



Membership Drive

By Stephen Quan

TUG is the largest IBM user group in Canada. Having had the distinct professional pleasure of being the IBM Liaison these two years, I can also attest without hesitation that, in my humble opinion, it is also the premier user group in the country. Outside of the IBM Company itself, I have encountered no group that rivals TUG in its genuine passion for the System i platform and related software product groups such as WebSphere. This passion is reflected in the truly phenomenal lengths to which TUG goes in providing the maximum value to TUG's members.

Through the Meetings of Members, held five times a year, TUG provides seminars of unmatched technical and professional value. These meetings are also invaluable to the System i community in outlining the latest product announcements from IBM via presentations given by IBM's own product experts from the US and Canada.


Our members are also intimately familiar with the annual TUG TEC (Technical Education Conference). Easily the largest System i education event in the GTA, TEC provides three days of classes, labs,

certification testing and keynote speeches, rivaled only by COMMON NORTH AMERICA conferences.

As a member of TUG, you therefore are aware of the immense value of TUG membership. No doubt in your professional circles, you have perhaps mentioned TUG to your colleagues in the field. Now in 2006, there is an exciting new contest for EXISTING members to sponsor their friends for TUG membership.

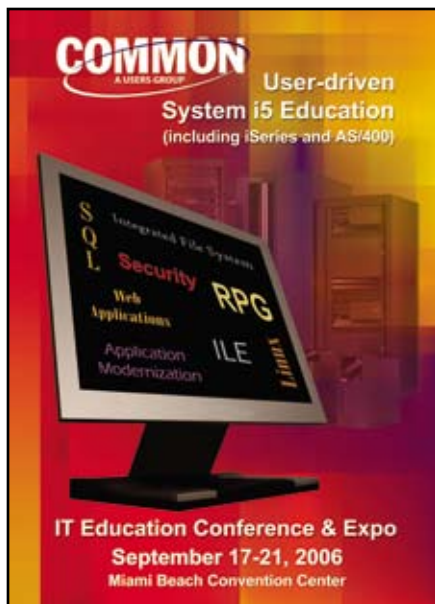
Until September, TUG members in good standing who sponsor NEW members to our user group will automatically be entered into a draw for a 27" colour television set or equivalent GRAND PRIZE. You may enter as many times as you'd like. For those of your colleagues who would like more details on the benefits of TUG membership, full details may be obtained through the TUG office or website OR CALL ME.

In September, we will be holding a draw among the entrants in this contest for a Grand Prize. ENTER AS OFTEN AS YOU WISH. THE NEW COMPANY MUST BE A NEW COMPANY IN THIS FISCAL YEAR, SIGNED UP BEFORE AUG 31, 2006. Introducing a friend to a truly vibrant technical community

combined with the chance to win fabulous prizes is a wonderful "win-win" opportunity for TUG members in 2006. This year has been a truly memorable one for the Toronto Users Group for Series i. We look forward to an even better 2007 sharing the passion of our organization with even more members of the System i community. 

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- ⊗ **September 27 TUG MoM**
(at Living Arts Centre Mississauga)
 - ▶ 5:00 Session: "PHP"
Speaker: tba
 - ▶ 7:00 Session: "VOIP"
Speaker: tba
- ⊗ **September 14: The 18th Annual "TUG Classic" golf tournament & banquet** (at Glen Eagle Golf Club)
- ⊗ **September 17-21: F06 COMMON Conference, Miami Beach, FL**
- ⊗ **October Special: Stay tuned!**
- ⊗ **November 22: TUG MoM**
- ⊗ **January 24, 2007: TUG MoM**
- ⊗ **March 21, 2007: TUG MoM**
- ⊗ **April 17-19, 2007: TEC '007**
- ⊗ **April 29 - May 3: S07 COMMON Conference, Anaheim, CA**



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By Ken Davis

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