


second time in one day. A few weeks ago, Ranjiv sent me an email with some technical questions. When I answered, I mentioned that Dr. Frank was coming back this year. Here is part of his reply:

“Thank you for replying to me and for the fix. Also, I am really glad for your note regarding Dr. Frank Soltis’ next visit this year. Do you remember me from last year, fall 2007? Dr. Frank Soltis and the crew visited Seneca College. I was there for his awesome speech regarding the next generation of System i. After hearing him at Seneca College, I was really interested in seeing him at the Sheraton Parkway Hotel. So, I came to you for the directions, and I made it there after I finished my classes that day. I was the only one attending the meeting as a student. I have to thank you especially, for helping me to get an autograph from Dr. Frank Soltis that day. It is one of my priceless things in my life...”



After the meeting, I took a picture with the great scientist Dr. Frank Soltis. (I feel I am blessed because most people don’t even get a chance to get close to him.) I hope to attend his meeting this year too. He is my inspiration and a role model towards my education.”

As you can see, Dr Frank Soltis touches everyone he meets. So, on November 19, 2008 you have another chance to meet and hear him again.

For this occasion, registration for the meeting will be collected by IBM. So, when you register through the TUG website, you will be re-routed to the IBM registration system. The special registration link for this event is www.tug.ca/i. Please be sure to register in advance so we can plan for the correct amount of food, etc. 



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Steve's Farewell Address

By Stephen Quan

*Excerpt from Stephen's speech
at the TUG Meeting of Members Sept. 17, 2008*

It is with more than a little sadness that I stand here tonight, as it marks my last official function as your IBM Liaison. There are few things, if any, that have been a greater professional pleasure in my career to date than to be your IBM representative. You, the membership of this group, have always impressed me with your passion for technology and your dedication to the System i platform. With the advent of the new Power Systems platform, we at IBM look forward to a bright future for the IBM i environment. A reflection of this is the first class liaison you will be getting in **Dale Perkins**.

I have very limited time up here tonight, so I will not be able to praise my many friends on the TUG board individually. Suffice to say, Léo and the Board have been the most dynamic supporters of the IBM i environment outside of Big Blue itself and some of the most technically proficient specialists I've ever encountered. It's been nothing but a joy to team with you. If I were an IBM executive, I'd hire each and every one of you guys!

I'd also like to thank all the IBMers I've worked with on TUG matters during my time here. Teaming with them and seeing their devotion to the users group's well being made me extra proud to say at TUG events, "I'm an IBMer".

As the saying goes, all good things must come to an end, so I will end off with a heartfelt thanks, not simply to the TUG Board, but to all the members of our users group: it has been a wonderful four years as your IBM Liaison, for it has been an honour, in every way, to serve you. I will always consider myself a member this intrepid users group. 