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User's Group Newsletter

MUGWNY 2015 SUMMARY!!!

Thursday July 2, 2015

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We wrapped up our 2014-2015 season at:

The Buffalo Bisons game on June 23rd

It was a relaxing & enjoyable evening (even though we lost)

We are looking forward to an eventful 2015-2016 season

We will be working throughout the summer in order to present an informative & exciting season schedule.

Please check out the "President's Corner" for a comprehensive review of last season from our new President, Dave Giambra

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***LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL IN
SEPTEMBER!!!!***

Visit Our Website for Details &.....

Be sure to check often for 2015-2016 progress

President's Corner



BY David Giambra

June/July 2015

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2015 – MUG Wrap-up

Summer has officially arrived and with that another MUG season is behind us. This also means I survived my first season as your President. My goal, as well as the rest of your board of directors, is to keep this user group sustained year to year. Along with that, I feel we provide a lot of value and support to WNY businesses and our members with the variety of speakers and venues we offer.

We kicked off our 2014/2015 season with our old friend Steve Fier from IBM at, our first time venue, The Grapevine Restaurant. Steve is very good to our group; he travels from out of town to share with us IBM's latest announcements.

The second meeting of the season was at The Old Red Mill Inn. Billy Vona from Windstream Technologies came out to discuss Factors to Consider with Cloud Computing.

We had our Holiday Party in December at Frank's Sunny Italy in Buffalo. Everyone had an enjoyable night and the food was delicious.

Our first meeting of 2015 was at Chefs in Buffalo. Eric Anderson from Netanium was there to discuss the hot topic Information Security.

Our April meeting was at ShoGun Hibachi Gill in Williamsville. Michael Szczepanik from Gemko Information Group was there to present the topic Bringing Mobil Apps to the iSeries.

Our last meeting of the season was at JP Fitzgerald's in Hamburg. Bill Jacobs and TJ Tarrant from Zebra, John Templeton from Millennium Technologies and John Collins Jr. from Motorola were there to discuss Advanced Mobile/Handheld Technology & the Future Direction of the Internet.

We concluded our year in style with our end of the year party just this past week. We reserved a ball-park fare catered box at a Buffalo Bison's Game. The game was exciting; unfortunately the Bison's lost the lead and the game in the top of the ninth. On a positive note, the weather, fireworks and the food were amazing. Everybody had a blast.

A huge thank you to all our speakers this season. Your time and expertise was a huge value to our user group.

Stay in tune with our website at: www.MUGWNY.org We will continue to keep it updated with meeting information and other news. I am looking forward to another great MUG season, where I can continue to reach out to our members and host our meetings.

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President's Corner



BY David Giambra

June/July 2015

2015 – MUG Wrap-up (Continued)

Not only do we offer everything mentioned above but we also do our part to support charities with our \$50 speaker donations we started this year. We are making a \$50 donation on behalf of MUG of WNY and the meeting speaker to their charity of choice. This year we donated \$250 to deserving charities who value our support. As a long term member of this group, I am proud that we are able to do so. The charities we supported this year, as part of our speaker donations were:

- Nature Conservancy
- American Cancer Society
- Greg Hill Foundation
- Camp Good Days of WNY
- Push to Walk of NJ

We didn't forget about our members pocket books either this year...we donated a \$50 door prize at each meeting. Five lucky members walked away with a cool \$50 this season. Congratulations to this years winners Joe, Andy, Jerry, Greg and John.

I would like to thank our board of directors, who without their drive and expertise this group could not survive. Thank You to Paul, Steve, Ted, Ron, Ralph, Chuck and the past years support from Leigh our MUG President Emeritus.

I especially want to thank all our membership companies who continue to support MUG of WNY year after year. I want to thank our members who attend our monthly meetings and see the value we offer this community.

As good of a season we had, we need membership to attend our monthly meetings. We will be working hard this summer to plan our 2015/2016 season, we hope to see you all again later this year.

Keep watching the website. We will have our schedule up before the end of summer. Thank you and hope to see you all at our meetings this upcoming season.

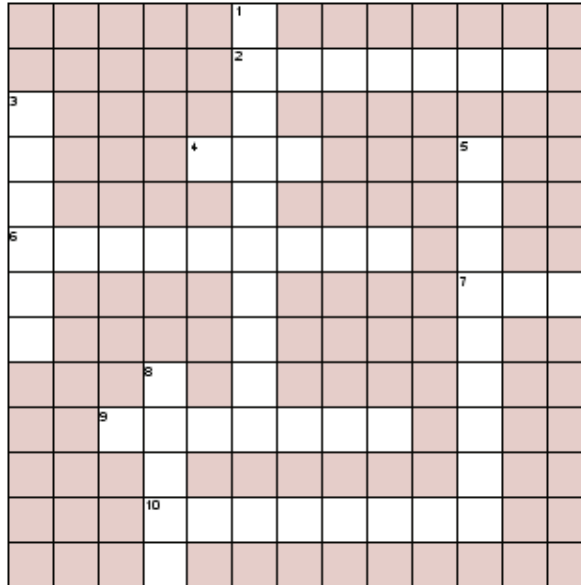
David Giambra
MUG of WNY, President

-The Midrange Users Group (MUG) of WNY-

Crossword Puzzle Page



MUG Puzzle 2015-2



Answers will appear in next month's newsletter-on "Membership page"

Across

2. high-end multi-user, multiprocessing, virtual memory-based computer server operating system that runs on VAX, Alpha and Itanium-based families of computers designed for use in time sharing, batch processing, real-time
4. a binary digit
6. carefully programmed process in which a function calls itself as a subroutine
7. a serial attached computer bus used to move data to and from computer
9. an optical disc storage medium designed to supersede the DVD format & consisting of 25 GB per layer
10. older method for converting binary information into ASCII text Can be used for posting to Usenet and/or e-mailing with non MIME compliant mail readers

Down

1. those circuits or devices built entirely from solid materials and in which the electrons, or other charge carriers, are confined entirely within the solid material
3. term used to describe a standard keyboard
5. Applications server, designed to set up, operate and integrate electronic business applications across multiple computing platforms
8. Type of computing structure in which the end user's data, storage, &/or application software is hosted from a server on the internet, intranet and/or other remote device

MUG Membership Page



BY MEMBERS

2014 - 2015

MUG MEMBERSHIP PAGE

A unique opportunity for members who would like to share any information, experiences, anecdotes or data concerning the midrange computer system environment.

(Please make submissions to any board member found on Board Member Page or:

webmaster@hitechservices.com

Last Month's MUG Crossword Solution MUG Puzzle #2015-1

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@ Message from Your.....



June 2015

We hope you all enjoyed this years meeting season as well as we did!

September will be here before you know it!!

We'll be seeing you then!

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!

We're working thru the summer to present to you an exciting & informative new season

Be sure to check out our sponsor links, "Hi-Tech Services", & "Gemko Information Group" when you log in and register. (links are also available on our sponsor page in this newsletter).

We are still looking for additional sponsors. To date we are approaching 175,000 hits to our site. The price to advertise is a bargain, at \$100 per year...mere fractions of a penny per hit.

For new advertiser convenience we have added a PDF of the contract. Just fill in the required fields and send your completed copy along with your check to:

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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 Dave Giambra at: dgiambra@hitechservices.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 Chuck Giambra at cgiambra@hitechservices.com.

Regards from your **webmaster**

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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.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.mugwny.org