



AITP PITTSBURGH HIGHLIGHTS

Portal Primer Presented by Jason Piccola

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One of the recurring “new things” that the IT trade magazines report on, is the increased use of Portals. There are frequent articles about the different offerings available and many stories about how they have helped various companies.

But what exactly is a portal? I’m sure we all immediately think of those round glass windows on a ship, but that hardly sounds like IT, right?

Thanks to the folks at Ciber, Jason Piccola will help us navigate these waters and show us why this is important. He will give an overview of the different available technologies and then show how companies have leveraged portals to improve different business processes.

Jason has a long relationship with portals, starting at Ketchum Communications where his responsibilities included the administration of Ketchum’s award winning portal system, named *myKGN*. At Ciber he is has been a Solution Architect of Corporate Portals since January 2003. He can share real world portal experience everyone.

This is the kick-off of a new year of Dinner Meetings and we’re excited to have Jason and Ciber presenting.

We also encourage you to invite a colleague and share with them the great information we have available.

We will return to the Holiday Inn East for this meeting so come, join us on February 15, 2005 at the Holiday Inn East. The registration table opens at 5:30pm and our presentation will begin around 6:30pm.

Directions to Holiday Inn Parkway East

From Downtown Pittsburgh, take RT. 376 (Parkway East) to Wilkinsburg Exit. At first light make a left onto Brinton Road (do not make the sharp left onto Rt. 30). Holiday Inn will be on your left.

From the Pennsylvania Turnpike (East or West), take Exit 6 (Monroeville). After the toll booth, merge on to Rt. 376 (Parkway East), toward Pittsburgh. Take the Wilkinsburg Exit. At first light make a left onto Brinton Road (do not make the sharp left onto Rt. 30). Holiday Inn will be on your left.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dennis Coglianesse



It's the start of a New Year and we are ready to start with our program lineup.

As you can see from page one, we have a great topic to start. We're going to make a special effort this year to bring you topics that will help you grow in your career. We want to be able to bring topics that are not just technical in nature, but help developing IT leaders develop their skills.

We are also hoping to have Dinner Meetings on a more frequent basis. We don't know yet if it will be every month, but it will be at least close to that.

We are also working on a new meeting location that hopefully will provide a great location without the need to guarantee more attendees than we know we may not be able to bring in. There is also plenty of free parking!

Because of commitments at this location, we will need to move our meeting night from the third Tuesday of the month to the third Monday of the month. We're going to have our first meeting at the new location on March 21 (notice we are having meetings 2 consecutive months!).

A very important piece of AITP business will be transacted at the February meeting—our annual elections. As you can see below, the Nominating Committee has assembled a slate. Nominations will be accepted from the floor, as always.

We welcome anyone that is interested in participating in the leadership of the chapter to join us. We have no problem with self-nominations!

One other bit of news for our members. The National Organization has developed several new programs and benefits for our members. We're going to give a run down of these in an upcoming newsletter and may add that to our agenda for one of the Dinner Meetings. You can get a preview by going to the AITP website.

I hope to see you at the February Dinner Meeting!

Dennis J. Coglianesse

Board of Directors Elections

It's that time again! Perhaps not as contentious as our recent national elections, but it's time for you to help decide the leadership for our Chapter during the coming year.

The Nominating Committee has received the following slate:

Officers

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Vice President—Debbie Tresnan
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**Portal Primer
Event Registration
February 15, 2005
Holiday Inn East**

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM **Registration, Social Hour and Dinner**
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM **Presentation**

| Price | Pre-Register | At Door |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Members | \$ 24.00 | \$ 29.00 |
| Guests | \$ 27.00 | \$ 32.00 |
| Students | \$ 21.00 | \$ 21.00 |

******* Make checks payable to *******
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******* Mail checks and this Registration Form to *******
Mike Fuson, Excalibur Data Systems
115 Sagamore Hill Road
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******* Must be received by Feb 12, 2005 for Pre-Register Price *******

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You may register on the web by visiting <http://www.aitp-pgh.org/register.htm>

Please be sure to include the number of attendees, names,
company names, phone numbers and email addresses.

Please note: *When registering online, we treat it as a confirmed registration. As such, if you do not cancel your reservation by Feb 12, 2005 you will be billed for the meeting.*

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AITP offers direct contact with other professionals in the field through regular meetings on a local level. Sharing in the benefits of new ideas and experiences that can be acquired in no other way. AITP means belonging to a group of like-minded individuals joined together for the purpose of advancing their knowledge and skills, their careers and their profession.

Pittsburgh AITP is involved in activities and programs of all types. Members can contribute to program development and execution as well as participate in all membership activities. We present programs to the public, as well as, specialized workshops for our members. AITP is also actively involved in many charitable ventures including : The Pittsburgh Food Bank, Children's Hospital Free Care.

Membership in the Pittsburgh Chapter of AITP provides you with an excellent opportunity to meet new friends in the data processing community. Many new contacts can be made to enhance your career.