



*Pittsburgh Chapter
Serving the IT Community
since 1952*

January 2001

Volume 49 Issue 1

AITP Pittsburgh Highlights

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Patricia McMurray



Inside this January 2001 issue:

Officers and Board List	2
Dinner Reservation	3
2001 Calendar of Events	4
Region/Association	5
New Year's Resolution	6
IPA Application Form	7
Roster Advertising	8
Membership Application	9

The pace that begins the year 2001 equals the extremely rapid pace that brought us to the close of the year 2000. It is incredible to see the calendar fill so quickly so early and never let up.

Our industry created and propagates the speed by which we communicate and the demand of instant results. The days fly by so rapidly, I can hardly catch my breath before it's time to start another new day.

We held our December meeting at Gataeno's with

Terry Zigler and a look at the plans for the new Pirate stadium. Anyone who has watched the progress of the building has seen the pace with which it can be done. It actually seems that one day the ground was broken and the next day there was a stadium! Technology gives us that luxury and the edge to keep moving forward.

It is the spirit of ground breaking and striving for better surroundings that keeps us going in the aitp organization. We are sharing experiences and ideas that will assist in making

things better for all of us.

The toys and dreams of our past are now the realities of our present. As we begin this new year of 2001 travel with us into the future. Let aitp be the vehicle of this exciting journey for you as well as us.

We will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month January, February and March. Mark your calendars now and make a real effort to be with us as we explore the ever increasing demands of our technologies.

Special points of interest:

- ? Mark January 16, 2001 for the January dinner meeting.
- ? Speaker information was not available at time of publication. Please visit the website for updated information. www.aitp-pgh.org
- ? Make sure that you check the list of Perfect attendees for 2000. Should your name is included?

2000 PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS TO BE GIVEN OUT IN FEBRUARY

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 2001. 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 2002.

All Pittsburgh Chapter members who had perfect attendance during 2000, will receive their award during the February dinner meeting.

Check to see if your name is on the list. If you feel you have been overlooked, contact Chalice Zavada and she will investigate. The list will be finalized by January 30th. These will be no exception

after this date.

- Dennis Coglianese
- Stan Hoffman
- George Ilkka
- Ken Krugh
- Jack Lesnick
- Patricia McMurray
- Denise Patrizio
- Jeff Ricard
- Harvey Schoenman
- Chalice Zavada

Aitp – Pittsburgh Chapter Board of Directors – 2001

Position	Name	Company	Phone	Fax	Email
President	Patricia McMurray	ICM School of Business	(412) 261-4644	(412) 261-6491	icmschool.com
Vice President	Dennis Coglianesse	Infinity Technology Service	(412) 369-3889		Dcog@bellatlantic.net
Treasurer Bylaws	Denise Patrizio	Dominion	(412) 316-7110	(412) 316-7230	Denise_A._Patrizio@dom.com DenisePatrizio@home.com
Secretary	George Ilkka	Retired	(412) 487-2724		
Past President	Michael Fuson	Excalibur Data Systems	(724) 387-1331	(724) 387-1337	mfuson@excaliburdata.com
Region Director	George Ilkka	Retired	(412) 487-2724		
Hospitality Registration	Michael Fuson	Excalibur Data Systems	(724) 387-1337	(724) 919-3562	mfuson@excaliburdata.com
Hospitality Assistant	Chalice Zavada, RHIA	University of Pgh	(412) 624-9844	(412) 624-9831	caz@engrng.pitt.edu
Newsletter Publicity	Denise Patrizio	Dominion	(412) 316-7110	(412) 316-7230	Denise_A._Patrizio@dom.com denisepatrizio@home.com
Student Chapters	OPEN				
Program	Dennis Coglianesse	Infinity Technology Service	(412) 369-3889		Dcog@bellatlantic.net
Records & Labels	Kenneth Krugh, CCP	Keane Inc	(412) 473-2800	(412) 473-2808	krkrugh@stargate.net
Awards - IPA	Kenneth Krugh, CCP	Keane Inc	(412) 473-2800	(412) 473-2808	krkrugh@stargate.net
Awards - COPA	OPEN				
Membership	Patricia McMurray	ICM School of Business	(412) 261-4644	(412) 261-6491	icmschool.com
Director at Large	Clinton Schaffer	Contemporary Technologies	(412)-642-2222	(412)642-2223	Clintons@contemptech.com
Director at Large	Dale Smith	ICM School of Business	(412) 261-4644	(412) 261-6491	Dsmith88@go.com

