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AITP Pittsburgh Highlights

Are Your NT Servers Running? Monitoring the NT Infrastructure with NetIQ

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You're sitting in your office and suddenly users are calling to say they can't access one of the servers. You stop the work you were doing and begin the process of troubleshooting. Meantime, your users are clamoring for service because 1) this report is due at noon 2) they have a 10 hour SQL run to complete 3) They're expecting a very important e-mail or any of dozens of valid needs.

It's then that you start wishing you had a way to know about a potential failure and have a chance to do something about it.



This is the need filled by NetIQ. It can monitor the critical components of the NT infrastructure and report potential problems before they occur and either take corrective action or allow you to take steps to resolve problems before they occur.

At our January dinner

meeting, Tim Smith, Southeast Region Sales Manager and Dave Alpers, Senior Sales Support Engineer for NetIQ will demonstrate how NetIQ can help your organization. NetIQ has jumped into the lead of NT event monitoring, reporting and resolution. Microsoft has selected NetIQ as its enterprise management platform. It extends the reach of other tools and provides better NT tools for platforms like CA-UniCenter and Tivoli.

Join us for this meeting, and see how this product can help you.

Special points of interest:

- January Dinner Meeting is January 18, 2000.
- Roger Frame, Executive Vice President of Region 18 will install the Officers and Board of Director for 2000.
- Mail Dinner reservations early. Remember no mail on Monday January 17th.
- Do we have your correct address and email information?

JANUARY EVENT INFORMATION

Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2000

Time: 5:00 PM (Networking)

6:00 PM (Dinner)

7:00 PM (Business Meeting with Installation of Officers and Board of Directors)

7:30 PM (Speaker – Tim Smith and Dave Alpers, NetIQ)

Place: Parkway Center Terrace Room

Deadline: Make reservation prior to Thursday, January 13, 2000

Aitp – Pittsburgh Chapter Board of Directors – 2000

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Message from the Editor

The Newsletter is the official publication of the AITP Pittsburgh Chapter. It is published ten times a year at Pittsburgh, PA as a benefit of membership, to announce the monthly General Meeting, and to provide information of local interest to our members. It is circulated free-of-charge to our AITP members.

We welcome contributions by members and non-members. Unless otherwise requested, articles are subject to editing. Send your documents to Denise Patrizio FAX 412-690-7602, Internet Denise_A._patrizio@corp.cng.com or patriziofam@home.com Our address is Pittsburgh Chapter- AITP, P.O. Box 2004, Pittsburgh, PA 15230.

The submission deadline for articles to be published is the Friday after each Dinner Meeting. Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month.

Advertisers are being accepted for the year 2000. Contact Denise Patrizio for more information.

October's Dinner Meeting

Parkway Center Mall, Terrace Room
 Tuesday January 18, 2000

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Networking
6:00 PM - 7:15 PM	Dinner
7:15 PM - 8:15 PM	Business Meeting followed by Featured Speaker

Price	Prepaid	At Door
Members	\$ 22.00	\$ 27.00
Guests	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00
Students	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00

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 AITP, Pittsburgh Chapter

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*******Email Registration*******
 You may register via email by sending your confirmation to:
aitp@excaliburdata.com
 Please be sure to include the number of attendees, names,
 company names, phone numbers and email addresses.

Please note: *When registering via email, we treat it as a confirmed registration. As such, if you do not cancel your reservation by January 14, 2000, you will be billed for the meeting.*

SPECIAL NOTE: SPEAKERS AND TOPICS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Directions:

From North, South or West: Follow I-279 to Exit #4 (Greentree, Mt. Lebanon). At top of exit go left onto Greentree Road through 3 lights and make right onto Parkway Center Drive. Hotel is on the left.

From East and Downtown Pittsburgh: Follow I-279 South/Airport signs across Fort Pitt Bridge through tunnel exit on #5 (Parkway Center Drive) Hotel is on the end of the ramp on the right.

Registration Form for Tuesday, January 18, 2000
 Deadline is Thursday, January 13, 2000

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone Number _____
 Email _____

Special Note:
 There is no mail delivery on Monday, January 17, 2000 due to a Federal Holiday. Please mail reservation early.

President's Message by Patricia McMurray

As we look upon the New Year, the normal tendency is to renew our spirits and intentions. But with the advent of the millennium, there is great tension and excitement. Hopefully all spirits will soar as with move through the year with aitp.

A special thanks goes out to Mike Fuson and his directors for a successful 1999. Mike had been busy all through the year with behind the scene activities and his efforts should not go unnoticed.

Your officers and directors

are diligently managing the chapter funds to meet the increasing operating expenditures as well as maintaining a reserve.

In the year 2000, we will continue to solicit the support and efforts of our student members. They are a valuable asset to our chapter. We will also look to focus on the regular membership in terms of retention and growth by adding new members. Feel free to invite a co-worker to join us at our meetings. We welcome the guests.

