The Omni User

Omni's Got a Brand New Board!

Well, a lot of us are holdovers from the last board, although we did lose a good friend and at the same time gained a fresh face. As you may have guessed from my dulcet tones, I'm still your communications director, but if you get a chance, you might want to drop a line to our new president, Sal Stangarone, as well as thanking Mike Pavlak for his outstanding work in the position in 2006. Thanks to Jim Miller for his participation (you'll be missed, Jim!), and welcome to Ray Dutil. The complete board member list is here.

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This is also the last newsletter before the 19th Annual Omni User Technical Conference. I hope you've been getting all the information about it in email, but here's a little nudge since the conference is nearly upon us, at the end of the month. Read more about it here.

> **And as always… your help is greatly appreciated! If you want to lend a hand at this year's events, especially the Tech Conference, just let us know!**

And if by chance you can't make it, or you just can't get enough technical information, then by all means check out the upcoming WMCPA Spring Technical Conference, the following week (March 7-8). As always, great speakers and sessions at the lovely Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva! And it's time to start revving up for the MITEC conference in June.

We're trying other new things this year as well. Omni will have a booth at a commercial conference; you'll find more details soon on the events page on the web. And we're continuing to extend our relationship with other LUGs in the area. Look for a new web page for the Midwest Regional LUGs on the Omni website before the next newsletter.

19th Annual Omni User Technical Conference

What can i do?

February 26-27, 2007

Last year's conference was wildly successful. Not willing to rest on our laurels, Omni brings you even more educational tracks and, new this year, **hands-on labs** covering today's hottest System i topics. And also this year, Omni is proud to bring you for the first time **immersive jumpstart training** on two of the most powerful technologies in the System i community.

Luncheon with Keynote Address from Randall Munson!
Cocktail Reception with Keynote Address from Bob Cozzi!

Experts from IBM and throughout the System i community.

Randall Munson, George Farr, Carol Miner, Susan Gantner, Bob Cozzi, Jon Paris, Shantan Kethireddy, Richard Schoen, Marcy Brandt, John Earl, Leonardo Llames, David Money, Sue Grabinski, Larry Bolhuis, David Andruchuk, Joe Pluta, Mike Pavlak, Jerome Hughes

Monday, February 26 - 2 Intensive Jumpstart Labs!
(Joe Pluta on WDSC & RSE, Richard Schoen on .net for System i)

Tuesday, February 27th - 35 Fantastic Education Sessions
and 5 Hands-On Labs!
(WDSC, Stored Procedures, System I Access for Web, XML, PHP)

Session topics you need and can use at work the very next day!
RPG IV, WebSphere, WDSC, System i Access for Web, DB2, RSE, SQL, Query Optimization, Stored Procedures, IFS, PHP, .net, Prototypes, /free RPG, System i Navigator, Security, SOA, APIs, Web Services, Portal, WAS, JSP Model II, Java, Servlets, CL, XML, Work Management

Discover the Magic of System i!

Drury Lane Conference Center
Oakbrook, IL
http://www.drurylaneoakbrook.com

http://www.tlashford.com/

March Meeting

We don't really have a topic lined up yet for March. If you have a burning desire, please drop us a line. You can contact me at omni-comm@plutabrothers.com, or any of the other board members.

And remember, if you don't come up with a topic, then we will! Don't say we didn't warn you!

February LUG of the Month

In appreciation of their affording us guest status at the TEC '007 conference (see below), I'm taking this opportunity to recognize the Toronto User Group. Thanks, folks!

http://www.tug.ca

Upcoming Midrange Events

February 26-27 8:00 am	OMNI 19th Annual OMNI User Technical Conference Technical Hands on Labs Industry leading experts Vendor presentations Details and registration here!	The Drury Lane Oakbrook 100 Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace, IL
March 7-8	WMCPA 22nd Annual Spring Technical Conference Great Speakers Great Topics Great Value Details/Registration here	Grand Geneva Resort Lake Geneva, WI
March 20 5:00 pm	OMNI March Dinner Meeting TBA Details/Registration soon!	Embassy Suites Hotel 707 E. Butterfield Rd Lombard, IL
April 17-19	TEC '007 3 Day Technical Education Conference Omni Members use promo code LUG-007 for member pricing Details/Registration here	Sheraton Parkway Hotel Toronto, Canada

22nd Annual

WMCPA Spring Technical Conference
at
Grand Geneva Resort
Presented by
Wisconsin Midrange Computer Professional Association

March 7 & 8, 2007
Grand Geneva Resort
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Keynote Session - Thursday Dr. Frank Soltis

Conference speakers include:
Alison Butterill, George Farr, Susan Gantner, Scott Klement, Carole Miner,
Jon Paris, Joe Pluta, Debbie Saugen, Bruce Vining, George Weaver,
Claus Weiss, Blair Wyman
and our own Tom Davidson

Visit www.wmcpa.org for more information.

http://www.rjssoftware.com

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IBM Redbooks/Redpapers

A monthly compendium of recent IBM Redbooks and Redpapers of interest to **System i** developers.

