

The Nashville Chapter  
of  
The Association of Information  
Technology Professionals

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Chapter Newsletter

## A Christmas Story

Our December program is traditionally non-technical in nature as we welcome spouses and significant others to join us.

Andy Reese is our speaker, and he will tell us a Christmas Story about the stars and specifically the Star of Bethlehem. Andy illustrates the immense majesty of the universe, the patterns in the heavens for signs and seasons, and the centuries of “coincidences” that all had to happen just so for the Child to be kept safe and spirited away to Egypt.

Andy Reese is an Ivy League educated engineering consultant, husband, father of four, church leader, textbook and Christian author, counselor, non-profit administrator, amateur astronomer, beekeeper, and speaker. He is a popular conference speaker, known as a witty and animated story-teller able to

make complex information simple and compelling.

This presentation has drawn rave reviews from all who have seen it. Dr. Vernon Gross, a Physicist and Consultant to NASA said this is “an incredible combination of photographic glory, analytic genius, and attractive integration of science and spiritual understanding of our individual significance in the cosmos.”



Our continuing December program tradition is to honor our members by having them bring their spouses or significant others to this dinner and presentation at no cost.

This is a rare opportunity for members to treat their “special” persons to a night out and a great Christmas Story.

### REMEMBER

**Dinner Cost Reduced With Early Registration:  
\$15 – Members, \$25 - Guests**

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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 reservation price of \$20.00 for Members, and \$30.00 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:*

**615/367-8083 fax: 615/367-7775**  
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### December Chapter Meeting

**Holiday Inn Vanderbilt**  
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## President's Message

**The end of another year is upon us. At year end I like to reflect back on what has happened at AITP Nashville and in the technology sector.**

**Last Christmas we were entertained by Blues Music and stories from the mountains of East Tennessee which was a great way to finish out the year. This year's programs covered a lot of ground.**

**We live in a connected world. So it is no surprise to see that communications was represented three times this year!! We hosted presentations by Don Mitchell of Windstream, Richy Vaughn of Metro Police who discussed how police fight crime using mobile technologies and we were entertained by Jim Berkowicz of Sprint. So we learned about Landline Communications, Mobile communications and how mobile equipment is used.**

**What use is a connected computing world if is not safe? Fred Scholl shared the state of the art in data security, trends in the security sphere including areas for improvement in current strategies for securing data.**

**All that high brow technical stuff may make your head spin, so we relaxed to a great presentation on Gaming by John Plunkett of VGT. 'One-arm-bandits' are now computing devices connected in a wide area network. Wow there's communications again. Even gaming systems are connected!**

**We took a field trip this year as we like to once per year. This year we visited Aegis who specialize in commercial drug testing on a very large scale.**

**Technology is for naught if you don't have god technology leaders, so Bobby Williams of Emdeon shared his insights on Leadership.**

**If you ever get stuck not knowing how to do something, hire a consultant! Ron Styers of Healthtron shared with us how he started a consulting business.**

**None of us are getting any younger so Darin Moore of Parental Health shared how technology helps streamline healthcare and monitoring for seniors.**

**Whenever I look back on the year like this I am always amazed by the breadth of topics we cover and what a great benefit it is to all of our members and visitors to have access to some of the best experts in a wide variety of fields. We all have busy schedules, but please make the effort to attend our meetings, there is so much to learn.**

**As usual we will provide a free meal to members significant others who attend the December meeting as a gift to you all. The Christmas program leans towards entertainment rather than technology. This year we are shooting for the stars, come and learn about the Star of Bethlehem from an astronomical point of view!**

**We at AITP wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and everyone. See you all soon!**

**JP White**

**President, AITP Nashville Chapter**

**<http://www.aitpnashville.org>**

I collect old computers as a hobby, mostly 20 year old microcomputers -- Apple II, Commodore, etc. Once, in an attempt to find one, I called a computer surplus store.

o Me: "Hi. Do you have any old computers, maybe 10-20 years old?"

o Salesperson: "Sir, there were no computers 20 years ago."

o Me: "Umm, ok. Bye."

Then I cracked up.

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Here's a story where some degree of fault lies on both sides. I was at my local Walmart, walking through the electronics section like I often do. A young couple was looking at a computer, assisted by a salesperson. I overheard the following conversation:

o Salesman: "You should really get the full package, with the new monitor and the other accessories."

o Husband: "But we already have a monitor and keyboard from our old computer."

o Salesman: "You should still get the package, because it comes with a faster keyboard."

The couple conversed for a moment.

o Husband: "Can we put it on layaway and make payments on it?"

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o Customer: "I'd like to sign up for your Internet service."

o Sales: "Do you have Internet access?"

o Customer: "Yes."

o Sales: "Then you can use our signup form at [address]."

o Customer: "I'm there right now, and it doesn't look like it's a secure form."

o Sales: "Oh, it's secure. I can almost guarantee you that it's secure."

o Customer: "But I'm there right now, and it's not."

o Sales: "It's secure. Only one lady looks at it."

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Overheard in a nationwide computer retail store:

o Customer: "Now what does this 512MB of RAM mean on this PC?"

o Salesman: "Umm...RAM is what slows down your PC, see it rams into your processing power, causing slowdowns, thus why it's called RAM."

o Customer: "Are you sure?"

o Salesman: "Who's the expert here?"

I couldn't stop laughing.

Article submitted by Dr. Gerald Marquis

# Calendar of Upcoming Events 2012-2013

## AITP Calendar of Upcoming Events – 2012/2013

Date	Event	Location	Information
December 13	Chapter Meeting	Holiday Inn Vanderbilt	A Christmas Story, Andy Reese (Guest Night)
December 25	Christmas Day	Everywhere	Happy Holidays
December 27	Folding Party	Saunders' House	Come network with other AITP folks
January 1, 2013	New Year's Day	The World	Welcome 2013!
January 10	Chapter Meeting	Holiday Inn Vanderbilt	T.B.A.

## 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](mailto:Paul@SaundersSystems.com).



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**Multi-Year Professional Membership Discount:** Save money by joining or renewing for 2, 3 or 5 years.

**Unemployed Member Initiative:** Reduced association dues for those members who are temporarily unemployed, on family leave, on medical leave or on education leave.

**Enterprise Membership Program:** Significant dues discount for companies with 3 or more employees as AITP members.

**Student to Professional Membership:** Upon graduation, students are able to join AITP with all the rights and privileges of a Professional Member at a significantly discounted rate for 3 years.

**Student Membership Dues Reduced to \$30:** Take advantage of the new lower rate to join and participate in an AITP Student chapter, attend the National Collegiate Conference, and apply for scholarships exclusively for AITP student members.

**Faculty Advisor Membership Initiative:** Significant reduction in Association dues for faculty members who agree to serve as a student chapter faculty advisor for a year.

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### **AITP Membership Discounts Updated**

**Thursday, August 16, 2012**

**Posted by: Julian Wade, Association Director**

**The AITP Association Board of Directors recently approved an extension of the Unemployed Membership Initiative through 12/31/2013. The discount is now \$35 off Association dues. It also made permanent a \$35 Faculty Advisor Discount.**

**AITP has several membership initiatives to help chapters recruit more members. Please read through our various programs and try to take advantage of them.**

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