Message from the Editor

The Newsletter is the official publication of the AITP Pittsburgh Chapter. It is published eleven 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 412-316-7230, Internet Denise_A._Patrizio@dom.com or DenisePatrizio@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 second Tuesday of each month. Contact Patricia McMurray for more information.

Advertisers are being accepted for the year 2001. Business Card—\$20 per month; Quarter Page—\$30 per month; Half Page - \$40 per month; Full Page - \$60 per month. Six months or more of continuous advertising costs only 5 months. Contact Denise Patrizio at 412-316-7110 for more information. We distribute the newsletter monthly to an influential group of 150+ career information systems and technology professionals. Many of us pass copies of it to our colleagues, providing a particularly high value for your advertising dollar.

January's Dinner Meeting

Parkway Center Mall, Terrace Room
 Tuesday, January 16, 2001

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Networking and Student Chapter Meeting
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

******* Make checks payable to *******
 AITP, Pittsburgh Chapter

******* Mail checks to *******
 Mike Fuson, Excalibur Data Systems
 115 Sagamore Hill Road
 Pittsburgh, PA 15239
 (724) 387-1331
mfuson@excaliburdata.com

*******Email Registration for Members Only *******
 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 11, 2001, you will be billed for the meeting.*

SPECIAL NOTE: SPEAKERS AND TOPICS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Directions:

From North, South or West: Follow I279 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 I279 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 16, 2001

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

**GET RESERVA-
 TIONS IN EARLY.
 REMEMBER
 THERE IS NO
 MAIL ON MON-
 DAY, JANUARY
 15TH DUE TO A
 HOLIDAY.**

CALENDAR SET FOR 2001

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 9—Board of Director's Meeting

January 16 – January Dinner meeting

January 19-20—Leadership Retreat, Charleston, WV

January 21—Region Board of Director meeting

February 13—Board of Director's Meeting

February 20 – Perfect Attendance Night/ Feb dinner meeting

March 13—Board of Director's meeting

March 20– Bosses Night / March dinner meeting

April 10—Board of Director's meeting

tor's meeting

April 17 – Individual Performance Awards /April dinner meeting

May 8—Board of Director's meeting

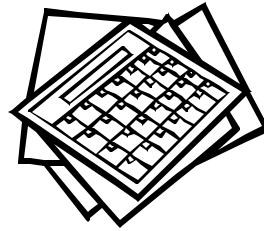
May 15 – Student Award's Night (SCOPA, SIPA, SCHOLARSHIPS)

June 12—Board of Director's meeting

June 19 – Chapter Anniversary and President's Night / June's dinner meeting

August 14—Board of Director's meeting

August—Golf outing benefiting the Student Scholarship Fund.



September 11—Board of Director's meeting

September 18 – New Technologies Night

October 9—Board of Director's meeting

October 16 – Election Night for 2002 / October dinner meeting

October 18—50th Anniversary celebration for AITP, Baltimore, MD

October 18—October 20—Annual Association Conference, Baltimore, MD

November 13—Board of Director's meeting

November 20 – Membership Appreciation Night / November dinner meeting

December 4—Board of Director's meeting

December 11 – December dinner meeting



“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.”

