

TUG PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Last year, our regular meeting place (Travelodge Hotel, on Keele at Highway 401 – formerly known as Triumph Hotel) closed down to be converted into “an innovative condominium residence”. Thanks to our good relations with the hotel personnel, we were able to quickly find a replacement location. Since last March, we have been using the Meridian Banquet Hall (also on Keele — but about ten blocks South of the hotel and Highway 401.)

In our quest to satisfy as many members as possible, the TUG Board has decided to test a few other meeting locations, to find out which one works best for you. For the next two meetings our plans are to travel a bit West of Toronto and try out the magnificent facilities at “The Living

Arts Centre” in Mississauga – 4141 Living Arts Drive.

A few TUG Directors toured the premises weeks ago and were delighted by what they saw. Many rooms of various sizes are available on three levels. For our next MoM (on January 18) we have reserved the “Rogers Theatre” on the main floor of the building.

Besides the abundance of rooms at the Centre, one big advantage is the great parking facilities. Parking is free. There are plenty of parking spaces outside but there is also a huge underground parking garage (free as well!). Don't forget, in January the temperature is normally quite cold, so parking under the building will be very welcome.




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Another advantage of The Living Arts Centre is its proximity to a Mississauga Transit bus terminal at Square One Shopping Mall. To take a look at “The Living arts Centre” facilities, direct your internet browser to: www.livingartscentre.ca. You should get all the information you need about this fantastic place. From our database, we can see that many of our members live and/or work in Mississauga. We hope we will see more of them at our meetings.

By trying The Living Arts Centre, it does not mean that TUG is moving all of its meetings to Mississauga. After Mississauga, we will try other location(s) around Toronto as well. If you have a suggestion for an alternate location, send me a note at leo@tug.ca. We will certainly consider all ideas. Remember, easy access by car and by public transit, plus free parking, are most desirable.

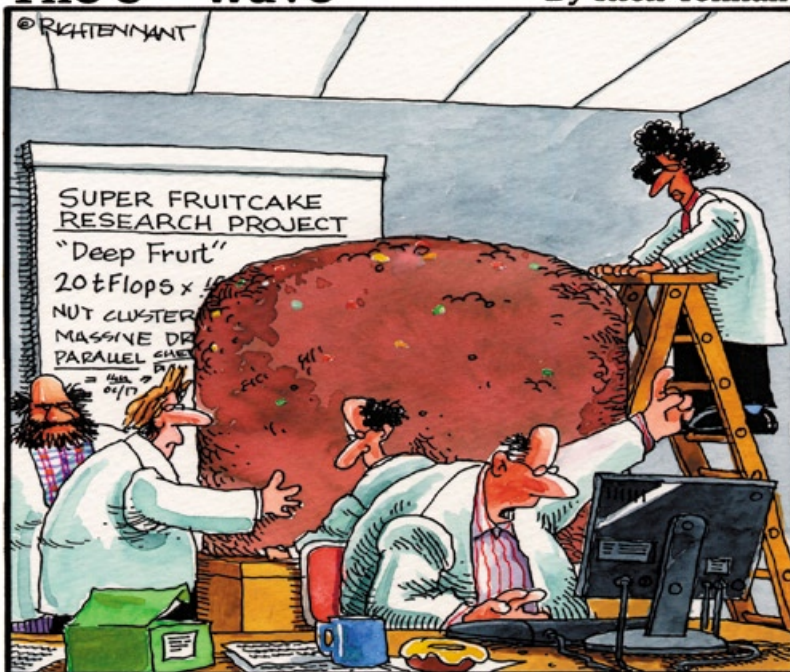
So, on January 18 let's all meet in Mississauga, where **Richard Dolewski** will talk about “Best Practices for the *iSeries*.” (Notice the early starting time – 4:00 pm.) Then, at 7:00 pm, **Karen McGregor** and **Charles Machalani** (from Microsoft Canada) will present an overview of the technologies and architectures that *iSeries* customers are using to integrate with the Microsoft .NET platform.

Again, another meeting not to be missed — and come in numbers to make your point about the Mississauga location. 

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“Hold on people. It seems the Japanese have a 40 teraflop fruitcake in development, and plan to release it - get this - one week before Christmas! Okay, we've got our work cut out for us.”