

**NEWSLETTER  
INFORMATION**

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**NOTE  
MEETING  
INFORMATION**

**MEETING PLACE:**  
**Holiday Inn – Bloomington**  
**35W at 94<sup>th</sup>**  
**Phone (612) 884-8211**

**Meeting Times:**  
3:30 PM Networking Event  
5:00 PM Social Hour  
6:00 PM Dinner  
6:45 PM Meeting & Program  
8:00 PM Adjourn

For Reservation Call:  
Raj Ulagaraj  
by September 13<sup>th</sup> and  
choose: New York Steak  
or Shrimp Scampe

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**Earl C. Joseph**  
**Appreciation Dinner**  
**Meeting NOTICE**

**Tues. Sept. 17, 2002**

Meeting of

**Minnesota Information  
Professional Society**

Speakers Topic:  
**“Grid Computing &  
Bio-Applications”**

Speaker: **Earl C. Joseph**

**Speaker Topic**

At the present, there is no agreed upon definition for Grid v. Cluster computing. Both will be highlighted with leading edge configurations and Bio-applications.

**Speaker Profile**

Earl C. Joseph has been in the computing field for more than 50 years. Was the first to use the terms computer architecture and smart machines, and was the first futurist with the title in corporate America. He has programmed large systems, has 3 patents for computers, and has published hundreds of articles.

**Networking Event**

Topic is Anticipatory Thinking Skills (ATS) that help you prepare for future opportunities. Questions discussed include how does ATS impact on your livelihood & lifestyles? How does ATS influence your community & profession?

**President’s Letter**



Where did the summer go? Although the Minnesota summers are short, I’m excited about fall and the start of another MnIPS season. As the newly elected president of MnIPS, I want to thank you for the opportunity to provide leadership to this organization. This year we have identified the theme “Adapting to Change.” We are continuing to see huge changes impacting the IT professionals in the Twin Cities area. It’s a theme that even extends to the MnIPS leadership team. Several of this years elected officials are new to the organization. Sylvia Wiebe, Gary Davis, Tom Skramstad, and I will be working very closely with the senior members of MnIPS to meet our goals for 2002-2003.

One of our goals is to double the size of the organization. Our mission is to provide networking and educational needs for the established IT professional while seeking to develop the IT profession and provide a service to our community and society. Since the organization is volunteer-run, we want to build a critical mass of members that can provide the volunteer assistance necessary for what we want to accomplish and to enable those volunteers to help in our growth. We have 80 active members and we would like to see 160 by May 2003. There are many individuals in the Twin Cities area that can benefit from the networking and educational opportunities that MnIPS provides our members. I'm excited for the opportunity to see these benefits realized in our community.

Since MnIPS is a volunteer organization we always welcome any help in our regular, ongoing committees or at specific events. We already have a number of ongoing committees that are being chaired by volunteers. We are, however, looking for a number of volunteers, including a person to chair the Educational Event planned for early 2003. If you can assist us this year in any capacity please let me know.

Our organization continues to reach out to the larger community of

IT professionals as we conduct monthly networking events for those that are seeking employment. Special thanks to Joe Perzel, Jeannie Boss, Mark Ludack, Raj Ulagaraj, and Sylvia for planning these events along with other MnIPS members who lent a hand at different times. Since the first meeting in March, we have conducted these events for 250-300 people. Many are using the new knowledge acquired during these events to find jobs!

Our program for September 17th is shaping up to be a very special event. Earl Joseph will be speaking on "Grid Computing: Future Applications" followed by an Earl Joseph Appreciation Dinner. Earl has been a long time member of MnIPS and will be recognized for his valuable contributions to MnIPS. Prior to the meeting, we will have a networking event where a panel will discuss "Anticipatory Thinking: Preparing for your Future." The networking event starts at 3:30. For more details, see our MnIPS website (<http://www.mnips.org>).

If you are planning ahead, our October 15th presenter will be Brian Hase whose topic is ".NET and J2EE: War of the Web service Frameworks." This should be a very interesting presentation for managers and technical professionals to

better acquaint themselves with Web Services.

I hope to see all of you at the September 17th meeting!

--Kurt Linberg, MnIPS President

### **Donate a Cellular Phone!**

Almost everyone has an old cellular phone gathering dust somewhere in your home office. Why not donate it to a community program that provides mobile communication tools for domestic violence victims?

Please bring your phones for donation to the monthly MnIPS meetings from September through November, 2002. A receipt for donation will be provided to each donor.

Any portable cellular or PCS phone is accepted, excluding bag phones or vehicle-installed models. We will take the phone's battery or charger, if available. All donors should deactivate the wireless service of any donated phones before turning them in.

If you have any further questions, please email Krisan Partridge, who is spearheading this initiative at:

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#### **DINNER MEETING**

Tues., Sept. 17, 2002 3:30-8:00 PM  
TOPIC: GRID COMPUTING

#### **NOTE: Meeting Location**

Holiday Inn Bloomington  
35W & 94<sup>th</sup> (1201 W. 94<sup>th</sup> St.)

**“WHAT? NO SUPER  
COMPUTERS? JUST  
GRID AND CLUSTERS?!”**



by Earl C. Joseph