, and Seneca-Niagara Falls Gaming Corp.

With February almost here, we'll have a full-slate of meetings on the table over the next several months to enlighten you to the new things in the world of IBM and our friend at work, the System i.

Match Game will resume; here's a peek at the standings: [MUG Matchgame Standings 2007-08](#)

A message from your Webmaster

Members, Non members and Business Associates:

A message from your Webmaster

Shortly you will see some changes to our website. We will be adding a drop down menu for company names to keep company names consistent and for easier registration.

We have also signed up a new sponsored link last month, "**Gemko Information Group**". Be sure to check it out. You should see the new link when you log in and register.

We are still looking for additional sponsors. To date we have had over 25,000 hits to our site. The price to advertise is a bargain, at less than a penny a hit.

Also please help. We need to shut down registration early each month to enable us to print labels, receipts and a paid list, as well as give the restaurant the head count. Please register and when necessary un-register as early as possible before the meeting date.

Also please note special menus require early notification so in these incidences we need to close registration earlier. We will post the earlier times, so please be aware.

As always, we are open for suggestions to help improve our website.

Regards
Your Webmaster
webmaster@hitechservices.com

Please notify us of any change in your e-mail address so there is no interruption in your receipt of our monthly newsletter.

Do you know someone who is not a MUGWNY member who might be interested in some information about the group? Send their name, company name, and e-mail address to Leigh Sworts at lsworts@homemarketfoods.com and I'll send them a complimentary electronic issue of our newsletter via e-mail.

Any suggestions for improvements to the newsletter?

... **Story ideas?**

... **Volunteer to write an article?**

Contact Ralph Giambra at rgiambra@hitechservices.com.

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About Our Organization...

The Midrange Users Group of Western New York is a non-profit organization comprising professionals working in the Midrange Systems environment. The group was organized in 1984 and is based in, but not limited to, the Buffalo area and now represents managers, analysts and

programmers working together in the Information Systems field on midrange-class computers. We sponsor a monthly dinner meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month (except July and August and the third Thursday in November). Meetings will begin at 6:00

and conclude with a brief business meeting. Members are always welcome to contribute to the newsletter or any other committee of their choice. The boards of directors are elected during the May meeting and they begin their term in September.