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# The KSSA



## Spring cleaning your Career!

*President offers value added tips for cleaning up your career, goals, skills this Spring*

### Presidents Message

I don't know about all of you, but I am ready for spring! It just may be my imagination but it just seems like winter has been here forever. For some reason spring time always motivates me to get those odd jobs done that I keep putting off for some reason or another. Also, it makes me think of goals that I have set for myself to accomplish throughout the year. Of course most of them involve learning something new that I did not know about the AS/400. This machine marvels me at what it can do. It would be easier to list the things that it cannot do. I just want to remind people to take a good look at themselves professionally. Analyze your strengths and weaknesses like a manager or CEO would. The hardest thing to overcome is when someone tells you something negative about yourself but try not to take it personally. Look at it from their side, they are trying to help you put the "pro" in professional. Only when you put the spit shine to your abilities do you and your company benefit. So remember when you come to the next KSSA meeting set a couple of goals to achieve before you come. There is a lot of

talent in our group that would be willing to help you, all you have to do is ask!

If you get a chance, check out our web site: [www.kssa.net](http://www.kssa.net). So the next time you see Debbie Hunt tell her what your thoughts about it.

## Cyberscams

Given the nature of our topic for this month on Credit Card Processing, I thought it would be important to revisit some of the cyberscams that have plagued our society in recent years. Interesting note is that the AS/400 is not among these.

The National Consumer League, a nonprofit consumer advocacy group, says online and Internet fraud have tripled in the past year. Of the victims duped online, more than 60% paid by check, cash or money order and only 19% by credit card.

Here is the Top 10 list of Internet Scams:

10. Magazine subscriptions
9. Book Sales
8. Credit-card offers

7. Prizes and sweepstakes
6. Work-at-home
5. Business Opportunities
4. Pyramid schemes
3. Auctions
2. Sale of general merchandise

### **NO 1. Net Scam: Sale of Internet Services!**

### Directions to The Jewish Inn

#### **Driving South**

Traffic on I-64 and I-71 will merge into I-65 South. From I-65 South, take the Jefferson Street Exit – West and continue straight on Jefferson. Turn Left into the Inn.

#### **Driving North**

If you are driving North on I-65, take the Brook Street Exit. Turn left on Jefferson Street. The Inn will be on your immediate left.

You can access I-65 South off First Street at the corner of Chestnut and First Street.

If you cannot find parking within the fence next to the building, there is

alternate parking across the street from the Jewish Inn.

Speakers Corner

**Topic Overview**

Credit Card Processing (iSeries) AS/400 Style will explore utilizing the iSeries/400 in the capacity as a secure payment server for processing credit cards, debit cards, procurement and purchasing cards, and check transactions from Point of Sale, Mail Order/Telephone Order (Green Screens) or from e-Commerce Web initiatives. The presentation will focus on the "murky world" of transaction processing and introduce the audience to the "terms and terminology" as well as "methods and methodology" with the goal of establishing a clear path to a successful strategy.

**Speaker's BIO**

Charles McRoberts joined ROI Corporation in 1996 in the unusual role combination as Chairman of the Board and Sales Representative. Having established a majority ownership role, Mr. McRoberts realized that the AS/400 software industry was completely foreign to his experiences in the security systems industry and immediately expanded the management team at ROI with experienced

professionals. In July 2000, Mr. McRoberts transitioned to the Alliance Manager role and has significantly expanded ROI alliance partner numbers to over eighty, in six months.

Mr. McRoberts graduated from Jacksonville State University in 1970 with a BS degree in Business Administration. He was a four year letterman in football and won the F.W. Woolworth Scholastic Achievement Award presented to the scholar-athlete of the 1970 Orange Blossom Classic Bowl, where Jacksonville State completed an undefeated season. At graduation, Mr. McRoberts was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Military Police branch. He served from 1972-74 as an MP Platoon Leader and OIC of the Narcotic Detection Squad.

Upon completing his two-year commitment, he began a management career with Wells Fargo Alarm Services from 1974-82. He then joined Mastiff Systems U.S. Inc. as Vice President, Operations. Mr. McRoberts eventually acquired Mastiff, in 1988, and served as President/Owner until selling the company in 1996 when he acquired ROI Corporation.

