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Computer Virtualization

Our March program is about a subject that is not widely understood, but is discussed as the future of information technology. The subject is computer virtualization and will be explained by one of the few “experts” in this area. Our speaker is Keith Maune of Advanced Network Solutions. Keith will talk about:

- What is virtualization?
- Benefits of virtualization: cost saving, ease of management, speed of deployment
- Virtualization products overview (Microsoft, Citrix, VMWare, Open Source)
- Closer look at VMWare: Editions, features, and costs
- Deployment models: Stand alone with internal storage vs. shared SAN storage
- Rethinking your DR strategy by leveraging virtualization

Keith Maune is the Lead Engineer and Part Owner of Advanced Network Solutions (ANS) and has been with ANS for ten years. ANS provides technology consulting and value-added reseller services from the leading IT infrastructure manufacturers. ANS has a wide range of services including network design, implementation and documentation, “all-inclusive” managed service contracts and support, project management, training, and disaster recovery.

ANS has a number of case studies on what they have done for local clients. These can be located on the ANS website which is www.ansolutions.com.

Keith Maune has worked as an IT consultant for thirteen years. He has a Bachelor’s degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix and holds several Microsoft and Cisco certifications, including MCSE and CCNP.



Keith Maune

Keith lives in the Brentwood area and is engaged to Heather Gallagher. They are planning a fall wedding. They enjoy traveling and have been to many places including Paris and Brussels. They especially enjoy Jamaica for the scuba diving. Keith also has a hobby of flying and recently received his private pilot’s license.

This should be an interesting discussion on a topic that may create major changes in the near future for the IT world. Come, listen up, and take notes, as there will be a test.

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Dinner Reservation and Cancellation Policy

AITP members will be notified by electronic mail one week prior to the Chapter meeting. Reservations can be made by responding to the electronic notice or by calling **Mary Simpson at 615/367-8083 fax: 615/367-7775** Dinner reservations can be canceled up to 24-hours prior to the meeting without cost.

Since the Chapter pays for reserved meals, No Shows will be billed at the field trip price of \$15.00 for Members, and \$20.00 for Guests.

Members are responsible for their guests' reservations. *If you are a member and have not been receiving this notification, please contact Mary Simpson at:*

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March Chapter Meeting:

Field Trip
Tennessee Titans Training Facility



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Are you ready?

Are you ready? Ready for what? In the IT world, we have to be ready for anything. It could be an ice storm, power outage, earthquake, tornado or some unexpected event. Last month John Hilley generated a lot of discussion on what an Information Technology professional needs to anticipate and the tools required in preparation of a Business Continuity Plan. With real world examples and first hand experience he walked us through a wide variety of scenarios and what to consider in preparing a plan.

This month you won't want to miss one of the most profound changes to the world of computing that we have seen in years. The advancement of Virtualization has enabled testing and created efficiencies that are monumental in their impact. You will want to stay informed and on top of this one.

Are you prepared? That is an ongoing principle in I.T. Whether it is the changes around is in technology, in the economy or in the job market, preparation is essential. One of the best places to go to be prepared is right here with AITP. By connecting with other professionals and discussing the real life challenges we face you can be prepared and anticipate what is needed to be successful in your work.

I am looking forward to you being part of our next meeting. You will enjoy being prepared and one step ahead. If you have any comments or questions, I welcome your email. Send a note to me at clarktw2001@hotmail.com.

Tom Clark

AITP President

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AITP Member Profile

Beverly Gibson

Our member profile this month is on Beverly Gibson who serves as the AITP Nashville Chapter Treasurer. She has been an AITP member since 2006.

Beverly currently works at Active Outdoors (part of the Active Network), formerly Outdoor Central, where she is a Senior Project Manager. Outdoor Central is the leader in design, development, maintenance, and support of web-based permitting systems focused exclusively for state wildlife and park agencies. Beverly manages multiple projects using Agile methodology. She has been with Outdoor Central since 2007.

Beverly previously worked as a Consultant and Project Manager for several Nashville companies, including Healthways, formally American Healthways. She worked on interesting projects such as Asthma Disease Management, Disease Rating Severity Assessments, and Health Coaching.



Beverly Gibson

Beverly spent eight years of her IT career with the State Volunteer Mutual Insurance Company of Brentwood, Tennessee. She was an Assistant Vice-President for Information Systems and the Executive Team member responsible for new application development and maintenance, network, IS user support, vendor relationships, strategic and long term IT resource planning. In her eight years, Beverly completed many notable IT initiatives and projects for the Company.

Beverly started her IT career as a Programmer/Analyst for Vanderbilt University, moved to Willis (formerly Corroon & Black), then as a Consultant with Data Concepts, and then to Professional Data Solutions (formerly Network Data Corporation) as a Project Manager.

Beverly has a B.S. degree from the George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University and earned her PMP certification in 2005. She has attended numerous technical/management seminars and industry conferences. In addition to AITP, Beverly is an active member in the Project Management Institute (PMI) and Women in Technology (WITT).

Beverly is married to Gary Webb. Gary is retired from the State of Tennessee and holds a Ph.D. in Social Studies from Vanderbilt University. Gary taught at Volunteer State Community College. He also enjoys cooking. Beverly and Gary like to travel and hike, plus music and the arts. Beverly says their best vacation was a three week tour of Europe. They also like to spend vacation time at the beaches of North Carolina.

They live in the Green Hills area of Nashville and annually host teachers/chaperones for French and Spanish students. They once hosted a Japanese teacher which was quite different from the Spanish and French groups. Beverly also serves as a Lay Eucharistic Minister for her church.

Say hello to Beverly at our next AITP dinner meeting, thank her for her AITP Board service, and ask about her cat, Iris. Personally, I would like to know more about Outdoor Central and her work with the state wildlife and parks agencies.

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2009

Date	Event	Location	Information
March 12	Chapter Meeting	Holiday Inn Select Vanderbilt	Keith Maune Advanced Network Solutions
April 9	Field Trip	Tennessee Titans	Russ Hudson, IT Director To Be Confirmed

SPEAKERS

We are always interested in good speakers to make presentations at our AITP Chapter Meetings. If you know someone who is interested in making a presentation on a topic, on their company, or company's products, please contact Paul Saunders at (615) 367-1717 or Paul@SaundersSystems.com.

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Welcome to our new member!

Student Chapter Promotion

AITP is proud to announce the “Stake Your Claim on Your IT Future” Spring 2009 Student Chapter Promotion Campaign. Students can join AITP or renew their AITP membership for \$25 instead of \$35 until March 31, 2009. That is a savings of nearly 30% on your annual membership.



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AITP BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to our 2009 Nashville AITP chapter officers:

President	Tom Clark
Vice President	JP White
Secretary	Ella McGill
Treasurer	Beverly Gibson
Chapter Liaison	Gerald Marquis

The positions listed above are the elected positions; however, there are other Board and Committee positions available. So, if you would like to get more involved in 2009 but you don't think you want to hold an elected position, please feel free to volunteer in other areas. Most jobs require minimum effort and time and can be very rewarding!

We will look forward to seeing everyone at our 2009 chapter meetings!

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