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Global Warming! Whoo hoo!

Yes, I know it's a serious topic and I shouldn't make light of it, but after the seriously cold weather we had, having a couple of 70-degree days is pretty much alright in my book.

Speaking of February, though, we had a great time. We brought in the new board and we also had the spectacular 19th Annual Omni User Technical Conference, which was a great success! We had a little mixup with the wireless (who knew that wireless routers basically died after 30 clients?) but we will learn from that and have an even better experience next year. And other than that, the sessions and labs all went great, and I think a really excellent time was had by all.

Our thanks to everybody who was involved. I'd love to give you a better recap of the event, but we just don't have one yet. We're all still trying to catch our collective breath (as is evidenced by the latesness of this particular newsletter) .

The WMCPA Spring Technical Conference was also a great time, especially being held as it was this year at the lovely Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva! Frank Soltis and Al Grega were keynote speakers, and if you were unable to attend the conference, Al will be here at the Omni dinner meeting on March 20th to give us his vision of the future of SOA on the System i. It was a very informative piece, showing the System i as not only a participant but indeed as the lead player in an SOA environment.

It's getting into the Spring, so things will start heating up. We've got a couple more dinner meetings and then before you know it, it's time for the golf outing. So please, drop us a line telling us what you'd like to see at the next dinner meeting, or if there's a topic that you think warrants an all-day class.

Thanks as always for reading!

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President's Letter

- Sal Stangarone, OMNI Board President

Welcome to the New Year!

As I sit at my desk on this beautiful Spring-like Friday I'm looking forward to a fantastic fun-filled year for OMNI in 2007. We have lots of big plans for the Website and new educational events so please stay tuned. If you have ideas or things you'd like OMNI to bring to the table in 2007 please make sure you let a board member know. We work for you and we're always interested in your input.

Before I get too far ahead of myself, I'd like to thank 2006 President Mike Pavlak and our previous board, who made 2006 a great year, as well as technical conference committee who put together one of the finest technical conferences in the country. It was our first year with hands-on-labs and while we struggled with some technical issues the majority of the feedback I heard was positive. Please be assured we'll have the technical issues better addressed next year.

For 2007 we're really going to push to spread the message about our little secret box. It's come a long way from the days when all it could do was 5250 and we need to let more people know what's possible which is why we've brought in Al Grega, Product Manager for WebSphere, to talk to us about SOA next month. Please be sure to make it out!

I'd also like to personally welcome our newest board member Tom Duncan from Collections Etc. who will be our conference chairperson for 2007. Here's looking forward to a great year!

- Sal

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March Dinner Meeting

Tuesday, March 20th, 2007

**Embassy Suites Hotel
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5:00 Registration and User Discussions

6:00 Dinner and Break

6:45 Business Meeting & Presentation

Building Business Flexibility with SOA on System i

Over a decade ago TCP/IP changed the way we connect hardware together, Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) is doing the same thing for software. SOA is not a product that you buy, rather it is set of mature industry standards that can help your business adapt to the rapid changes you face every day. This session will examine the distinct entry points for getting started with SOA on IBM System i.

We'll talk about how you can leverage SOA standards for reusing your existing applications, connecting these assets more efficiently, how to interface with the people inside and outside your organization and how to apply these standards with business process management.

Al Grega

WebSphere Product Manager for IBM System i & System p IBM Corporation
Al is responsible for managing the WebSphere product portfolio on the IBM System i and System p platforms Worldwide. Prior to this position he was the Director of Product Marketing at LANSA USA for over two years, and before that an IBMer for over 24 years. He has experience in operating systems development, services, marketing and sales. Al has also taught at the State University of New York at Farmingdale and is currently on the Strategic Education Team for Web Application Development at COMMON (a Users Group – www.common.org).

Dinner Menu Options

Dinner (choice):

Lemon Herb Chicken
Fish of the Day
Steamed Vegetable Plate

Starter:

Caesar Salad

Dessert:

2-Layer Chocolate Cake

March Dinner Meeting Registration

Please make your reservations by Thursday, March 15th, 2007 at Noon. Call (630) 953-6312, and leave your company name, names of those attending, and the type of meal desired (meat, fish or vegetarian.)

Cancellation Policy

Full refund will be issued for cancellations made before 9:00 am March 16th, 2007. After 9:00 am Friday, 03/16/2007, cancellation refund depends on meeting attendance. All cancellations must be made as described below.

Dinner Meeting Cancellation

It is VERY important to cancel your reservation(s) if you cannot attend, by calling (630) 953-6312 and leaving the name(s) of those unable to attend, or by using the web cancellation feature.

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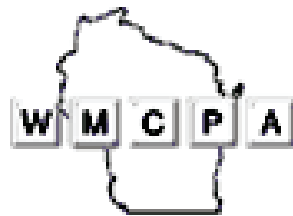
April Meeting

We don't really have a topic lined up yet for April. 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!

March LUG of the Month

In recognition of another great conference, here's the link to the Wisconsin Midrange Computer Professional Association. All of you other LUGs who want to get mentioned here, just drop me a line!



<http://www.wmcpa.org>

Upcoming Midrange Events

March 26-28	Northeast User Groups Conference Details/Registration here	Sheraton Colonial Hotel & Conference Center Audubon Rd, Exit 42 from I-95 Wakefield, MA
April 17 5:00 pm	OMNI April Dinner Meeting TBD 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

IBM Redbooks/Redpapers

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

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WebSphere Service Registry and Repository Handbook

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Patterns: SOA Design using WebSphere Message Broker and WebSphere ESB

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IBM eServer iSeries and AS/400e System Builder:

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IBM System i5 V5R4 Technical Overview Redbook

Revised: March 1, 2007 ISBN: 073848962X 594 pages

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg247271.html>

i5/OS Diagnostic Tools for System Administrators: An A to Z Reference for Problem Determination

Published: February, 26, 2007

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/abstracts/sg248253.html>

IBM System i Platform IP Networks: Dynamic!

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Journaling - Configuring for your Fair Share of Write Cache

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Revised: February, 19, 2007

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An Overview of Installing SAP Applications on System i Models

Revised: February, 16, 2007

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpapers/abstracts/redp4189.html>

AIX 5L on IBM System i Platform: Implementation Guide

Revised: February, 21, 2007

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/abstracts/sg246455.html>

Implementing POWER Linux on IBM System i Platform

Published: February 14, 2007 ISBN: 0738489689 378 pages
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IBM Technology for Java Virtual Machine in IBM i5/OS

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<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg247353.html>

PCI and PCI-X Placement Rules for IBM System i models: i5/OS V5R3 and V5R4 (Fourth edition)

Revised: February, 12, 2007
<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/abstracts/redp4011.html>

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<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/tips0339.html>

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Published: October 9, 2006
<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpapers/abstracts/redp4191.html>

Web Services Handbook for WebSphere Application Server 6.1

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<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg247257.html>