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Special points of interest:

- ? September 18th is the next chapter meeting and Election night.
- ? October 16th will be our annual run Student meeting. Watch the newsletter for more details.
- ? Make sure you vote for our Association leaders. Send in your ballot NOW!

# AITP Pittsburgh Highlights

## LIMITING LIABILITY WHEN EMPLOYEES SURF Heather Heidelbaugh, Burns, White and Hickton

As IT professionals, we know that technology moves fast. We've also heard that the wheels of justice turn slowly. However, if you're not careful, those wheels may run you over!

As employees have access to more technology, the potential for misuse increases exponentially. So does the potential liability for employers. But, we also live in a society that places a high value on individual rights. How can employers develop (and enforce) an employee policy that provides protection for both parties?

Heather Heidelbaugh of Burns, White and Hickton, will be our featured speaker in September and shed some light on this topic. Heather is the Chairperson of her firm's ECommerce Department and works daily to help her clients deal with the legal issues that arise as they use technology more.

Heather developed her specialty as awareness of Y2K problem (you do remember that?) began to develop. She realized that lawyers needed to get more familiar with the technology to help clients in an emerging field.

She even testified before the Pennsylvania State Senate hearings regarding legislation limiting liability for Y2K issues. While she doesn't consider herself a technie, she looks to understand the legal issues presented by technical advances.

This promises to be a timely presentation. You might want to bring some of your company's management along as guests! Come and join us on Sept 18, 5:00 pm at the Terrace Room.

## ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS BALLOTS MAILED YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

The Association ballots were mailed out the beginning of August. We ask that you please mark your ballots for the following candidates and mail the ballot in before the October 1st deadline.

The Pittsburgh chapter is asking that you take a few moments and mark your ballot for the following candidates:

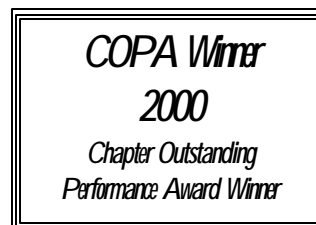
Vice President—George

Koscho  
Secretary/Treasurer—Sam Luke

District Director—Eastern District —Craig Kennedy

The biographies for the candidates will appear in the July/August Information Executive newsletter. If you decide that you would like to vote for another candidate, please do so. If you would like more information on these candidates,

feel free to contact any Chapter Officer or Board Member. We will be happy to explain why the candidates best fit the needs of the Association and the chapter.



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### 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.

## September's Dinner Meeting

Parkway Center Mall, Terrace Room  
 Tuesday, September 18, 2001

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	<b>Networking and Student Chapter Meeting</b>
6:00 PM - 7:15 PM	<b>Dinner</b>
7:15 PM - 8:15 PM	<b>Business Meeting followed by Featured Speaker</b>

<b>Price</b>	<b>Pre-Register</b>	<b>At Door</b>
Members	\$ 22.00	\$ 27.00
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 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 September 13, 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.

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Registration Form for Tuesday, September 18, 2001

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## PRESIDENT MESSAGE by Patricia McMurray

The technology field is a dynamic profession, requiring all practitioners to keep abreast of hardware and software innovations, new legislation, trade practices, job market challenges, etc. Maintaining your involvement with your association is the first step in building a successful career.

Membership in Aitp can offer the opportunities for continuing education, gathering information, and keeping in contact with other members currently experiencing the same professional challenges you are facing. The greater your involvement with the organization, the greater your

impact on the outcome, and the organization's impact on you.

The chance to meet new individuals and exchange ideas was a reward for those who participated in the recent golf/picnic outing. There were some familiar faces as well as first timers in the group. The seeds were planted for growth through communication.

We heartily thank Ron Rak, Stan Hoffman, and the entire committee for the outstanding contribution they made to our chapter organization.

We recognize Denise Patrizio



for her efforts in producing the award winning monthly newsletter.

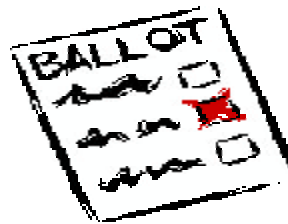
We welcome the continued service of the officers and board of directors who have volunteered to provide us with another year of success. It is the participation and commitment of these chapter members who keep our organization alive and vital. No one loses in participation.



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## PITTSBURGH CHAPTER ELECTIONS

The Pittsburgh Chapter elections are scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2001 for the term January—December 2002. Seems far away but it takes that long to get the new candidates ready to take over for the people that are no longer able to serve.



The following people have stepped forward to run for an office:


Kenneth Krugh, CDP  
Ronald Rak  
Chalice Zavada

It is not too late to have your name placed on the ballot. Please contact Michael Fuson at (724) 387-1331 or email at [mfuson@excaliburdata.com](mailto:mfuson@excaliburdata.com).

