

Date: Thursday July 14, 2016

Place: Holiday Inn Vanderbilt

Note: Please note the change of meeting fees for 2016:

Cost: Professional and Student Members - \$25

Guests - \$30

Discount: \$5 discount for any registration made before noon on the Tuesday before our Thursday meeting

Reservations

Contact Mary Simpson for reservations at
615-367-8083 or msimpson@genesco.com

Meeting Schedule

5:30 - 6:00 Social/Networking
6:00 - 6:45 Dinner
6:45 Business Meeting & Speaker

The Evolution of the IT World

Ron Payne - Retired, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Company of Tennessee

The Information Technology (IT) industry has changed greatly in the past 50 years. The machines have changed, the techniques are different, the people skills have changed, and even the names are different. How many of you know that AITP was DPMA, and earlier was NMAA?

Our July speaker will take us through the IT evolution as he experienced it, and he will also share his thoughts about the future of IT.

Our speaker is Ron Payne who recently retired after 44 years in IT at the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Company of Tennessee (BCBST). Ron started at BCBST as a Computer Operator after graduating from a business college and majoring in data processing. After a short stint as a computer operator, Ron moved into programming. He became Supervisor of Programming and then Manager of Support Systems where he had responsibility for all system software, systems programmers, computer hardware analysis, computer systems upgrades, and the data center infrastructure.

Ron retired from BCNST in 2001 after 35 years with BCBST. He was brought back to BCBST in 2006 to design a new data center as part of a new downtown Chattanooga BCBST home office. After completing the data center, Ron became Manager of Disaster Recovery (DR) and Business Continuity (BC). He was later promoted to Director of IT Compliance with responsibility for IT compliance of PCI, HIPAA, FISMA, HITECH, in addition to DR and BC.

Ron has been involved with and has seen the computing industry and computing hardware and software grow from somewhat of a "back office" operation to be in the forefront of all facets of life, especially in the business world.

Ron will share with us his thoughts about the computing world in the future. This will include the major challenges he sees facing companies in the IT area and the importance of the DR and BC programs. He will give some tips on how to progress and succeed in the IT world.

After Ron's second retirement from BCNST, he has been working in Nashville for the DNI Corp to develop their computing systems and infrastructure. The DNI Corp offers billing solutions and direct mail fulfillment services. DNI Corp is owned by Ron's son-in-law.



Ron Payne

Ron has always been interested in automobiles and anything mechanical. When he first retired from BCNST, Ron went immediately to a job directly related to his avocation of restoring classic cars. He keeps busy restoring and driving classic cars.

Our July program is by a pioneer in the IT industry who discusses the evolution of the industry and shares thoughts of the future. I am sure that questions about classic cars would also be welcome.

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AITP July 2016 Meeting Announcement

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