

President's Corner

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What a great summer it has been! The weather in Toronto has been everything one could ask for – hot and sunny, mixed in with sunny and hot – blue skies, and more blue skies. We have had a record hot summer, one perfect for the cottage or for the swimming pool. I hope you all have had an opportunity to enjoy it with your families by taking a vacation, a weekend at the cottage, or at a minimum a time-out from the work place.



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The upcoming year should prove to be challenging as we all look towards a recovery in this depressed, fearful, and unpredictable economy so that we can once again let IT drive our businesses. We have been on hold far too long and want to start integrating all those technology solution we have read about, been educated on and now are ready to install.

This month will be one of nervous anticipation as we move towards the anniversary date of “911”. We will forever remember where we were (“I was stuck in Texas” when it happened) and how it has changed the way we live and travel forever. There will be numerous memorials and tributes for all the victims and brave people directly affected by this tragedy. Let’s all pray the war on terrorism will put a STOP to all of this.

Looking at the past year from a TUG perspective, special recognition must be give to the Board of Directors for an outstanding term. Their dedication of time and effort to this organization is truly commendable.

I witness the dedication of this group of IT professionals and do want to express my personal appreciation by saying “Thank you” for a job very well done. We have seen the users group make great strides in the past campaign.

Ever increasing membership participation in many TUG hosted events, including MOMs (Meeting of Members), the TEC conference, and the Vendor Showcase can be attributed to the timely topics and the quality of education made available. The golf tournament as usual was a big hit and very well attended. The magazine continues to be among the best publication produced by ANY user group in North America.

So now the board is faced with bringing the group forward to the next level. The new board members and their portfolios can be found listed below. I am pleased to accept the role of President once again for TUG and do look forward to the challenges that we face. Of note we have Leo Le Past-president of TUG, and Eveline Gaede, current President of COIN, both accepting the elected position of Vice President. Our committees are already hard at work striving to make the coming year even more successful. Your participation is greatly appreciated, and I look forward to the opportunity of meeting all of you at the upcoming events. Remember, suggestions for improvement are always welcome. Don’t be just a member, get involved!



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