*"We judge ourselves by what we are capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done".*

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

- President:** Patricia McMurray
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## REGION HIGHLIGHTS BY GEORGE ILKKA

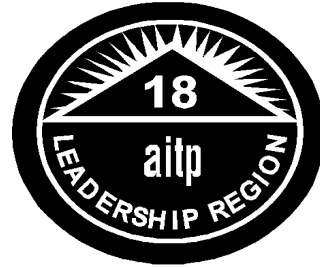
On July 21st, I attended the Region 18 officer and Region Director's meeting in Charleston, WV. Representatives from chapters in Ohio, West Virginia, North Carolina, Virginia and Pennsylvania were also in attendance.

This was the first meeting presided over by the new region president Roger Frame from the Wheeling Chapter. The region year runs from July through June. This was the 1st meeting for the new officers as well as those staying on for another term.

Region 18 people will be participating in the Association Conference being held on October 18-20, 2001 in Baltimore MD. An update was provided to the group by John Foerstbeck, one of the co-chairs. Information will be forthcoming on this conference and I encourage you to attend this informative conference.

Region 18 has two members running for Association positions. You probably have received a ballot by now from the Association and I encourage you to read the article on the first page on the chapter's recommendations and to vote. You will also be receiving information in the mail on these candidates credentials. These elections are very important to our chapter and having the best people in Association offices is critical to our organizations success. George Koscho and Craig Kennedy are the candidates from Region 18.

Region 18 is changing the format of the Region 18 conference to be a weekend conference and to be priced very attractively. The Region conference will be called the Region Symposium And be held April 2002. The date of the Region Leadership retreat will be November 8010,



2002. Both of these meetings will be held in Charleston WV because it is the most central site in Region 18.

This meeting is primarily a business meeting. The region receives no fund support from the Association and has to plan and provide for events that produce income to support the operation of the region. The region is run like a small business and requires dealing with the problems that come with that territory. The region provides many services to support the chapters that comprise region 18. These meetings provide the opportunity to share ideas with other chapters as well as bring good ideas back to the Pittsburgh Chapter.

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!



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

Charles E Snyder,  
CDP

Denise Anne Patrizio

John J Bennett

Richard C Lipinski

Michael P Fuson




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## THE AITP – PITTSBURGH CHAPTER PICNIC & GOLF OUTING

### *August 16, 2001 at Venango Trail Golf Club*

The golf outing this year was excellent. The weather cooperated –“mostly.” Many guests attended including several from the IBM AS400 Users Group. Everyone seemed to have a great time, and there were nothing but positive comments about the picnic and the golf outing.

Thank you so much... Mary Eifler, Patty O'Rourke and Dale Smith for all of your help at the outing... you were all supercalafragulisticexpialodosis.

The group of Jay Barna, Phil Effland, Al Stofan and Hardy Forkapa won the golf outing at 8 under par and they were awarded a gift certificate to the Olive Garden and a box of golf balls. Second Place went to the group of Stan Hoffman, Matt Hoffman, John Luptak and Ryan Kislock at 6 under par and they were awarded a gift certificate to the Olive Garden and a box of golf balls. The booby prize went to the group of Dennis Coglianese, Ron Pearce, Tom Fetkovich and Melissa Pearce and they were awarded a Golf Animal Game- all in fun of course.

Closest to the Pin awards went to Hardy Forkapa(twice) and to John Luptak and longest drive went to Dan Kelly, and longest putt to Harv Schoenman... and they were all awarded a box of golf balls.

Thank you to everyone that donated prizes for the event... we sincerely appreciate them.

Babcock Lumber, The Pittsburgh Pirates, Premier Technologies, Alpern, Rosenthal & Company, Pinnacle Manufacturing, Infinity Technology Services and the AITP – Pittsburgh Chapter. Everyone received a prize in the door prize drawing.

The PITT Table donated by Pinnacle Manufacturing and the “gold” Pittsburgh Steeler putter by Alpern, Rosenthal & Company were beautiful. The table was won by George Millick of Premier Technologies in a special drawing. Who won the Putter?

We would like to thank all of our sponsors... Alpern, Rosenthal & Company, Bender Consulting Ser-



vices, ICM School of Business & Medical Careers, Internal Academy of Computer Design, Spectrum Computer Inc., Tempest Computers, Creative Computer Solutions, Patricia McMurray, Carol Noel, Denise Patrizio, Pinnacle Manufacturing and Ronald Schwartz.

Special thanks goes to Rob Quinlan for designing and producing the Sponsor Signs.

Most of all we would like to thank all of you who attended and helped raise funds for the AITP – Pittsburgh Student Scholarship Fund.

We hope everyone had a great time and enjoyed the excellent picnic dinner spread.

**“Wait ‘till next year!”**

## PATRIZIO'S HARD WORK EARNS AWARD

The Aitp National Board of Directors and Headquarters Staff awarded the Pittsburgh Chapter Newsletter **FIRST PLACE** in Category E. Denise Patrizio is the editor in chief of the Pittsburgh newsletter and has diligently worked on the newsletter for more than three consecutive years. She is the spirit of this publication.

