

President's Corner

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Here we are again, and this time – three weeks earlier than usual. What's the rush, you ask? Well, we have an exciting event coming up and we would like to make sure that first, you know about it, and second, that you have better tools with which to enjoy it from start to finish.

TEC 2001

TEC 2001, *a TUG odyssey* is upon us and it is going to be bigger and better than ever. *The Journey continues* but, on April 24 and 25, the iSeries 400 spaceship will stop over briefly at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North, to welcome aboard the travelers of the future. Passengers will have the choice of 7 bays, 5 times per day. At 75 minutes per session, it makes over 87 hours, in two days of prime iSeries education, right here in Toronto. The centerfold of this magazine presents the latest grid of those sessions. Make sure you look at them carefully. Some sessions have changed times since the last flyer you received.

On the first day of the conference, as usual, we are also presenting a bigger than ever vendor showcase. This year, thanks to Jay Burford, the organizer – over 50 vendors will invade the Grand Ballroom and its Foyer, to display their products and services in more than 55 booths. We have never before had that many vendors gathered for a TUG event. Everybody is invited. The Vendor Showcase is free of charge and refreshments will be served (wine and cheese at the end of the day). For your convenience, we have printed the floor plan of the Vendor Showcase in this magazine. Take a look at the map and familiarize yourself with the vendors' booth locations.

Mark your calendar, call your friends, and join us for a good cheer.

If you have not registered yet, there is a registration page included with the grids at the center of this magazine. Don't forget, we also have great prizes to draw during the event.

As an addition this year, we are introducing what we like to call Management-Oriented sessions. They will be held at 4:30PM on day one, April 24. These sessions are opened to the general public and are intended for the less technically inclined people of the IT community. More information about these two events can be found throughout this magazine.

May 23rd MoM

If the early publication of this magazine helps you plan your journey through the Technical Education Conference and the showcase, I hope it will also help you plan for our next Meeting of Members, on May 23rd, 2001.

At that meeting, **Greg Gulyas**, Vice President of Systems Sales for IBM Canada will provide an overview of IBM's eServer strategy, explain the name change that happened last October, and review the current situation with the iSeries 400. By now, it must be the worse kept secret in town...

As Frank Soltis explained last week here in Toronto, IBM is about to unveil the next version of the iSeries operating system. The word on the street is that V5R1 will be made public just before TEC. Sessions at TEC will certainly cover changes introduced by the new version, but at our May Meeting of Members,

Kimberly Stevenson will review the enhancements in more detail. Since the MoM will be about one month after the official announcement, many questions and comments will be raised and the speaker will certainly have more tools and knowledge with which to respond.

Elections 2001

At the same meeting, on May 23rd, the results of the TUG election 2001 will be announced. As you may know, every year, about half of the TUG directors complete a 2-year term and must go through the election process to democratically earn the right to serve as directors. This year, six directors will go through the electoral process along with the new volunteers who would have come forward and put their name down.


Since I am writing this article late in March, I don't know who will have put their name on the list. If you are the main contact for TUG in your company, check your (snail) mail between now and the month of May to see who is running for election. If you receive a ballot, make sure you put your mark beside six of the names and return the ballot to our office promptly to make sure that your vote counts. The Election 2001 process will include all the ballots received by May 18th. To prevent any undue influence, I will not list here the names of the current directors who have to go through the electoral process.

When you receive your ballot, if you are not certain of who is currently director, match the names on the ballot with the names listed under TUG Directors and Associates following this article.



13th Annual Golf Classic

Before the next issue of this magazine, another TUG event will take place. On Friday June 8th, 2001, at the Nobleton Lakes Golf Club, my three partners and I will be defending our title in the TUG Golf Classic. Last year we brought in a score of minus 9. I feel that the competition will be fierce this year and whoever thinks they're going to win will need lot of practice. This year, we are going back to a scramble/best ball format with a shotgun start at 1:00PM. We have room for only 144 players. If you want to be in the tournament, be sure to contact our office as soon as possible. After a cold winter like we just lived, a good game of golf under hot sun and blue sky will be more than welcome.

As you can see, TUG is very active and sometimes we have to do things differently. I hope that the early production of this magazine does not inconvenience you too badly and that the wait for the next issue won't feel to be too long. See you back in July. 

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