COMPUTER PRAYER

Dear Lord,

*Every evening
As I'm lying here in bed
This tiny little prayer
Keeps running through my head
God bless my mom and dad
And bless my little pup
And look out for my sister
When things aren't looking up
And God, there's one more thing
I wish that you could do
Hope you don't mind me asking
But please bless my computer*

*too?
Now I know that's not normal
To bless a mother board
But just listen a second
While I explain to you 'My Lord'
You see, that little metal box
Holds more to me than odds & ends
Inside those small compartments
Rest a hundred of my 'BEST FRIENDS'
I know for sure they like me
By the kindness that they give
And this little scrap of metal
Is how I travel to where they live*

*By faith is how I know them
Much the same as you
I share in what life brings them
From that our friendship grew
"PLEASE" Take an extra minute
From your duties up above
To bless this scrap of metal
That's filled with so much love!*



REGION AND ASSOCIATION NEWS BY GEORGE ILKKA, REGION DIRECTOR



LEADERSHIP RETREAT

The 2001 Region 18 Leadership Retreat committee would like to invite you to join us for an opportunity to “Work Together” with other Region 18 leaders to make our chapters and our Region the best in the Association. What you learn at the Leadership Retreat will enable you to help your chapters to improve in a number of areas.

Information on the Leadership Retreat is available on the Region website at www.laitp-region18.org.

The Region 18 Leadership Retreat will be held on January 19-21, 2001 at the Charleston Marriott Town Center Charleston WV. The theme is “Working Together Makes Sense”.

All are invited to attend. Cost is \$30 for the seminar and lunch. The Mystery dinner is \$30. Room rate is \$73 a night.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Check out the website www.aitp.org for electronic infor-

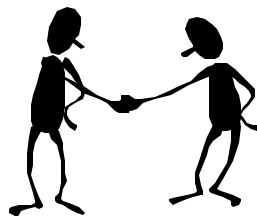
mation on association news. Both the Information Executive and Nanosecond (a student publication) are available to AITP members.

As AITP moves in the direction of more electronic communication, it becomes critical to stay in touch with the valuable and ever growing membership. Update your address and email address on the AITP website so that you don't miss out on any important news from HQ.



“Check out the website www.aitp.org for electronic information on association news. Both the Information Executive and Nanosecond (a student publication) are available to AITP members..

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 mem-

bers for many more years!

Christine R Locklin
Richard C Burton Sr CDP
Larry D French Sr
Michael J Carbonaro
Vanessa L Lima

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Pittsburgh chapter of AITP extends a warm welcome to the following new members approved by the Board of directors. The Membership, Officers, and Board of Directors

will be looking forward to meeting you personally in our upcoming regular monthly meetings.

Terry D Zeigler
Pittsburgh Pirates
Director of Information Systems
600 Stadium Circle
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Work (412)323-5021
Fax (412)323-1724
Tzeigler@alltel.net

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

By Robin Nobles

Did you make a New Year's Resolution? Maybe to try to lose those pounds gained during the holidays, or to spend more time with your family?

Let's see what help we can gain from the Internet on meeting our goals.

To Lose Weight:

As much as we realize that fast food and dieting don't go hand in hand, it's difficult in this fast-paced world to keep out of fast food restaurants, which is where <http://www.olen.com/food>, comes in. This site features nutritional information on more than 1000 fast-food items. Plug in your favorite restaurant, your usual meal, and see if it fits into your diet plan.

Now here's a wonderful site that's one of the best for diet information: <http://www1.mhv.net/~donna/diet.html>. Read their weight loss tips, get help on starting your diet, or learn why we eat when we're not hungry. Calculate your body mass, discover the importance of

drinking water, or learn a "powerful but spooky technique" for losing unwanted pounds. The site will tell you how many calories will get burned per minute for various activities.

Kids--To Do Their Homework:

Kids, maybe you can find some help with your homework at <http://tristate.pgh.net!/pinch13/>. B.J. is a 10-year old from Pennsylvania who has compiled a listing of 430 sites to help you find any information you need.

