



# User Group Newsletter

Sept. 2007

## Meeting Reminder *MUGWNY Meeting*

### MUGWNY User Group Meeting

Thursday September 13, 2007

Program

**Chef's Restaurant**  
291 Seneca Street  
Buffalo, NY 14204  
716-856-9187

[www.ilovechefs.com](http://www.ilovechefs.com)

*Featuring their Italian Buffet*

- Special Mix Salad
- Vegetable Tray
- Rigatoni with Meat Sauce
- Meatballs
- Italian Style Green Beans
- Stuffed Shells
- Chicken Cutlet
- Rolls & Butter
- Coffee and Tea
- Cannoli

**Cost:** \$20.00 Members  
\$30.00 Non-Members

- 5:00PM ... Cocktails and Registration**
- 5:30PM ... Dinner**
- 6:00PM ... Featured Speakers: Steve Fier and Patrick Nip**
- Topic ... Changing the world one data center at a time**

\*\*\*\*\* **IMPORTANT REMINDER** \*\*\*\*\*

Register for the meeting ASAP at [www.mugwny.org](http://www.mugwny.org)

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

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## President's Corner by Leigh Sworts

**September 2007**

Let's Go Buffalo!

Wow! This is the September update, but when I wrote this it was early August. Summer was very much on my mind, but I knew it would fly by and I had the responsibilities of putting a schedule together for MUG. We hadn't exactly had great attendance at our meetings and our board and I have been trying to figure out if it was due to the topics or the locations.

Most of our feedback has indicated it was the locations, plus conflicts with everyone's schedules. Well the best we can do about the schedules is to plan early and hope we can get on your calendars before other activities. As far as the locations, we have narrowed down our list of facilities to 3 locations that are centrally located with thruway access. Topics haven't seemed to be a problem because we mostly get IBM to present.

Good news, IBM is presenting for our 1<sup>st</sup> two meetings this season! In fact we only have two meetings this fall, and then the holiday party in December. We will start up our 2008 schedule in February, and continue thru May. Speaking of IBM, they have also planned to present at some of our 2008 meetings.

**In keeping with our need to plan early to get on everyone's calendars, we have our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 PM. The format has changed a little because IBM told us they need 2 hours to present. But wait that date is a bit early! That's right we also had to move the meeting up in September because IBM has some important announcements that they agreed to present at our user meeting. So IBM is presenting a 2 hour-long update of their announcements on September 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 PM. This will be at the Chef's Restaurant (that is easy to find, with free parking, and close to the thruway.) To accommodate IBM we will cut registration to only a half hour and start dinner at 5:30 PM. Yes, registration is at 5 PM and we will start dinner at 5:30 PM. IBM will begin presenting at 6 PM and finish around 8 PM.**

As I mentioned the "Good News" doesn't stop with our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. IBM is also presenting in October! We will be firming up the location as soon as IBM confirms the date. Let's send a Thank you message to IBM by registering early for the September meeting!

**2007-2008 MUG MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

*By Steve Kait*

Hello ladies and gentlemen! Your membership applications were sent out on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye out for yours. If you don't receive it by August 20th, please notify me at 250-5536 or [skait@gemko.com](mailto:skait@gemko.com) and I'll get another out to you. If you have a friend or associate with another company and would like them to be extended an invitation to join our group, send me the information on that person/company as well.

With our first meeting right around the corner, I encourage you to send yours in as quickly as possible, or bring it with you to the first meeting being held on September 13<sup>th</sup> at Chef's restaurant back at our normal time of 5:00 for registration. MUG thanks those companies and individuals who continually join and support our organization year after year. It's a great time to get out, socialize, meet, and learn with your fellow iSeries professionals, IBM, and IBM Business Partners.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 13<sup>th</sup>!!

## A message from your Webmaster

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If you have any suggestions in ways we can improve our website please let us know.

Thanks for your help in keeping the Midrange User Group of Western New York a quality organization.

For more information email the webmaster or contact Ralph Giambra at (716)  
972-0330

Thank you in advance for your support.

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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.

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.