The newsletter is judged for contributions to local and association news, general appearance, and organization of lay-

out. Denise strives for excellence in the selection and coverage of articles featured each and every month. She has to gather articles for a deadline and often is waiting for information. She has continued to keep a winning outlook, despite the obstacles.

The award will be presented to Denise Patrizio as editor at the September 2001 dinner meeting by Roger Frame, Region 18

president. The award will be presented to the Pittsburgh Chapter in recognition of excellence in promoting Aitp ideals through coverage of Local, Region, and Association news in a meaningful and professional manner.

Join us in extending congratulations to Denise Patrizio for all of her efforts.

**AITP 2001 NATIONAL CONFERENCE  
 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM  
 SHERATON INTERNATIONAL BWI AIRPORT HOTEL  
 BALTIMORE, MD  
 OCTOBER 18, 19, 20, 2001**

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## AITP 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Join your fellow members in making this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary membership campaign a resounding success! It only takes one new member sponsored by each existing member for us to double our size! Let us accept the challenge to share our AITP benefits with others in our profession. To spur your motivation into action, here are the key facts of why we are having the campaign:

1. Who stands to benefit? Members, Chapters, and Regions
2. What do you benefit?
  - a. Increase the number of peers with whom you network
  - b. Strengthen AITP as an influential organization for our profession
  - c. Increase the diversity of our membership
  - d. Make a difference in our organization and our profession
3. When do you receive these benefits? When each member brings one new member into our exceptional organization.
4. Where are these benefits found? In your chapter meetings, in region meetings, and in the national events.
5. Why would you want these benefits? Because you want to make a difference and each new member you bring into this organization is a demonstration of the difference you are making.

So, now you may be asking what is the campaign exactly? Here goes....

1. The **Goal**: Increase and retain AITP members
2. The **Slogan**: AITP – The Association of Information Technology Professionals with 50 years of industry leading experience to best serve the ever-changing needs of the IT professional.
3. The **Time Frame**: January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001
4. The **Member Challenge**: The member sponsor with the most sponsored new members wins!
5. The **Chapter Challenge**: The chapter with the greatest percentage of new members wins!

6. The **Region Challenge**: The region with more than 50% of its chapters increasing their chapter by 50% wins!

7. The **“Something for Everyone” Challenge**: One new member sponsored by you gives you a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pin AND for each new member you sponsor, a chance to win the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign Grand Prize!

Is your excitement building to participate? Then you may just want to know what the winners receive! Here are the awards:

1. The winning member:
  - a. **\$80.00** off your next membership renewal
  - b. **\$1,000.00 Value** to attend the 2002 National AITP Conference which includes the conference fee, AITP recommended hotel for nights of the conference, and transportation costs up to the award limit.
  - c. Feature article in IE and Nanosecond and a press release
  - d. Letter of Recognition from the AITP National President
  - e. Recognition plaque celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Membership Campaign
2. The winning chapter:
  - a. **\$1,000.00 for chapter education and scholarship programs**
  - b. AITP National President visit to chapter meeting
  - c. New AITP Chapter Banner with special ribbon noting 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Membership Campaign winner
  - d. Recognition in IE and Nanosecond and a press release
  - e. Chapter recognition plaque celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Membership Campaign

So, are you asking what is the grand prize? It is a monetary prize.

Do you want to know how much the monetary prize is? We can't tell you! No, we are not being difficult. **The**

**prize size depends on you!!!**

So what is the deal about the grand prize? For each new member, \$0.50 is added to the prize fund. If we get 1,000 new members, the grand prize is \$500.00. If we get 5,000 new members, the grand prize is \$2,500.00! (It really is up to you to make this grand prize really GRAND!)

Okay, now, for you campaign rules enthusiasts. Here are the base lines:

1. All new sponsorships between January 1, 2001 and December 31, 2001 count.
2. Make sure your name appears as sponsor on each new membership application. (If you feel your name has been left off a new membership application, talk with your Chapter President who will make any necessary adjustments with headquarters.)
3. Chapter and region winners will be based on the AITP Membership Reports of 12/31/00 and 12/31/01. The column YTD New from the 12/31/01 report and the column Total Active from 12/31/00 report will be used.
4. Headquarters will track the building Grand Prize and each month will announce the current value of the Grand Prize – so watch the web for this information!

AITP Members, the Association of Information Technology Professionals is 50 years old, just about as old as our profession! We are the largest national association and the most inclusive association. Let us do justice to ourselves, our organization, and our profession and make this campaign THE campaign to remember! Let us set the challenge for those who follow for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

Success comes with each new member! Let us begin the campaign journey!

**AITP**  
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 ? Former Interim Member

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I hereby apply 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 of Information Technology Professionals.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### Aitp Pittsburgh Chapter September Dinner Meeting

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Student Meeting  
6:00-7:15 PM Dinner  
7:15 PM Business Meeting  
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Heather Heidelbaugh  
Burns, White and Hickton**