WebSphere Service Registry and Repository Handbook
Revised: February, 1, 2007
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/abstracts/sg247386.html

PHP: Zend for i5/OS
Revised: January 31, 2007 ISBN: 0738489875 130 pages
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg247327.html

Implementing Domino 7 for i5/OS
Revised: January, 29, 2007
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/abstracts/sg247311.html

IBM System i IP Telephony
Revised: January, 26, 2007
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/abstracts/sg247382.html

Deploying Workplace Services Express on i5/OS
Revised: January, 26, 2007
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/abstracts/sg246664.html

OnDemand SQL Performance Analysis Simplified on DB2 for i5/OS in V5R4
Published: January, 24, 2007
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/abstracts/sg247326.html

Use REORGCHK to update table statistics
Revised: January, 22, 2007
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/tips0339.html

IBM System i5 V5R4 Technical Overview Redbook
Revised: January, 20, 2007
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/abstracts/sg247271.html

Journaling: Unraveling the mysteries of sporadic growth of Journal receivers
Published: January, 18, 2007
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/tips0652.html

WebSphere Portal 6 - Best Practices for Enterprise Scale Deployment
Revised: January, 16, 2007
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/abstracts/sg247387.html

Remote Journal on i5/OS ? Are You Selecting the Right Type?
Published: January, 11, 2007
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/tips0629.html

IBM i5/OS Intrusion Detection System
Published: January, 8, 2007
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpapers/abstracts/redp4226.html

High Available Architectures and Capacity Planning with WebSphere Remote Server V6
Published: December 29, 2006 ISBN: 0738489751 446 pages
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg247184.html

Developing SIP and IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) Applications
Revised: December, 29, 2006
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/abstracts/sg247255.html

IBM Technology for Java VM in i5/OS
Revised: December, 26, 2006
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/abstracts/sg247353.html

A Simple Example: Using the Flat File Connector
Revised: December, 17, 2006
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/abstracts/redp4235.html

Linux on IBM System i: Implementation Guide
Revised: December, 12, 2006
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/abstracts/sg246388.html

Linux Integration with IBM i5/OS
Published: December 1, 2006 ISBN: 0738496677 178 pages
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg246551.html

Journal Standby Mode on IBM i5/OS: When It Makes Sense to Use
Published: November, 29, 2006
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/tips0628.html

Journaling at object creation on DB2 for iSeries
Revised: November, 28, 2006
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/tips0604.html

Hardware Management Console (HMC) Case Configuration Study for LPAR Management
Revised: November, 21, 2006
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpapers/abstracts/redp3999.html

WebSphere MQ V6, WebSphere Message Broker V6, and SSL
Published: November, 21, 2006
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpapers/abstracts/redp4140.html

Special Edition: WebSphere 6.1 Drafts

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http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg247297.html

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Published: December 28, 2006 ISBN: 0738496707 574 pages
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg246316.html

WebSphere Application Server V6.1: System Management and Configuration
Published: November 2, 2006 ISBN: 0738496529 984 pages
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg247304.html

WebSphere Application Server V6.1: Planning and Design
Published: October 24, 2006 ISBN: 073849450X 324 pages
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/abstracts/sg247305.html

WebSphere Application Server V6.1: Technical Overview
Published: October 9, 2006
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpapers/abstracts/redp4191.html

Web Services Handbook for WebSphere Application Server 6.1
Published: October 2, 2006 ISBN: 0738494909 810 pages
http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg247257.html

Common Corner

Nominate an Innovator for one of the 2007 IBM System i Innovation Awards

Individuals and organizations that have discovered innovative ways to utilize their System i platform are in luck. Now is the time to nominate someone—perhaps yourself—for one of the IBM System i Innovation Awards. Any System i customer is eligible for nomination, and the submission deadline for the 2007 awards is end-of-day on Wednesday, February 28, 2007. You can fill out a nomination form online at IBM's Web site at www-914.ibm.com/events/systemi/innovationawards07.

IBM has teamed up with COMMON to offer these awards for the third year in a row. "IBM and COMMON wanted to create a program to annually recognize those leaders who are consistently striving to unleash innovation and deliver greater business value and cutting-edge solutions," explains Mark Shearer, IBM System i general manager.

A committee of representatives from both organizations will select the award recipients. Each winner will receive an engraved Tiffany crystal award, a complimentary one-year membership to COMMON, and five complimentary registrations to COMMON's 2008 Annual Conference. Each of the award finalists will receive two complimentary one-day passes for the 2007 Annual Conference and will be honored at a special dinner at the conference in Anaheim, California. European finalists will have their own in London in May. Winners will be announced during the dinners.

And the Categories Are…
The IBM System i Innovation Awards will recognize award winners in the following six categories:

Solutions Innovation: Nominees in this category should demonstrate innovative implementations of industry, business applications or other solutions, including RPG, COBOL, and Java running on the System i platform. Submitted solutions might include applications such as IP Telephony, Web transaction applications, as well as creative implementations for more traditional business solutions such as CRM and ERP.

Business Resiliency: Nominations for this award should illustrate solutions that are focused on business continuity and resiliency. These solutions should demonstrate the best practices of high availability, security and compliance, and business protection using System i.

Infrastructure Simplification: This award demonstrates the versatility of the System i platform. Nominees need to demonstrate cost-effective server management, application integration, capacity on demand or other overall IT simplification solutions deployed on System i. This would include, but is not limited to, the integration of IBM BladeCenter and System x servers or the use of the Linux and AIX 5L on the System i platform.

i5/OS Focus: Nominees know that the magic of System i technology is captured in the innovation of i5/OS solutions. This award is for the best example of using i5/OS as *the* strategic and primary operating environment for running your entire business.

Education Excellence: Nominees for this award will have demonstrated an on-going commitment to providing quality education for the IBM System i platform. The client, college, or university can provide education support in a variety of forms, including, but not limited to, curriculum, sponsorship, and support for students and instructors.

Community Support: This award is designed to recognize outstanding contributions to the System i community. Nominees for this award will be those individuals or groups who have demonstrated passion for the IBM System i platform, including community volunteers, IBM partners, and other organizations such as user groups.

For complete details, and to fill out a nomination online or download a nomination form, visit the IBM Web site at www-914.ibm.com/events/systemi/innovationawards07.

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