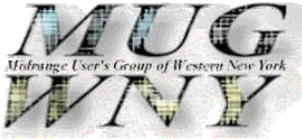


February 18, 2009



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User's Group Newsletter

MUGWNY February Meeting!!!

Thursday February 26, 2009!!!

At the "Home of the Chicken Wing"

The Anchor Bar

1047 Main Street (Near North)

Buffalo, NY 14209

Directions at: <http://www.anchorbar.com/directions.php>

Dinner Includes:

Dinner buffet with Anchor Bar Chicken Wings, pizza & salad

At 6 PM !!

With cocktails & registration beginning at 5:30 PM

Followed by a presentation on "Modernization

Solutions for IBM i Applications"

By Thomas Herman of looksoftware

\$20/member

\$30/non-member

Visit Our Website for Details &.....

Be sure to register soon at : www.MUGWNY.org!!

President's Corner



BY LEIGH SWORTS

February 2009

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February Warm-up??!!!

Let's hope **February** has a warm up in store for WNY. But enough about the weather, we all love WNY!!! Our MUG Board has been busy planning events through May-2009. We have the February meeting set up and you can register now! You are sure to like the location, check it out at www.mugwny.org. We have an event in March. We don't always have a March meeting, so this year we are planning a networking event. We will get this on our web page soon, stay posted. Our last meeting before our End-of-Season party is on April 23, 2009. Steve Fier will present IBM Blade Servers and details on System-i. We are busy planning on ending this season with a new event. Again, you'll need to stay posted to our website, www.mugwny.org for more details as they unfold.

Last month I provided details from our Fall 2008 Board meeting. In January, I participated in the annual Local User's Group (LUG) conference call. This is a conference call where all user groups from Canada to the US borders are invited to discuss/share System-i user group issues, concerns, plans, and goals. My take-away from the conference call is that our group is doing pretty well, considering the obstacles all the groups face. I also took away some ideas that I have emailed to our board. I have called a board meeting at the end of February to utilize the notes from the LUG conference call and perhaps, set some new objectives for the 2009-2010 MUGWNY Season.

I invite you to read the summary notes from the 2009 LUG Conference call at:

http://www.mugwny.org/Documents/2009LUG_Conference_Call_Notes.pdf

[Stay tuned to our MUG website for all the latest!!!](#)

User's Group Financials



BY TED KORKUC

A.) Financial summary will return next month.

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B.) Current Financial details will return next month:

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MUG Membership Updates

BY STEVE KAIT

2008 - 2009

MUG MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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(will return next month)

A Message from Your Webmaster

The changes to our website (as well as this newsletter) are still in process, please bear with us as we have attempted to create new code to enhance our site, as well as reduce the instances of false registrations. We will be adding a drop down menu for company names to keep them consistent and for easier registration, & it may be necessary to add additional levels of functionality to our registration page in the near future.

As always any questions or comments are welcome.

Be sure to check out our sponsor links, "Gemko Information Group". along with "Hi-tech Services" when you log in and register.

We are still looking for additional sponsors. To date we have had well over 30,000 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@maderconstruct.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, August, November & January). 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.

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