

Transform Your Passion

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In the January issue of the TUG magazine Jay Buford wrote about benefits of becoming a member and in the March issue Ken Sadler wrote about why corporation should become TUG members. As part of our "Become a Member" campaign and for those of you who have not the luxury of a corporate membership, here is why individual memberships are just as important.


Where can you receive the latest System i5 information? IBM of course — and also TUG! TUG enables you to stay up-to-date on the latest IBM news. The "how to's" and the "gotcha's" — everything from hardware and software upgrades, operating system highlights, Web sphere, Domino, SQL, wireless, Sarbanes-Oxley and so much more. The education received at a TUG Meeting of Members (MOM) is priceless. IBM educational training is great, however, the MoMs allow you to expand that knowledge and see the iSeries (or System i5) and its operating system in action, within all industries.

TUG speakers and current members are a wealth of knowledge. The speakers range from local talent to the midrange industry's best minds. MoMs allow you a chance to meet these great people and ask questions during the break, network with other members, and share midrange knowledge. We all know the System i5 is a very reliable machine, but you cannot know everything. However by sharing ideas with other members — issues get resolved, and applications and operating systems get updated or installed.

From March through September 2006 we have a membership promotion, which allows a current member to have their name placed into a draw for the Grand Prize (yet to be announced) for every new

member they bring in. All new members will receive a special recognition at the closest MOM to which they became a member. There is also an early bird prize of a 27inch colour TV.

In summary, being a member of TUG allows you to attend regular meetings, network with hundreds of knowledgeable technical professionals, receive a copy of our association magazine, discounts on sponsored by TUG special events such as TEC, or join in a game of golf. Individual memberships cost \$199 per year.

Transform your passion for the iSeries and become a member! 



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Kimberly has been a TUG member for over 10 years and currently holds a Director position on the TUG Board. She wishes to continue focus on membership and the education of TUG members.

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