



# User Group Newsletter

Jan/Feb. 2008

## Meeting Reminder

### **MUGWNY User Group Meeting**

Thursday, February 28, 2008

#### Program

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

(Across from Rte 400 - Interstate 90 Thruway junction)

#### Featuring

- Queen cut Prime Rib
- Broiled Chicken Breast
  - Veggie Plate

**(You Must Chose 1 Entrée at Online Registration)**

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

#### Cost

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

5:00 PM ... Cocktails and Registration  
6:00 PM ... Dinner  
7:00PM ... Featured Speaker: Jeff Tricoli of the FBI  
Topic ... Computer Security Issues

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

Register for the meeting ASAP at [www.mugwny.org](http://www.mugwny.org),  
& be sure to select your meal choice. You *must* register & make your meal choice by **FEB 25<sup>th</sup>** in order to reserve your dinner.

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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#### *Of Special Interest in this Month's Issue:*

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President's Corner

by Leigh Sworts

**January/February 2008**

Happy New Year!?,

Well it is almost a little late to be wishing everyone a Happy New Year, but I haven't had the chance until now! MUG is off to a great start for 2008!

**We will have our February meeting on 2/28/2008.**

This is a little late in the month due to the timing of the winter break for the school systems. Nonetheless, we have an *excellent speaker from the FBI, Jeffery Tricoli*, who will discuss Computer Security Issues. I have seen this gentleman speak and he loves to answer questions, so bring them... Also the location is excellent. We have responded to the requests to meet at Tony Romes for their Prime Rib. Just to make everyone happy there are 2 other meal options; **you need to make your selection when you register.**

But don't stop reading...

**We have IBM coming in March!** Our IBM rep, *Tim Donaghue*, just contacted me and asked if our group would be the forum for announcing the *new release of the IBM System-i Operating System version 6.1*. Of course, I did not refuse. There is a catch, however, we need to hold the meeting early in March, on the 11<sup>th</sup>, a Tuesday evening. Yes, that's right we will host IBM on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 . The location is a good one. It will be held at Chef's Restaurant, at the normal time from 5 PM to 8 PM .

Now don't worry about the rest of our calendar, that's my job. We only have April and May to cover before our end-of-year party in June. I already have another presentation in the works from IBM. Who knows maybe they will cover the last two months. I will let you know...

**Now for other MUG business:**

Our board elections are coming up. 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.

Please give it some thought!!!

**DON'T FORGET TO KEEP TUESDAY MARCH 11, 2008 OPEN FOR IBM'S ANNOUNCEMENT & PRESENTATION OF THE RELEASE OF THE SYSTEM-I OPERATING SYSTEM VERSION 6.1 AT CHEF'S RESTAURANT**

## January 31 MUG Financial Data BY Ted Korkuc

September 1, 2007 Beginning Balance	\$1,863.73
Income:	
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:	
Dinner meeting - Chef's	Check # 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**

We are still actively looking for advertisers on our website to help defray MUGWNY costs and help us improve our organization through better speakers and new equipment. If you can help us get the word out it will be greatly appreciated. There are several pricing tiers available to meet anyone's budget. We are presently getting about 500 industry-related hits per month.

We are also always looking for new creative ideas on improving our website. If you think of anything that you would like to see added please submit your ideas to:

[webmaster@hitechservices.com](mailto:webmaster@hitechservices.com)

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**We're on the Web!**

See us at:

**[www.mugwny.org](http://www.mugwny.org)**

## Board of Directors

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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.