

# The Omni User



March 2013

## March Dinner Meeting...

### **POWER Perspectives**

#### **Tom Grigoleit, Meridian IT Solution Architect**

at Papa Passero's, 63rd & Cass in Westmont

Register and be at Papa Passero's on Tuesday, March 19th, when **Tom Grigoleit** will present **POWER Perspectives**. Tom's presentation will provide an overview of and focus on all of the new **IBM POWER Systems** server models, and cover Storage, Performance and Virtualization capabilities of these fantastic systems that run IBM i. Tom's deep experience with midrange systems is sure to provide plenty of useful insight to the Omni audience.

#### **POWER Perspectives - Tom Grigoleit, Meridian IT Solution Architect**

Tuesday March 19th at Papa Passero's, 6326 Cass, Westmont

5:30 Registration and Networking 6:30 Dinner and Break 7:30 Business Meeting, Presentation, Q & A

### **POWER Perspectives**

Today we are in the midst of a technology shift driving growth and innovation - cloud, analytics, social business, and mobile aren't simply remaking computing, they are remaking business. This new era represents an opportunity for organizations to reshape the value they deliver, but cost, complexity and risk are standing in the way. So how can you make sure your IT infrastructure is ready now for what's next?

This presentation will provide critical interpretation and insight gained from real customer scenarios and deep technical expertise.

Highlights will include... Smarter Computing, New POWER server models, Smarter Storage, Performance increases, and Better virtualization techniques

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## **POWER Perspectives**

### **Tom Grigoleit, Meridian IT Solutions Consultant**

Tom Grigoleit is a Power Systems and IBM i Specialist from Rochester, Minnesota. He is currently working for IBM Premier Business Partner Meridian IT as a Senior Solution Architect, performing pre-sales and post-sales work for many customers across the U.S. Tom's expertise is in the design and implementation of Power Servers and Storage, including tape, disk, high availability and virtualization. Previous to his current assignment he enjoyed many years with IBM in a variety of positions including Systems Engineer, Engineering Manager, Product Planner and Program Developer. He holds certifications in Information Systems Architecture, Open System Storage, Power i Servers and Enterprise Architecture, and recently co-authored the Redbook IBM i 7.1 Technology Overview with Technology Refresh Updates.

### **Dinner Options**

Omni's new meeting location is Papa Passero's Family Pizzeria at 6326 Cass in Westmont. They offer a wide variety of tasty foods on their ample and inexpensive buffet, and an even wider variety may be ordered from the menu. Our first meeting there in February was a great success, and many in attendance could be heard raving about the great food on the buffet. Please visit the Papa Passero's site at <http://papapasseros.com> for details.

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### **Upcoming IBM i on Power Systems events!**

COMMON 2013 Meeting and Exposition... April 7-10 in Austin TX

WMCPA - Chuck Stupca on Work Management & iASP... April 11th

Omni Dinner Meeting... April 16th

WMCPA - Mike Pavlak of Zend... May 9th

Omni Dinner Meeting... May 21st

Omni Dinner Meeting... June 18th

Omni / WMCPA Golf Outing at Lake Lawn, Delavan WI... July 18th

Omni Dinner Meeting... August 20th

COMMON Fall Conference... September 9-11 in St. Louis MO

Omni Technical Conference 2013... September 17th at IBM Schaumburg

Conference Director Yvonne Enselman wants you! The 2013 Omni Technical conference planning process is getting underway, and there's room for you to help create our second conference in the fantastic IBM Schaumburg meeting facility. (The very successful first conference at IBM Schaumburg was held last September and coordinated by Omni President Jeff Carey). Please get in touch with Yvonne or any other board member to get involved with the 2013 Omni Conference Committee!

## January Dinner Meeting recap



Omni's January Dinner Meeting was an exciting one, in more ways than one. Midway through the day of the meeting, the board found out that Pompei in Oakbrook Terrace had been closed! Pompei had been our trusty meeting location for the past few years, as we had found that their a la carte style of food service worked better than a full plated dinner for the members and organization, especially from a financial perspective. Board members leapt into action and secured a spot (on the same day, for the same night) at Giordano's, just a little way east down Cermak Road. They then got the message communicated to the many members coming out to see the great speaker we had lined up for our board election night, Charlie Guarino of LISUG (the Long Island Systems User Group.) And everyone made it there, it went off without a hitch, but with a bit more noise than we were used to, we elected a new board, and things were good.

After an introductory diversion modeled on what LISUG does, Charlie presented a great talk on providing Web Services on IBM i, showing how it's done in great detail. You can find Charlie's notes and example code on the Omni site. A big Omni thank you goes to Charlie Guarino, who is always an entertaining and informative speaker, and has become an Omni favorite.

### **Omni 2013 board elected!**

Also at the January meeting, a new Omni board was elected. The following week, the new board got together for their first meeting and agreed on board position assignments. Yes, you'll find many of the usual suspects in the same positions, but we also have a few changes. First, a big thank you goes out to departing Seminar VP Lorraine Morgan, who did a fine job arranging speakers for the last 3 years! Then, we've got some new blood on the boards, as member Doug Bridwell has agreed to be our 2013 Seminar VP, and Yvonne Enselman has returned to take the Conference Director position. Finally, our President and Past President have swapped places! Jeff Carey is now the 2013 Omni President, while 2012 President Tom Duncan has moved into the Past President role. As always, you can see a listing of the board members and their contact emails in this newsletter or on the board page of the site. Congratulations to all of the board members!

## February Dinner Meeting recap



Omni's February Dinner Meeting was our first at our new location, Papa Passero's, and we had a nice turnout on a snowy night to see IBMer Jesse Gorzinski present "Time for a Change: An Overview of the Next Generation of IBM i Access." Jesse came highly recommended by IBM Business Architect for Application Development Tim Rowe, and he very much delivered, giving Omni members a detailed tour through the new IBM i Access Client Solutions product that runs on most all versions of Windows, Macintosh, Linux, and IBM i, while keeping everyone awake with humor and comparisons to the trusty old Client Access that we all know backwards and forwards. The food was good, networking was great as usual, and everyone had a great time at our new home, Papa Passero's. Big Omni thanks go to Jesse, whose presentation slides are now available on the Omni downloads page, and to our new Seminar VP Doug Bridwell, who lined up both the speaker and a great new location for Omni Dinner Meetings.

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