With the educational opportunities that we provide through our dinner meetings, and the chance to share information through networking with your peers, we hope to keep you challenged and growing as an IS professional. I encourage you to make plans to attend our meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at the Terrace Room and see what we have to offer. We in Pittsburgh continue to have an excellent reputation in aitp and I solicit your support in 2000 so we can maintain this tradition.



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"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit."
- Aristotle

Past President Message by Michael Fuson

I cannot believe that 1999 is over. Like many of you the end the Y2K nonsense will not come soon enough, but it certainly was interesting. I have enjoyed my tenure as President and look forward to be your Past-President and participating in the board activities.

I would like to thank the officers and board of directors for the fabulous job they did this year, and countless hours they spent in keeping the Pittsburgh Chapter running smoothly. I would like to extend a special "thank you," "wow you're wonderful" and "we couldn't have done it

without you" to one very special lady.... **Denise Patrizio**. Many of you know Denise as the quiet lady who sits at one of the tables in the back and always seems to have whatever anyone in AITP needs, and I mean anything! She is always on top of the goings on at region and association level, served as the region President and participated in countless committees. Denise truly is the backbone of the Pittsburgh Chapter and really is the glue that holds this baby together. So when you get to the dinner meeting in January, make sure you take a moment to give Denise a handshake/hug and tell her

"thank you" she most definitely deserves it.

1999 has been a blast, and I appreciated the opportunity to serve you. Pat McMurray will be taking the reins for the Year 2000. Please be sure to give her your support as the AITP Pittsburgh Chapter moves into the next Millennium.

Region Executive VP to Install Chapter Leaders

Roger Frame, Region 18 Executive Vice President will attend the January 18 Pittsburgh Chapter Dinner Meeting. Roger will conduct the ceremony to install the recently elected officers and directors for their year 2000 terms. Roger is employed by the Bayer Corporation and is a long time member of the Wheeling WV AITP Chapter. He was elected to the position of Region 18 Executive Vice President last July and has been very active at the region level of AITP.

The following people will

lead the Pittsburgh Chapter during the Year of 2000.

Patricia McMurray – President

Dennis Coglianese – Vice President

Denise Patrizio – Treasurer

George Ilkka – Secretary and Region Director

Michael Fuson – Immediate Past President

Directors at Large:

Lillian Clemens

Craig Holbrook

Steve Iwanicki

Ann Marie Leap

Kenneth Krugh, CCP

Chalice Zavada, RHIA

The Leadership needs your support if Year 2000 is to be a successful one. Plan on attending a chapter meeting soon.



PERFECT ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR Year 2000

To Qualify for the Pittsburgh Chapter's Perfect Attendance Award, a Pittsburgh Chapter member must have a paid attendance at 9 out of the 10 regular scheduled dinner meetings during the year of 2000. July and August events are excluded when determining this award. The

award will be presented to qualifying Pittsburgh Chapter members at one of the dinner meetings during the 1st quarter of the year 2001.

All Pittsburgh Chapter members who had perfect attendance during 1999, will re-

ceive their award during the February dinner meeting.

Watch February's newsletter to see if you have earned "Perfect Attendance" during 1999.

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AITP PITTSBURGH CHAPTER 2000 PROGRAM AGENDA

The following agenda has been put together by your Board of Directors. It is subject to change based on interest and availability of speakers. Your input is important to us. Let us know what you think.

January 18 – Installation of Officers / NT Event Monitoring with NetIQ

February 15 – Perfect Attendance Night/ Storage Management

March 21 – Bosses Night / Microsoft Windows 2000 Server

April 18 – Individual Performance Awards /Voice

over IP – Cisco Systems

May 16 – Student Award's Night (SCOPA, SIPA, SCHOLARSHIPS) / Linux

June 20 – Chapter Anniversary and President's Night / Asset Management Strategies

September 19 – New Technologies Night / Microsoft Exchange 2000

October 17 – Election Night for 2001 / Wireless Messaging

November 21 – Membership Appreciation Night / Novell's New Offerings

December 12 – Holiday Party

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE AWARDS FOR CHAPTER, REGION AND ASSOCIATION SERVICE

For your service to AITP, you are awarded points. Over several years of constant effort, you can earn points. A maximum of 40 points each year can be earned. Listed below is a summary table of the aitp IPA awards and necessary points to receive each of these awards:

Bronze – 100
Silver – 150
Gold – 200
Emerald – 300

Diamond – 400
Double Diamond – 500
Triple Diamond – 600
Quadruple Diamond – 700
Lifetime Award – 800

These awards recognize the meritorious services rendered and sacrifices of time and effort made by a member on behalf of the Association. The points are transferred if the member transfers to a new chapter or Region. Completed the form on the

last page of this newsletter to see just how many points you have earned this year. This form should be duplicated for each year that you as a member have earned points. Forward all completed forms to:

Kenneth Krugh, CCP
AITP – Pittsburgh Chapter
P.O. Box 2004
Pittsburgh, PA 15230

If you have any questions, please call Kenneth Krugh.



