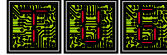


# President's Corner

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## It's Summer!

I've been feeling guilty lately about taking time for myself. There is always something that needs taking care of. An emergency of some sort or opportunity that always takes a front seat. Worse yet, I have not even planned out my summer vacation, and low and behold it's here. Some may argue weather wise it's far from here. However, I look at the calendar and it says July 2002. Summer officially has arrived.

I look at my "TO-DO" list and it quietly says, "Completion date September". I look outside as I am writing this article and it is truly a beautiful time of year. The trees and grass are green, flowers are as colorful as ever (they should be with the money I left at the local nursery), school's out, and the sounds of children playing with the anticipation for a summer full of activities. It certainly is a fun time of the year.

As I reflect or daydream...I remember what my father told me: "Take time

for yourself, make yourself feel good, because you are the backbone of your family and the strength for your children. If you don't take a sanity break from time to time you will never be able to keep up with the responsibilities you have signed up for."

Looks like its time to smell the "Roses" and enjoy. How many of us truly sit back and do this anymore. Let's get our priorities in order. We all have 24 hours in a day. Nobody has any more then that. Although I feel like sometimes we work 40 hour days, not weeks. Let's make the best of those 4 – 6 hours of time that are left in each day. Officially I proclaim **Summer Vacation Starts Today!** Summer has arrived and I am so glad it's here. Summer vacation starts right now!

Go see new places, visit some old friends and catch up. What has your aunt been up to lately? Go visit, unless she's one of THOSE aunts who says you "You NO like my food ... eat ... eat ... eat and take some food home. Heaven forbid. There goes my sexy figure.



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Visit that nice cousin out of town or country that lives so far away you never get to see him. The one that you always enjoy visiting despite the long drive and the kids saying for the 10<sup>th</sup> time as you are pulling out of your own driveway, "Are we there yet?"

Let's take a vacation, lie in the sun, and just relax. Now, that's a better idea! Book the hotel, the flight, the rental car, and just go. Visit some place far away. Explore and sample the local cuisine and nightlife, "you party animal you." Live it up and have a good time. Just think of us back here, slaving away at the computer day after day. But do send a post card and rub it in.

Oh, just go have fun! Still having trouble? How about some summer vocabulary: golf, soccer, kids, baseball, beach, beach ball, beach towel, breeze, bubbles, fishing, frisbee, ice cream cone, ladybug (thousands of them), Caribana, picnic, sand, snorkel, strawberry season, swimming pool, drinks with an umbrella in them, etc.

Put your feet up, signoff your brain, and let the kids play with your RIM. For the moment you don't care. Enjoy the summer, you all have earned it. T G



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