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February Dinner Meeting

Macintosh 101

presented by

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Macintosh Tech Support, Collections, Etc.

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

at Pompei Oakbrook Terrace

This month Omni returns to the Dinner Meeting format at with Macintosh 101 (on i) at Pompei. Join us for networking, dinner and a presentation from Oakley Masten of Collections, Etc., who supports Macintosh computers in an i shop and can help you understand what you need to know about supporting and using these increasingly popular computers.

5:00 Registration and User Discussions

6:00 Dinner & Break

6:45 Business Meeting, Presentation, Q & A

Macintosh 101

- The Basics of Macintosh computers
- How to start up and log in
- GUI interface is the Mac world
- The DeskTop, The Dock. The Trash
- File storage: How, where and how to access
- Programs used most often
- How to connect to servers
- How to set up Preferences
- Who uses the Mac and why
- How shut down without having to go to "START" first

Oakley Masten has been working with Apple computers since 1990. He started out in the commercial photography arena using the Mac for database [FileMaker] and then image manipulation [Photoshop]. About that same time page layout programs like Quark were being developed. Since at that time there were no IT people for the Mac platform Oakley, like everyone else using the Mac, became a Mac IT person out of necessity. Being basically lazy he learned to write AppleScript to automate the "Monkey Work" repetitive processes. This in turn turned him into a "computer Geek." He had found a home for his "How does that work and why?" approach to life. He has been doing Mac IT tech support ever since.

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Upcoming Omni events

March Dinner Meeting Power Systems Virtualization – Pacelli Pujals, Meridian IT

On March 16th, Omni welcomes Pacelli Pujals, an expert on Power Systems Virtualization. Those who discussed this topic with Pacelli at our Day of Education last fall know that there's a lot more to this topic than some might think, and Pacelli is very well equipped to help you first get the lay of the land and then quickly focus on the details that matter to your shop.

April Seminar Getting Started with DB2 Web Query – Gene Cobb, IBM

On Saturday April 10th, Omni partners with COMMON to present a full day seminar at IBM Oakbrook Terrace. Watch for more information coming soon about this exciting education opportunity!

Other events and meetups of interest to Omni members

Wed 2/24 9:00 **Zend Webinar** Zend Server for IBM i in Action

<http://www.zend.com/en/company/news/event/webinar-zend-server-for-ibm-i-in-action>

Thu 2/25 9:00 **Zend Webinar** Better Performance, Simpler Debugging: The New Zend Server 5 in Action! <http://www.zend.com/en/company/news/event/webinar-better-performance-simpler-debugging-the-new-zend-server-in-action>

Thu 2/25 6:00 **Fox Valley Drupal Meetup** Table Wizard Module to connect 3rd party DBs to Views Module – at McNally's, St. Charles <http://www.meetup.com/The-Fox-Valley-Drupal-Meetup-Group>

Thu 3/4 7:00 **Suburban Chicago PHP & Web Dev** Dave Bost from Microsoft on PHP – at Vivel in Schaumburg <http://www.meetup.com/suburbanchicagowebdev/>

Thu 3/4 7:00 **Chicago Drupal Meet Up Group** Free Drupal Training and Install Workshop Night – at SRC Web Design, Chicago <http://drupal.meetup.com/1/>

Mon 3/8 6:00 **Fox Valley Computing Professionals** Web Analytics – at Rice Campus, Wheaton <http://www.meetup.com/foxvalleycp/>

Tue 3/9-Wed 3/10 **IBM i Essentials Virtual Conference**

<https://event.on24.com/event/19/08/25/rt/index.html>

Thu 3/11 7:00 **Chicago Drupal Meet Up Group** module basics & SQL, Drush, Im_paypal – at Duo Consulting, Chicago <http://drupal.meetup.com/1/>

Tue 3/16 8:00 **RPG World Academy** Breaking Free – Modernizing RPG IV Programming Skills with Bob Cozzi – at IBM Oakbrook Terrace, all day, early bird until 3/1 <http://www.rpgworld.com>

Tue 3/16-Thu 3/18 **WMCPA Spring Technical Conference** at Lake Lawn Resort, Delavan WI, \$150 off registration for Omni Members <http://www.wmcpa.org>

Thu 3/18 6:30 **Elmhurst Webmasters Meetup** Landing Page Optimization – Acquisition, Conversion, & Retention, Elmhurst Public Library <http://www.meetup.com/Elmhurst-Webmasters>

Tue 4/27-Thu 4/29 **Toronto User Group TEC 2010** <http://www.tug.on.ca/tec/>

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January PHP on i Pizza Party recap

At the January Pizza Party, the Omni PHP on IBM Power Systems SIG presented PHP on i, a tour of the environments they've been. This started with "the stack" explaining some target server environments, and explored measures to take to ensure the security of your stacks.

We then took a break for some delicious Cathaleena's Thin Crust Pizza graciously provided by Cathy Kramer's new food business venture aka Best Consulting, along with salad and followed by homemade brownies and cookies. Thanks very much to new board member Cathy Kramer!

After eating, a short business meeting elected the new 2010 Omni board noted above and we went off in the direction of PHP programming, with demonstrations of PHP code samples running on an iSeries displayed in a browser and lots of good questions and answers. We wound up by exploring a bit of the world of PHP applications, demonstrating Drupal, an open source content management framework for creating modern websites.

On the whole, it was a very well attended and successful event, and the SIG members who presented (Matt Gross, Jerome Hughes, Pat Lavan) thank all who made it that way, especially the attendees for their attention and questions, and the other SIG members who helped them to prepare for the presentations.

The SIG continues to meet (mostly virtually in the daytime to this point, though perhaps not quite as frequently as just before the Pizza Party) and would very much like it if you want to get involved. Drop a line to a SIG member (like jromeh@aol.com) to find out more.

Omni 2010 Board elected!

At the January Pizza Party, a new 2010 Omni Board was elected. The board includes most all the familiar board members while it adds new member Lorraine Morgan and returning members Cathy Kramer and Matt Gross. The Omni Board bids adieu to Vince Salomon, who has served as Omni's webmaster for the last couple years. Many Omni thanks go to Vince for all his efforts updating Omni's web presence! Congratulations to all the 2010 board members on their election. The initial board meeting has been postponed due to weather and scheduling issues, so you'll have to wait a bit yet to hear who will be handling what position for this year. We'll let you know as soon as the board positions have been determined!

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