

# THE AGENDA for our next Meeting of Members Wednesday, May 21, 2003



LOCATION: **Toronto/Yorkdale Travelodge Hotel**

2737 Keele Street, (at Highway 401) Toronto, Ontario

## Session 1 – 5:00 PM **High Availability for the Real World**

**SPEAKER: Mike Warkentin, DataMirror Corporation**

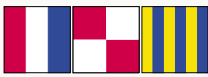


*Mike Warkentin*

**Abstract:** The iSeries is one of the most stable computing platforms on the market today, with an average uptime of 99.984% ... in theory! In the real world however, your iSeries is a Web server with users accessing your site from all over the world – 99.984% is no longer enough! Your usual 2 hour nightly backup is also not going to survive the real world of increasing uptime requirements for your end users. This session will cover High Availability (HA) in the real world. How do I justify to management the need to protect a box that never dies? How much will HA cost, how much will downtime cost? What options should I consider if I want to implement HA? Can I roll my own? What about LPAR, SAN, Clustering? How difficult is it to implement an HA solution from one of the HA BPs and what technical issues should I consider? All of these questions and more will be answered. Attend this session and learn what HA means in the real world! After all, would you rather be in your computer room – or in a canoe in the middle of paradise?

**Bio:** Mike Warkentin is Product Sales Technology Leader for Resiliency at DataMirror Corporation, an IBM Business partner specializing in data integration and resiliency. Mike has North American wide responsibility for DataMirror's iSeries resiliency products, interfacing with IBM, development, consultants and sales to increase technical awareness of product features. He has over 20 years of experience in IT, having worked with major companies like Manulife Financial and GE Canada on platforms such as MVS, VM, NT and iSeries 400. He is a regular speaker at Common where he has won several Speaker of Merit awards, and also at local AS/400 user groups where he has given presentations on clustering, high availability and the system audit journal. When he is not traveling for business, Mike enjoys hiking, canoeing, cross country skiing and spending quality time with his wife and four cats, although not necessarily in that order. [See Mike's High Availability article on page 8...]

## Intermission – 6:00 PM **TUG Meeting of Members (MoM)**



• Mingle and network with professional colleagues. • Enter the draw for one of our fabulous door prizes. To be eligible to win you must be a paid-up member and be in attendance when the draw is held at the end of the meeting. • Enjoy our complimentary buffet dinner. Anyone hungry? • To help us plan, please advise the TUG office of your intention to participate. You can call, fax, or use the TUG web-site to register, (stating: name, company, phone number, and number attending). [www.tug.ca](http://www.tug.ca) • Do we have your current e-mail address?

## Session 2 – 7:00 PM **EDI and the Internet**

**SPEAKER: Brian Bennett, EXTOL International**

**Abstract:** Do you know how to reduce your VAN bill by as much as 50%? Are you ready for XML and EDIINT (AS1 and AS2 Standards)? Are you considering replacing your early generation EDI tools or looking at your first EDI software implementation? EXTOL presents this opportunity for you to learn how you can reduce your company's EDI costs, minimize implementation time for each trading partner and eliminate the need for trading partner-specific custom programming. Learn about advanced auto-mapping, line-item rules and task generation tools, secure user access to EDI data – in plain English, workflow reporting, automatic re-transmit, and new communication standards. The time you spend at this session will be the best ROI.

**Bio:** Brian Bennett has been in the forefront of standards based "Application to Application" software development since 1984. In 2000, Brian Joined EXTOL International to help streamline deployment of Electronic Data Interfaces to supply chain enterprise systems. Prior to joining EXTOL, Brian served as Executive Vice President of development for MediMerge, Inc., a software development firm focused on the integration of data between doctors, hospitals and insurance companies. While at MediMerge, Brian oversaw the deployment of 75 regionally based data-exchanges. As a Channels Manager and Integration Specialist at EXTOL, Brian is responsible for the development and deployment of project plans aimed at powering EC data-exchanges. His division is now the largest within EXTOL and has set new growth records in each of the last 5 quarters. Brian received a Bachelors of Science degree in Economics and Finance from the University of Scranton in 1984. [See an excerpt from EXTOL's white paper on EDI, page 18...]

What topics would you like to see in future? Drop us a line with your suggestions at: [leo@tug.ca](mailto:leo@tug.ca)