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Membership Corner

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

Congratulations to the following members who are celebrating their aitp anniversaries in January. We thank them for their chapter participation and look forward to having them as active members for many more years!

William R Connor – 43 years
Christine R Locklin – 13 years
Richard Burton Sr., CDP – 12 years
Larry D French Sr. – 3 years

RETIREMENT CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to Richard H. Scherer who retired December 1999 after 40 years in the computer field. Richard retired from Iron City Sash and Door Company. Richard says, “I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and AITP for what you have done for the profession over those years.”

REGION SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ANNOUNCED

Region 18 is pleased to announce that two students have been selected to receive a \$500 scholarship. The winners of the Region Scholarships are:

Lisa Anderson - ICM School of Business
Lisa is a member of the ICM School of Business and Medical Careers student chapter, which is sponsored by the Pittsburgh chapter. She is the current vice-president of the

student chapter and attends the Pittsburgh chapter meetings on a regular basis. She plans to continue her education after graduation while she is working in the information systems area.

Beth Norman - West Liberty State College
Beth is a member of the West Liberty State College chapter, which is sponsored by the Greater Wheeling chapter.

She is the current president of the student chapter. She will complete her studies in the spring of 2000 and plans a career in information systems.

Please join us in congratulating them. Region 18 will be recognizing them at the Leadership Retreat on January 22, 2000 in Roanoke, VA.

STATE OF THE PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

BY George Ilkka, Secretary and Region Director

As the Pittsburgh Chapter enters a new year, decade, century and millennium (although some would argue 2001 is really the start of the new millennium) it is time to review the "state of the Pittsburgh Chapter". I have some good news and some bad news to report. First the bad news.

Area companies due to the pressure of pursuing the almighty buck have in many cases stopped supporting their employees with dues and dinner meeting money. Look at most companies over the past number of years and you will likely see a substantial reduction in education budgets. Individuals with job pressures, demands on their time and for a host of other reasons have cut back on joining Associations and other groups.

These facts of the business world have had a direct result in a reduction of membership numbers in the Pittsburgh Chapter. As a result the chapter has less members to attend the monthly dinner meetings which directly affects the income the chapter generates. Another downside of reduced membership is the reduction in availability of volunteers that contribute to the managing of the chapter. I think you would agree income and volunteers are critical ingredients to a AITP chapter success and longevity. Can you spell TRICKLE DOWN, boys and girls.

The good news is the Officers and Directors haven't increase the dinner meeting prices in seven years. This has decreased the chapters reserves but made the meetings more attractive for those members not being supported by their companies. In spite of the decrease in membership and dinner meeting attendance the financial state of the Pittsburgh Chapter is good. The chapter's treasurer, Denise Patrizio for the past number of years, has been very instrumental in the chapter's financial stability. By cautioning and reminding the chapter's management, she has kept in us in good shape. Denise should be given much of the credit for this positive position.

The problem created by the lack of volunteers, that are so important to the chapter's management, have been overcome by the current board of directors. Officers and Directors are now performing the duties that were preformed by 2 or 3 new directors in past years. Fortunately we have had two new people step forth for next years board.

The newly elected President for the Year 2000, Patricia McMurray is now serving her third term as President of the Pittsburgh Chapter. This is the most terms any one person has served the chapter as President. The President has a critical role in the chapter and the chapter is fortunate to have someone as experienced as

Patricia step forward to help the chapter at this time. However, someone in our membership is missing a golden opportunity for... valuable experience in personal growth in not serving as the chapter's president.

The experiences one gains in public speaking, blending the multiple personalities of the board of directors, setting objectives, overseeing chapter activities making sure all duties are carried out and making sure the membership is receiving the best possible product are not available in most jobs early in one's career. What a wonderful training ground for your career. If only you are willing to dedicate the time and effort.

Our programs over the past couple of years have been super if you haven't notice. Dennis Coglianese is very knowledgeable of the current trends in the Information Technology field. He always makes sure we have a timely topic for our monthly dinner meetings. He is always looking for suggestions for topics and recommendations for the name of good speakers.

The gratitude of the Chapter goes out to Mike Fuson for his leadership during 1999. He performed numerous tasks and duties beyond the normal Presidential duties. The chapter's appreciation can't be expressed in written words. Hopefully the presentations made to him at the January dinner meeting will in some small part express

the chapter's thanks for all of his efforts. The chapter also wants to express thanks to Mike's understanding wife, Melissa for allowing us his time.

