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Senior IT Leader Small/Medium Business SIG
February 11, 2010

AITP Chicago Chapter is proud to sponsor the senior IT Leader Small/Medium Business Special Interest Group (SIG) which will serve as forum, consisting of senior IT leaders in their company's reviewing strategy, planning, technology and solutions architecture practices. This will serve as a forum to collaborate, present and exchange rich ideas on topics related to IT strategy, business and technology.

This SIG is for IT practitioners only. Vendors *must* bring a practitioner to attend.

This month's topic: Happy Surprises

We're always discussing the problems and challenges we face, sharing how we prepare for the worst and handle those unexpected difficult surprises that are in fact expected in every IT Leader's workday. However, occasionally some relatively **small thing makes a big positive difference**.

Everyone surely has at least one story about a happy surprise, such as:

- a website with wonderful ideas and resources you were able to use
- insignificant software that created significant additional value
- a gadget put to excellent use with unexpected benefits
- A small change in environment (hardware, software, infrastructure) that made a bigger [positive!] difference than anticipated
- an unusual use for an existing system or process that made a big difference to your organization

These can be in any area: dashboard, reporting, communication, a specific business area, internal to IT but impacting the business, helpful specifically to you as the leader. Come prepared to share your own favorite or favorites, including URLs, developer or manufacturer names, and details about how they made your organization's life better. You just might go back to your office with yet another "kooky" idea to make your business happy.

Meeting leader Jeanne Busch will lead the discussion. Jeanne is a recent newcomer to the Windy City Chapter of AITP, having recently moved to Chicago from Maryland. She has many years of IT management experience both as an employee and as a consultant. She holds degrees in Computer Science and in French, and CDP and ITIL certifications. Most recently Jeanne has found herself specializing in IT and operations turnarounds and managing large, complex projects. She enjoys applying common sense -- and where appropriate, technology -- to solving business problems.

The meeting host is Tony Nicholas, IT Director at Aquascope, Inc.

Thursday February 11, 2010 @ 7:30am - 10:00am

- 7:30 – 8:00 Networking & continental breakfast/Coffee
- 8:00 – 10:00 Meeting
- Cost is free

[Click here to RSVP](#) by Tuesday, February 09, 2010

Location:
Aquascope
901 Aqualand Way
St Charles, IL 60174

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The AITP senior IT leaders **Small/Medium Business SIG** provides a forum for the exchange of ideas among Chicago area IT leaders related to the business of IT and Strategy within their organizations.

The Small/Medium Business SIG serves IT Leaders in mid-size companies who are dealing with all aspects of IT management including IT strategy, best practices, back office systems, infrastructure and customer facing applications / websites. These IT leaders are not only making decisions on direction and leading their department, but also rolling up their sleeves and doing hands-on work.

This Shared Interest Group (SIG) serves those who have responsibility for the advancement of IT strategies, best practices and technologies within their organizations. We meet the second Thursday of every month at different locations.

The co-chairs of this SIG are:

- Rose Southard, IT Director at Putman Media
- Tony Nicolas, IT Director at Aquascope

AITP Facilitator:

- Justin Nemeth, Vice President of AITP Chicago / Regional Mgr Barnier Group

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