To Back Up Your Hard Drive Files:

I know, I know. It's a difficult thing to



remember to do. But the first time you lose the entire contents of your hard drive, you'll be so relieved that you took the time to back up. Visit http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/CIS/User_Services/Publications/Newsbytes/May97/cpr.html to learn healthy computer habits.

To Be a Better Parent:

Yes, we live in a fast-paced world, and sometimes we forget to spend time with the most important people in our lives, our family members. At <http://www.parentsplace.com/>, you can participate in chat sessions with other parents, or read articles about marriage and the family. Visit the Reading Room for Q&A's from parenting professionals.

Robin Nobles is a freelance writer who can be reached at robin@robinsnest.com or through her website at <http://www/robinsnest.com/>.

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 400 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 next 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.

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER IPA FORM.

NAME: _____, _____, - ____ - ____ - ____ MEMBER #: _____

COMP: _____

ADDR: _____, _____, - ____ - ____ W - H

YEAR FOR: 2000 AWARD: _____ COMMENTS: (ENTER GENERAL COMMENTS BELOW)

ACT	ACT
NO. --ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION--- Y/N TIMES	NO. --ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION--- Y/N TIMES
1. Member	41. Service Region Educ Found
2. Perfect Attend, Chapt Bus	42. Service Other AITP Board
3. Chapt Charter Member, 1st	43. Submit, Acceptance, Paper
4. Sponsor A New Member	44. Attend Leadership Trainin
5. Assoc Conference Chairper	45. Instructor AITP Educ Prog
6. Assoc Board Of Director M	46. Speaker at Conference
7. Assoc Sec-Treas	47. Speaker to Promote AITP
8. Assoc Executive V.P.	48. Certification Attainment
9. Assoc President	49. Boy/Girl Merit Badge
10. Assoc Past President	50. Junior Achievement Adviso
11. Region Assoc Comm Member	51. Student Organization Adv
12. Region Assoc Comm Chairpe	52. Mem. Attend Reg. Conf.
13. Region Treasurer	53. Mem. ISECON Full
14. Region Secretary	54. Mem. ISECON Partial
15. Region Coordinator/VP	55. Chair/Co Chair Sig.
16. Region President/Group	56. Allied Committee Member
17. Region Conf Chairperson	57. Board of Dir of SIG
18. Chapt Director	58. Serve as SIG Officer
19. Chapt Secretary	59. AITP Activity (4 Max)
20. Chapt Treasurer	60. Chapt Past Pres/Attend Bo
21. Chapt Sec, Corresponding	61. Start New Chapter, Chairp
22. Chapt Sec, Recording	62. Start New Chapter, Member
23. Chapt Sec-Treas	63. Visit Other AITP Chapt, m
24. Chapt Vice Pres	64. Attend National Member Mt
25. Chapt Executive V.P.	65. Attend Leadership Worksho
26. Chapt President	66. Attend Association Meetin
27. Region Director	67. Chair Of Association Co mm
28. Chapt - Region Liaison	68.
29. Chapt Committee(s)	69.
30. Chapt Publication Committ	70.
31. Chapt Committee Chairpers	71.
32. Chapt Publication Chairpe	72.
33. Participation/Electronic	73.
34. Forum System Operator	74.
35. Education Function	75.
36. Main Speaker, Own Chapter	76.
37. Main Speaker, Other Chapt	77.
38. Instructor, Chapter Spons	78.
39. Speeches, Local, School	79.
40. Member Education Advisory	80.

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | |

Return form to AITP c/o Ken Krugh PO. Box 2004 Pittsburgh, PA 15230

ROSTER ADVERTISING IS AVAILABLE

The Pittsburgh Chapter Roster once again is soliciting "Supporting Contributors" for the 2001 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 also 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 5, 2001 to be included.

