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NOTE MEETING INFORMATION

MEETING PLACE:
Holiday Inn – Bloomington
35W at 94th
Phone (612) 884-8211

Meeting Times:
3:30 PM Networking Event
5:00 PM Social Hour
6:00 PM Dinner
6:45 PM Meeting & Program
8:00 PM Adjourn

For Reservation E-Mail:

Raj Ulagaraj
by January 17, 2003

for a
Buffet Dinner

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\$25 Members
\$30 for non-members

Meeting NOTICE

Tuesday, January 21, 2003

Meeting of
Minnesota Information Professional Society

Speakers Topic:
“Home Security & Social Engineering”

Speaker:
Dick Bonneville

SPEAKER TOPIC

The talk will be about home security, especially in ‘always on’ scenarios (DSL and Cable). It will be non-technical (for the most part), and give practical advice on the risks to the home user.

Since Social Engineering is a huge part of home security, he will spend some time on it. If a hacker can get you to come to their web site and register, for example, the probability that you will register with the same user name and password you use at work and at home is

high. Some targeted emails come with tempting offers, and they are logging in to your network at work or your PC at home. Executing such a file on your home computer can be disastrous. If a hacker can convince you to double-click, they own your computer. Dick will also talk a bit about the emails (mainly from Nigeria) convincing people to send thousands of dollars and travel thousands of miles, and the consequences of those trips.

Dick also intends to talk about Morpheus, Gnutella and other peer to peer file sharing systems. These represent a huge problem from both a security and liability perspective, and will be especially relevant to people with teenagers.

SPEAKER PROFILE

Richard has been in the data processing / data communication field since 1979. He has held various posi-

tions during his career including Network Manager, Sr. Security Analyst and Corporate Security Officer for a financial services firm. He also spent some time as a Field Engineer and an Application Engineer in industrial process control applications.

He is currently Director of Network Services / Security Services for PC Solutions, Inc. in Minneapolis, a full service hardware, software and network / security services firm.

Richard graduated from the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul in 1977 and holds the CISSP (Certified Information Systems Security Professional) certification. Pre-Dinner Networking Event

President's Letter



This is the time of year we greet each other with "Happy

Holidays." This season is often filled with hectic end-of-year projects, numerous social gatherings, and for many, a time of religious significance.

No matter what our faith or tradition, December is a time of reflection on the year that has come and nearly gone - on accomplishments, successes, regrets, grief, joy and personal growth. For everyone, a new year represents hope.

As 2003 approaches, I want to send to you my very best wishes for abundance, blessings and great hope in the New Year.

One of the most exciting things about MnIPS is the great opportunity we have for professional networking and sharing of our work experiences.

As we all know, this has been a challenging year for most technology professionals. Throughout the year, we shared successes as many of our MnIPS members found new jobs or received promotions. We also provided support to those that experienced

the grief and worry associated with unplanned unemployment. What a privilege it is to be a part of this growing organization.

As we look into 2003, there appears to be some positive signs for technology professionals.

According to a December 20th Information-Week article "IT managers predict they'll need to hire an additional 1.1 million workers in coming months, roughly on a par with plans at the beginning of this year and an improvement over July projections, indicating improved optimism by hiring managers." This year, the

MnIPS meetings will focus on identifying these opportunities as we expand upon the theme "Adapting to Change."

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to each of you.

I hope to see all of you at the January meeting!

-- Kurt Linberg,
MnIPS President

Donate a Cellular Phone!

Almost everyone has an old cellular phone gathering dust somewhere in your home office. Why not donate it to a community program that provides mobile communication tools for domestic violence victims?

Please bring your phones for donation to the monthly MnIPS meetings from September through February, 2003. A receipt for donation will be provided to each donor.

Any portable cellular or PCS phone is accepted, excluding bag phones or vehicle-installed models. We will take the phone's battery or charger, if available. All donors should deactivate the wireless service of any donated phones before turning them in.

If you have any further questions, please email Kri-

san Partridge, who is spearheading this initiative at:
kpartridge@kep-consulting.com

NOTICE from METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY

"If you would like to learn the most current information about the critical fields of MIS and receive graduate level certification or degree - consider Metropolitan State University that offers a graduate Management Information Systems certificate program and Master in Management Information Systems. MMIS program:
<http://www.metrostate.edu/com/mmis>

MIS Certificate:
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2003 NETWORK MEETING AGENDAS

- Jan** Build a Winning Resume
What's going on in Today's Market
- Feb** Preparing for the Introductory Interview
Practicing the Interview - Roll-play
- Mar** How to make that first call
How to research for a job interview
- Apr** So it's happened - How to deal with the transition.
The Great 'Opportunity' - What do you really want to do now
- May** How to Network into the job you want
Update from the Experts - What's Happening in the Market
- June** Preparing for the 2nd Interview
Honing your pitch - How to Influence Others

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