



User Group Newsletter

May 2008

Meeting Reminder

MUGWNY User Group Meeting **Tuesday, May 20, 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 After Dinner:

Power Systems Announcements and Positioning
Presented by-Tim Donaghue of IBM

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 May 19th

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:

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by Ted Korkuc
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President's Corner

by Leigh Sworts

May 2008*S*pring is here!!!

Wow!!! What a year! We only have this May's meeting and then our year-end party to go before our Summer hiatus. This year has just flown by... Last month, we had our April meeting at **Tony Romes** in West Seneca . We tried something a bit new for us. We had an open forum where we didn't have an actual speaker, but opened the floor for iSeries discussions and questions. Basically we tapped the resources of the group to share information and to network. I think it was a success, it was our back-up plan in action. Plans fell through for getting a speaker in April. But rather than go without a meeting, we decided an open forum would be a positive alternative.

Now we have our May meeting scheduled for May 20th at **Tony Romes**. This is a Tuesday date. We did a Tuesday in March and it didn't seem to hurt our turnout. In fact, it might have helped. No Survivor on Tuesday nights,, you know who you are! As mentioned, May is our last meeting with a speaker before our year-end party. So we decided to bring back IBM again. Our own *Tim Donaghue*, System i Sales Specialist, will be presenting "Power Systems Announcements and Positioning." I'm sure we all need to attend and learn how IBM is structuring the System i hardware and software! This is a follow up from the March presentation on the System i release 6.1.

[Please go to our web page and register!](#)

Now for other MUG business.....

Our board election will be held at our May meeting. We have been announcing the need for candidates during the last few meetings and also have been letting you know via our web page and news letters. So this May's meeting will be the final chance to nominate and elect new board members for the next 2-year term. 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 **TUESDAY May 20, 2008 FOR *Tim Donaghue's*, presentation on "Power Systems Announcements and Positioning."**

**April 30 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 mtg - 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 mtg - Tony Rome's	Dep	10/19/2007	920.00	
Membership Dues	Dep	12/11/2007	85.00	
Holiday get together - Ying's	Dep	01/04/2008	370.00	
Dinner mtg - Tony Rome's	Dep	02/29/2008	580.00	
Advertiseing	Dep	02/29/2008	250.00	
Dinner mtg - Chef's	Dep	03/13/2008	540.00	
Dinner mtg - Tony Rome's	Dep	04/25/2008	340.00	
Total Income				\$5,215.00
Expenses				
		Check #		
Dinner mtg - Chef's	1065	09/13/2007	550.22	
Dinner mtg - 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 - 2/08 mtg	1070	01/30/2008	50.00	
Ralph Giamba - Hol. refund	1071	02/28/2008	10.00	
Dinner mtg - Tony Rome's	1072	02/28/2008	511.84	
Common Membership	1073	02/29/2008	395.00	
Dinner mtg - Chef's	1074	03/11/2008	452.24	
Dinner mtg - Tony Rome's	1075	04/24/2008	405.60	
Total Expenses				\$3,725.10
April 30, 2008 Ending Balance				<u>\$3,353.63</u>

**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.