Make checks payable to:

AITP - Pittsburgh Chapter
c/o Denise Patrizio
36 Hollowhaven Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

If you are interested in placing an ad or business card in the roster, contact Denise Patrizio for rates.

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 CORRECTION REQUESTED

The Membership Director is in the process of starting to assemble the 2001 Pittsburgh Chapter Membership Roster. To make 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 5, 2001 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 2001 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 2001 roster.

MEMBERSHIP NO:

NAME, LAST:

NAME, FIRST:

COMPANY:

TITLE:

ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP:

PHONE:

FAX:

INTERNET ADDRESS:

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.

AITP MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
The Association of Information Technology Professionals

Please complete all sections of the application. (TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY)

<input type="checkbox"/> CDP	<input type="checkbox"/> CSP	<input type="checkbox"/> Former AITP Member
<input type="checkbox"/> CCP	<input type="checkbox"/> ACP	<input type="checkbox"/> Former Student Member
<input type="checkbox"/> CAN	<input type="checkbox"/> CNE	<input type="checkbox"/> Former Interim Member

Name: First _____ Middle Initial _____ Last _____

Employer Name: _____ Your Title _____ Dept/Div _____

Employer Address: _____ City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip+4/Postal Code _____

Home Address: _____ City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip+4/Postal Code _____

Send Mail to: Home Company AITP may include my name and address for mail list rentals: Yes No

Business Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail Address: _____ Mail Provider: _____

A subscription to *Information Executive* is included with your membership dues.

Contributions or gifts to the Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP dues) are not tax deductible as charitable contributions. However, they may be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses.

Association Dues: **\$105.00** Specify Chapter Selected: Pittsburgh Chapter #043

One Time Processing Fee: **\$ 15.00** U.S./\$20 Canadian Return to: **AITP Pittsburgh Chapter**
 Special Interest Groups: (optional) **P.O. Box 2004**
Pittsburgh, PA 15230-2004

EDSIG \$ _____ \$20/\$26 Canadian Checks payable to : AITP

TOTAL **\$120.00** Due with this Application

Specify Payment Method: Visa MasterCard Check Money Order

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

I hereby make application for membership in AITP. I agree to comply with the requirements of the Bylaws and Code of Ethics and all regulations adopted by the Association.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Sponsor's Name: _____ Membership Number _____
 (print legibly)

Association of Information Technology Professionals
33405 Treasury Center, Chicago, IL 60694-3400
(847)825-8124 * (800)224-9371 * FAX: (847)825-1693 * CompuServe 70430.35 * www.aitp.org

Association of
Information Technology
Professionals

AITP- Pittsburgh Chapter
PO Box 2004
Pittsburgh, PA 15230

Phone: (724) 387-1331
Email: aitp@excaliburdata.com



**AITP—Pittsburgh
Chapter**

We're on the Web
www.aitp-pgh.org

FIRST CLASS MAIL – DATED MATERIAL

Mail room: Please REROUTE if necessary. This important announcement, if not properly addressed, should go to the division responsible for data processing or systems development.

Empower Your Employees

Provide them the software skills needed to succeed in today's computerized workplace.



- **Open-Enrollment Program**
Large schedule of classes during the day, evening, or Saturday, featuring popular business software.
- **Convenience**
Classes held at our downtown location or private seminars at your location.
- **Quality Education**
Experienced instructors with special skills in teaching adult learners. Excellent materials included.

Call us at (412) 281-7488 to discuss your training needs or view our catalog on-line: <http://www.clc.pitt.edu>



University of Pittsburgh
College of General Studies

The University of Pittsburgh is an affirmative action, equal opportunity institution.

Aitp Pittsburgh Chapter January Dinner Meeting

**Tuesday
January 16, 2001**

Parkway Center Terrace Room

**5:00-6:00 PM Networking and Student
Meeting**

6:00-7:15 PM Dinner

**7:15-8:15 PM Business Meeting and
Featured Speaker**