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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, \$25.00 for Guests and \$15.00 for students.

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 Select - Vanderbilt
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I was fortunate enough to take 8 students from MTSU to the AITP Regional Student Conference in Birmingham, AL. It was a good time as the members from the professional chapter of Birmingham were great hosts. On Saturday and Sunday, the professional chapters from the Southeast region collected in Birmingham for the Region 7 annual meeting and leadership seminar. As a chapter in the Southeast, we are also a member of Region 7 of AITP, which includes chapters from Florida, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, and a few other states. At the meetings on Saturday and Sunday, we were awarded our Region Outstanding Chapter Award and we also confirmed our willingness to host the Regional conference in 2007.

2007? Is it really only 30 or so days away? Yes it is, and if you are like me, you love to plan for the next year. January 1st always means a new start and for this year, it signifies a new start for AITP. At this month's meeting, we will be electing new officers. Our slate is set and our candidates are eager to start in their new positions. You can also become active in AITP by taking a small but vital position in our organization. If you would like to be involved, please let us know. We can always use the help as next year we are planning to reenergize our professional activities and host a local conference and contests for students in late February and also the Regional Conference in October.

Speaking of energizing our professional activities, if you missed our last meeting you missed a wonderful speaker. I unfortunately was in Birmingham during the meeting and have heard from Robert Wright, our Past President, that the meeting was well attended and our speaker, Nancy Proctor, did a fantastic job. Nancy Proctor is the Director of Vanderbilt University Medical Center Informatics. She stated that "We're in the health business. We are also in the IT business". She also spoke about the need for better communication and information integration in health care and that needs are increasing due to the baby boomers current and future needs. I am sorry that I was not there for her talk.

With no conferences scheduled in December, I am looking forward to this month's meeting. As I mentioned before, I love to plan. This month's topic, "How to Improve Your Luck", is a great way to start the New Year. As we all know planning and preparation are ways to make your own luck and our speaker, Rod Shean, will help us explore this topic. It is also 'bring your spouse for free' meeting. For the month of December, all members can bring their significant other and only pay for 1 meal. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Charlie Apigian
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Monthly Meeting of the Nashville Chapter

Date: Thursday December 14, 2006
Place: Holiday Inn Select - Vanderbilt

Cost: Members = \$25.00
Guests = \$30.00
Students = \$20.00

Early Registration Discount = \$5.00

Meeting Schedule

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

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

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Calendar of Upcoming Events 2006 - 2007

Date	Event	Location	Information
December 14	Chapter Meeting	Holiday Inn Select-Vanderbilt	Luck versus Goals Ron Shean (Guest Night)
January 11	Chapter Meeting	Holiday Inn Select-Vanderbilt	TBA
February 8	Chapter Meeting	Holiday Inn Select-Vanderbilt	TBA
February 24	Student Conference	High Tech Institute	Dr. Gerald Marquis 615-963-7096

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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February 2007 Student Conference

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AITP Newsletter Director Opportunity

For the last 2-1/2 years I have had the honor of serving as Newsletter Director for the Nashville Chapter of AITP. Although I continue to enjoy working on the Newsletter, I will be taking on new responsibilities within AITP. Please contact me by phone or e-mail if you are interested in becoming the Newsletter Director for the Nashville Chapter of AITP.

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Please be sure to include your name and address information so you can be removed from our mailing list.

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