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NOTE MEETING INFORMATION

MEETING PLACE:
Holiday Inn – Bloomington
35W at 94th
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 E-Mail:

Raj Ulagaraj
by April 11, 2003

for a
Buffet Dinner Reservation
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\$25 Members
\$30 for non-members

Meeting NOTICE

Tuesday, April 15, 2003

Meeting of
Minnesota Information Professional Society

Speakers Topic:
" The Business of Blood – the American Red Cross perspective "

Speaker:
Tom Meyer, Chairman, Red Cross

SPEAKER TOPIC

The American Red Cross is one of the best known and respected humanitarian organizations in the world. Headquartered in Washington DC, this global organization works internationally with other Red Cross and Red Crescent organizations to assist people in need, works nationally to collect and distribute nearly half of the US blood supply, and works within local communities to help prepare and respond when disasters strike. Whether the disaster is a local house fire, or national as the terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center, the American Red Cross is there to provide aid and support. The tech-

nological and business infrastructure required to deliver such services and manage the immense inventory of blood for our nation is rarely discussed. This will be a look beyond the humanitarian deeds and into the business of the American Red Cross, focusing on the challenges of managing nearly half of the US blood supply.

SPEAKER PROFILE

Tom Meyer is the current Chairman of the American Red Cross – North Central Blood Services (NCBS) board of directors. As part of the volunteer leadership of the Red Cross NCBS, Tom supports staff efforts to increase blood donor collections, supply hospital clients with the blood their patients need, and participates in national strategic planning efforts focused on managing the highest quality blood supply humanly possible. Tom is founder of Meyer Consulting Services, LLC and has over 25 years experience in the insurance, investment and financial services businesses. He is an actuary, a graduate of Cretin High School and the University of St. Thomas and is a native Minnesotan. Tom and his wife Roxanne currently live in Woodbury, have four

grown children and two grandchildren all living in the greater twin cities area.

President's Letter



Greetings! Most of you will be receiving this newsletter in early April. It's a busy time for those that live in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area and a busy time for the MnIPS organization! If you are like me, you're trying to keep up with the great basketball action associated with the NCAA tournaments. You might also be trying to fit some early yard work in. If you are like me, you might be trying to complete yard work from last year (the snow does a great job of covering-up the leaves that I didn't have time to rake in November).

The MnIPS organization is also busy. We have lined up a very interesting talk for our dinner meeting on April 15. Tom Meyer will be talking about the Red Cross and the associated technological infrastructure required for our US blood supply.

One of the key missions of the MnIPS organization is to

provide educational experiences for the established IT professional. With that in mind, we have an educational event scheduled for April 16th on Business Security practices at the St. Paul campus of St. Thomas University. Please review the newsletter for more information. I want to thank Andrea Becker and Kris Petrie, two volunteers that organized this important event.

Since MnIPS is a volunteer organization, we always welcome any help in our regular, ongoing committees or at specific events.

This year we have identified the theme "Adapting to Change." We continue to see changes in our profession, but lately the world has been changing at even a greater pace. Our prayers go out to the men and women that are serving our country in Iraq.

I sincerely hope that you make plans to either attend the networking/dinner event or attend the educational event.

-- 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 commu-

nication tools for domestic violence victims?

Please bring your phones for donation to the monthly MnIPS meetings from September through February, 2003. 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:

kpartridge@kep-consulting.com



MnIPS Security Seminar 4/16/03

Mark your calendars and register for the 8th Annual Minnesota Information Professional Society Education Seminar.

TOPIC:

**Business Security:
Assess/Develop/Protect**

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How Much Is Enough?

This seminar is designed for managers, engineers and security officers who are responsible for ensuring the security of their corporation's staff, data and facilities. Attendees will be presented a comprehensive, interactive look at security issues in today's complex world. The following topics covered include:

- IT Security Assessments, Tools, and Valuation
- Corporate Security Basics, Practical Threat Management, How and When to Utilize Biometrics, Organizational Security and Social Engineering
- Personal Security & CCTV
- Status of Homeland Security and Law Enforcement

WHEN: Wednesday, April 16, 2003 from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

WHERE: University of St. Thomas, St. Paul Campus, Owens Science Hall

COST: Individual Attendee: \$95 before 3/31; \$125 from 4/1. Add-on Attendee (must register at the same time): \$75 before 3/31; \$95 from 4/1

REGISTRATION: Registration by TicketWorks at <http://www.ticketworks.com/mni/psev-ent.php?eventnumber=MnIPS0304> or call them at 612-604-3357

MORE INFO: For the latest detailed information, check out the Seminar brochure at http://www.mnips.org/events/Evt030416_Security_Seminar.html (will be updated with new information as the Seminar approaches). You may also e-mail seminar@mnips.org or call Joe Perzel at 612-340-1110.

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2003 NETWORK MEETING AGENDAS

- Jan** Build a Winning Resume
What's going on in Today's Market
- Feb** Preparing for the Introductory Interview
Practicing the Interview - Roll-play
- Mar** How to make that first call
How to research for a job interview
- Apr** So it's happened - How to deal with the transition.
The Great 'Opportunity' - What do you really want to do now
- May** How to Network into the job you want
Update from the Experts - What's Happening in the Market
- June** Preparing for the 2nd Interview
Honing your pitch - How to Influence Others

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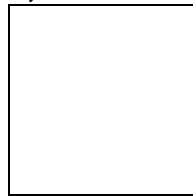
Tues April 15, 2003, 3:30-8:00 PM

TOPIC: ""

NOTE: Meeting Location

Holiday Inn Bloomington
35W & 94th (1201 W. 94th St.)

**“Computer neophyte,
“How can I keep my
computer running
smoothly?” Computer
Nerd, “Don’t oil it!!”**



by Earl C. Joseph