Mr. McRoberts married Beth Ellis, of Birmingham, AL. Their four children ranging from 21, 18, 17 and 11 highlight their 26-year marriage. Charles is an elder at Dunwoody Community

Church and involved in the children's sports activities.



Credit Card Processing (iSeries) AS/400

**Chapter & Common Events**

**March 15**  
**KSSA Chapter Meeting**  
**MEETING - 11:30am - The Jewish Inn**

**Lunch Menu**

Lasagna or Veggie Lasagna, but you must specify in advance via your reservation to [debbie@minimaxinfo.com](mailto:debbie@minimaxinfo.com)

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## A few reasons you should consider for using Operations Navigator

◆ AS/400 Operations Navigator makes it easier to create, change, or delete user and group profiles by organizing everything into three logical groups:

- All Users
- Groups
- Users not in a group

You can use one-click buttons, or smart icons, to perform user and group administration tasks, and some tasks can be completed using drag-and-drop functionality similar to Windows 95/NT. Combined, these features make group administration tasks easier to conceptualize and perform.

◆ Operations Navigator also lets you adjust the view to meet your needs, and all of your adjustments are saved so that you do not have to repeat them every time you enter the interface.

- You can sort your view by clicking on a column heading. The column heading becomes the "sort by" criteria.
- Also, you can select which data you want to be displayed. The columns function lets you add, remove, and rearrange the displayed fields.
- You can also adjust the width of the fields by clicking on the column separator and adjusting it to the desired position.

◆ File systems are also laid out much like Windows Explorer, with folders (libraries) and files (objects). This architecture can be helpful when trying to visualize your file structure (especially if you're already comfortable using Windows 95\*\*).

◆ You can create and change authorization lists with Operations Navigator from a panel that lets you quickly mark user, primary group, and secured objects by clicking check boxes. If you wish to customize permissions, you can use checkboxes that allow you to modify all the individual rights that a user can have.

◆ Operations Navigator can also perform many more administration tasks, too numerous to list here, all of which can be completed using point-and-click or drag-and-drop functions.

If you're still not convinced, you should try Operations Navigator, check out the AS/400 Operations Navigator Guide, <http://www.as400.ibm.com/tstudio/opsnav/guiframe.htm> for more specifics on the product.

### Reminder

COMMON is May 13<sup>th</sup> – May 17<sup>th</sup> is year. If your company is planning to attend please contact Kay. She can provide you with some money saving information.

# Vendor Show 2001

Thursday, April 19, 2001

4 pm to 9 pm

The Gregory Centre, 601 East Pete Rose Way, Cincinnati, Ohio

This year the show will be presented in a new format featuring 2 keynote speakers, 25 vendors, appetizer buffet with Famous Montgomery Inn ribs, cash bar, door prizes and a grand prize giveaway. Admission is only \$5, mark your calendars now!

## ***Come & meet your local IBM Sales Reps***

This year IBM is hosting a booth and invites everyone to stop in and say hello to his or her sales representative. Many local reps. will be on hand to answer your questions or listen to your concerns.

Many other vendors are lining up and the list keeps growing. Vendor applications will be accepted until all booth spaces are sold. Right now, booth space is still available. Take advantage of our early bird rate if you pay before 2/28/01.

## ***Show your support of TSMUG***

There are many other opportunities for companies or individuals to participate in the show. You can sponsor any of the following events for a flat rate: appetizer buffet (\$250), cash bar (\$150), speaker (\$150) or ad in show advertising (\$75).

This year we are also offering handout space for small business vendors or for those vendors wishing to participate by providing product literature or technical handouts. To qualify as a small business vendor your business must not have more than 10 employees. Booth Space will be divided equally between all vendors applying in this category and is limited.

You can always show your support by attending the show and other TSMUG events. Where else can you get education, entertainment and great food for such a low price? Hope to see you there.

## ***Contact Info:***

To participate in the show, contact anyone of the following for show details and an application.

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