



User Group Newsletter

March, 2008

Meeting Reminder

MUGWNY User Group Meeting

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Program

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

www.ilovechefs.com

(See Attached Flyer for Map)

Featuring

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

5:00 PM Cocktails and Registration
6:00 PM Dinner
7:00PM Featured Speaker: Steve Fier, IBM
Topic Future Proof Your Business with System i

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

Please register for this improtant meeting ASAP at www.mugwny.org,
Online registration has been extended until Noon on March 11 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

March 2008

Is it March already?,

This year is just flying by... That is a good thing. It means we are all busy, right? Anyway I heard we had a very nice time at Tony Romes on February 28th. The food was excellent and the speaker from the FBI, Jeffery Tricoli, had a good discussion on Computer Security Issues. Thank you all for attending.

"We will have our March meeting, as planned, on Tuesday, 3/11/2008"

Now we have IBM coming. **On March 11th Steve Fier of IBM will present an overview of the new iSeries release 6.1.** The day for this meeting is on a Tuesday to accommodate IBM's schedule. When I heard about this, of course, I did not refuse, we want IBM to speak at our meetings, especially when it is about a new release of the operating system! Yes, that's right we will host IBM on Tuesday, March 11th, 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 .

But don't stop reading...

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.

Give it some thought!!!

**DON'T FORGET TUESDAY MARCH 11, 2008 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:	Dep.	Date	
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:	Check #	Date	
Dinner meeting - Chef's	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:

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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.