The Pittsburgh Chapter will be celebrating its 48th anniversary this coming June. What were you doing in 1952 when the Chapter was being established. The longevity of the Pittsburgh Chapter is the direct result of members like yourself making an extra effort. No other field in our history has had the amount of change and accelerated advancement that Information Technology has experienced. Some how people in the Pittsburgh area have come forth to meet that challenge for the last 48 years.

The chapter will soon come to a crossroad. The chapter will see its 50th anniversary in 2002. Beyond that in my opinion the longevity is in doubt. The chapter is going to need your help and support if we are to survive. Please step forward during 2000 and volunteer, if you can't at least make an extra effort to attend a couple of dinner meetings during the year 2000. We need you!!!

SUPPORTING CONTRIBUTOR LISTING

The Pittsburgh Chapter Roster once again is soliciting "Supporting Contributors" for the 2000 Roster.

To show your support for our Chapter Roster you may put either your name or your company name in one of the below categories for \$10.00.

Member Supporter - You can have one line listed with your name

Corporate Supporter - You may have one line listed with your Corporate name

As a member, you may select one or the other category above. If you would like your company name and your name to appear, the cost would be \$20.00.

Your request must be received by

January 4, 2000 to be included.

Make checks payable to:
AITP - Pittsburgh Chapter
c/o Denise Patrizio
36 Hollowhaven Drive
Pittsburgh PA 15236

Help support this great publication!!!

I would like to support the AITP's roster. Please include the following line in the roster for the cost of \$10 a line:

Name _____

(Or)

Company _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

ADDRESS INFORMATION CORRECTION

The Membership Director is in the process of starting to assemble the 2000 Pittsburgh Chapter Membership Roster. To be sure we have the most current information for each member, we are asking you to review the information on the address label of this newsletter. It is located on the back page. If it is correct you need not do anything, this is

the information that will appear in the Roster.

However, if it's not right you must notify us by January 4, 2000 to insure that it will be correct in the roster. A form has been provided for this purpose. Please provide us with all the information requested on the form. This is the information that will appear in the 2000

roster.

Mail the corrected form to the Chapter at the return address located above your label.

A reminder, your dues must be current for your name to appear in the 2000 roster.

MEMBERSHIP NO:

NAME, LAST:

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NAME, FIRST:

FAX:

OUR AITP MEMBERSHIP FILES REFLECT THE INFORMATION ON THE LABEL. IF THERE IS INCORRECT DATA YOU WANT CORRECTED, PLEASE MAKE THE CORRECTIONS ON THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO AITP, P.O. BOX 2004, PITTSBURGH, PA 15230.

NAME: _____, _____, _____ - _____ - _____ MEMBER #: _____
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YEAR FOR: 1999 AWARD: _____ COMMENTS: (ENTER GENERAL COMMENTS BELOW)

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 NO. --ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION--- Y/N TIMES
1. Member -
 2. Perfect Attend, Chapt Bus ---
 3. Chapt Charter Member, 1st ---
 4. Sponsor A New Member ---
 5. Assoc Conference Chairper ---
 6. Assoc Board Of Director M ---
 7. Assoc Sec-Treas ---
 8. Assoc Executive V.P. ---
 9. Assoc President ---
 10. Assoc Past President ---
 11. Region Assoc Comm Member ---
 12. Region Assoc Comm Chairpe ---
 13. Region Treasurer ---
 14. Region Secretary ---
 15. Region Coordinator/VP ---
 16. Region President/Group ---
 17. Region Conf Chairperson ---
 18. Chapt Director ---
 19. Chapt Secretary ---
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 22. Chapt Sec, Recording ---
 23. Chapt Sec-Treas ---
 24. Chapt Vice Pres ---
 25. Chapt Executive V.P. ---
 26. Chapt President ---
 27. Region Director ---
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 33. Participation/Electronic ---
 34. Forum System Operator ---
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 38. Instructor, Chapter Spons ---
 39. Speeches, Local, School ---
 40. Member Education Advisory ---

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41. Service Region Educ Found ---
 42. Service Other AITP Board ---
 43. Submit, Acceptance, Paper ---
 44. Attend Leadership Trainin ---
 45. Instructor AITP Educ Prog ---
 46. Speaker at Conference ---
 47. Speaker to Promote AITP ---
 48. Certification Attainment ---
 49. Boy/Girl Merit Badge ---
 50. Junior Achievement Adviso ---
 51. Student Organization Advi ---
 52. Mem. Attend Reg. Conf. ---
 53. Mem. ISECON Full ---
 54. Mem. ISECON Partial ---
 55. Chair/Co Chair Sig. ---
 56. Allied Committee Member ---
 57. Board of Dir of SIG ---
 58. Serve as SIG Officer ---
 59. AITP Activity (4 Max) ---
 60. Chapt Past Pres/Attend Bo ---
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 62. Start New Chapter, Member ---
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