



Presidents Message

Hopefully, everyone is doing well and that you still have employment. Now, more than ever, our users' group is so important to our members. With companies watching every penny spent and it is your job to get that project completed and under budget. It is always with pride when the officers can refer a member to another member for assistance with a problem. It is always beneficial when you can bounce ideas off one another. Yes, the internet is very useful for an issue but when someone else has been down that road it makes the drive a lot easier to maneuver, especially when time is always in short supply.

We have not seen some of you in sometime, so if you get a moment please drop one of the officers' an email letting us know that you are still around and what you have been up to lately!

Just to let you know that COMMON® has made some changes so if your planning on attending the conference you may want to check out the agenda or go to their website for more information. Don't forget if you are going to the conference let one of your officers' know so that they can get your name on the list that we send to COMMON®.

See ya at the next meeting!

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KSSA Meeting: June 14th, 2009 at 11:30 am

Guest Speaker is Jeff Lockett, Kindred Healthcare, Inc.

Topic: "Perspectives on IT Audit Anxiety and How to Overcome It."

Jeff has 20 years of experience in various IT positions ranging from administrator to manager, from application development to systems programming. He spent a year and a half at TechRepublic, and Internet publishing company, serving as VP of Technology Operations. Currently Jeff manages the Information Security team at Kindred Healthcare, Inc. for the last year and a half, and five years as Director of Internal Audit - Information Systems.

Our Lunch Menu is:

Surprise



Directions to Residence Inn Louisville East, 120 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222

Driving Directions: From Louisville International Airport Take 264 E to Exit 20A (Shelbyville Rd., Highway 60 Middletown). Go East on Shelbyville Rd. 2 miles to Hurstbourne Pkwy, go north (left) on Hurstbourne Pkwy one block. Hotel is on left. **From I64: Exit Hurstbourne Parkway North, follow Hurstbourne Parkway North for 2 miles, cross Shelbyville Road (HW60), Hotel will be on your left.



Sharky

"Shark Tank"

True tails of IT life

Apparently, some people just don't count

Senior executive at this company sends out an angry e-mail message, warning all employees to cut down on how much they're printing because printing costs are "out of control," reports an IT manager pilot fish on the scene.

"He went on to inform us that the company was spending \$300 per day on toner and paper!" fish says. "We currently have about 100 employees, so I figured that \$300 figure had to be way off. I started doing a little research."

Fish discovers that one department recently got a new color laser printer to replace one that was overdue for retirement. Not long after that, someone on the admin staff decided the department should keep spare toner on hand for the new printer. Because the printer uses four different color cartridges, the total invoice for the toner was around \$1,300.

And it turns out another admin found a great deal on paper -- about half what the company had been paying -- so a ton of paper was bought during the same month.

Then there were other toner cartridges, ink and special paper purchases. But even after adding up all the printing-related expenses for the previous month, and even adding in the copier leases, fish can't come up with anything like \$300 per day.

Fish sends an e-mail message explaining what he found. He also points out that the color cartridges will likely never need to be replaced at the same time in the future. And that each of those pricey color cartridges will probably last longer than its estimated yield of 12,000 pages, because this company uses color mainly for line drawings.

"The executive was still fuming and assigned a task force to review our toner and printer spending," sighs fish.

"I still couldn't understand why the executive was so bent out of shape. After all, his degree was in accounting ... "

Planning, planning, planning!

This pilot fish works at a software company that has just added a group of student testers to the development team. "One of the students lived near me and he didn't drive, so I started giving him a lift to work," fish says.

But one morning not long after the student starts work; fish has an emergency and can't go into the office. Fortunately, the student was able to get a ride from his parents that day. But to avoid future problems, fish asks a co-worker who lives nearby if he could serve as the student's emergency backup ride.

Fish: If I'm unable to make it one day, at short notice, would you be able to give the student a lift?

Co-worker: Yes, no problem.

Fish: So, can I have your mobile number so I can contact you?

Co-worker: I don't like giving my mobile out to people at work.

Fish: Well, it's only for emergencies. I won't contact you unless the student needs a lift and I won't give it to anyone else.

Co-worker: I hear what you are saying, but I don't want to give my mobile number out.

Fish: Trust me, it's only for emergencies.

Co-worker: Is there any chance you can give me advance notice of any emergencies, so you don't need to ring me?

Sighs fish, "We managed to find someone else who travels out of their way to give him a lift ... when I have an unplanned emergency."

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