WMPCA Newsletter

News and Updates

2024 Conference!

We will be back at Lake Lawn for our 2024 Spring Conference!

We have so much in store for you all, and dozens of amazing sessions - expect Tuesday all-day events and a Panel, an RPG Student Competition, Reverse Job Fair and so much more! Lets take a peek at what we have in store!

We have two amazing sessions for Tuesday's Tech Sessions by Security experts Carol Woodbury, Steve Pitcher and Nathan Williams.

IBM i Security: Help! Where do I Start?
Carol Woodbury

Imagine this - you are new to IBM i Security and don't know what's important or how to manage it. You have just joined an organization and their IBM i Security implementation has gap, and you have just been told that the security posture of your organization needs to be tightened and you're responsible for the implementation of IBM i Security.
In all of these instances, the thought of implementing IBM i Security may be daunting. During this session, Carol will walk through the process she goes through when helping her clients implement a stronger IBM i Security posture. She will describe the steps she has taken with her clients to evaluate settings, determine what needs to be changed and implement the stronger values. Topics will include remediating security-relevant system values, user profile capabilities and object authorities (both for objects in the IFS as well as libraries) using (new) Navigator for i, SQL Services, the audit journal, and authority collection.

Fortifying IBM i: Unraveling Vulnerabilities, Crafting Solutions, and Mastering Defensive Strategies
Steve Pitcher & Nathan Williams

Steve and Nathan will work the following topics in a live and highly interactive four-hour presentation:
 Common vulnerabilities and simple solutions
Uncommon vulnerabilities and creative solutions
Destroying an IBM i partition with malware

We have over 40 sessions given by IBM Champions, IT Professionals and IBMers, including names like Tim Rowe, Liam Allen, Jim Buck, Carol Woodbury and many more.

If you are looking for a young professional to help your team grow, we will hold a reverse job fair (Where the students are at the table and you go to them) on both Wednesday and Thursday over the lunch hour.

We have an expansive Expo of our amazing sponsors who have many different solutions that are worth checking out.

We hope to see you there!!

Conference Registration

Book your hotel room

Conference Grid

We had two amazing sessions by Mike Pavlak in January - Thank you Mike! February 8th is our next Dinner/Virtual meeting and we are very excited to have Charlie Guarino as our speaker.

Membership running out? Not a member of WMCPA? Do you want to take advantage of the discounted rates as a member? Renew your membership today!

Become a Member!

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February 2024 Dinner Meeting Speaker!

We are very excited to have Charlie Guarino for our February. He is always a great speaker to have and its always a lively crowd.

Session info coming soon, watch your email!

Register

Charlie

Charles Guarino
Central Park Data Systems
CEO & IBM Champion

Charles Guarino believes in the "power" of IBM Power Systems. His career reflects his dedication and interest in bringing the platform and its solutions to others and as a result has been recognized as an IBM

Champion.

He is a member of COMMON's Speaker Excellence Hall of Fame and a proud recipient of the Al Barsa Memorial Scholarship Award. Additionally, he participates on COMMON's Strategic Education Team. Other professional endeavors have included the roles of President and monthly Q&A host for many years of the Long Island System User's Group LISUG (www.lisug.org)
In the spring of 2020 Charles created the monthly virtual IBMi iChime community. Each meeting features a "No PowerPoint" discussion with an industry expert. To learn more visit
https://www.centralparkdata.com/ichime-dates.html

Today, along with the team at Central Park Data Systems, he is serving individuals and companies on a worldwide basis though his consulting work and award-winning speaking engagements. Charles is a true people person and can often be found at conferences sharing his expertise on RDi and other IBM i topics.
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Session Info:

<u>Unleash the Power of RDi and VS Code for IBM i</u>
This session is designed for both seasoned developers and newcomers eager to enhance their productivity and coding experience on the IBM i platform. We will discuss practical tips, live demonstrations, and insights into how these tools can transform your IBM i development process, making it more efficient, enjoyable, and aligned with the evolving demands of the tech world.

<u>IBM i Modernization – The Key to a Brighter Future</u>
This presentation aims to unravel the importance of modernizing IBM i systems and how it paves the way for a more innovative and efficient future in technology. We will explore the latest trends, tools, and strategies essential for modernizing applications, infrastructure, and development

practices on the IBM i platform. Learn how embracing modernization can enhance performance, increase competitiveness, and ensure the longevity of your IT investments.

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