

VTMUG Newsletter #1 - June 1, 2017

To VTMUG Members,

We have some exciting news for our 2017 Technical Conference!

Mark your calendars and save Thursday September 21, 2017 for VTMUG's annual event. Plans have been finalized, the session grid is complete, and online registration is open.

Detailed conference information can be found at <http://vtmug.org/>

New for 2017 Conference

A conference First - Opening session presented by an IBM i Executive!

VTMUG is excited to announce that Alison Butterill – IBM i Offering Manager – will be presenting the opening session at this year's conference. Alison's session is entitled “IBM i In the Age of Digital Transformation” and will show how the IBM i is uniquely positioned to support modern environments and technologies.

Alison has worked in the midrange marketplace (System 34, System 36, System 38, AS/400, all the way to the IBM i) for more than 30 years. She has held a wide variety of positions at IBM, primarily with midrange servers and software.

Half Day Conference Registrations

To accommodate IT execs that may want to come hear Alison Butterill's opening session, or those IBM i professionals that can't afford to take the whole day for the conference, VTMUG is now offering Half Day conference registrations.

You can register for the morning half day or afternoon half day and each includes lunch. The morning half day includes continental breakfast and the afternoon half day includes the post conference social.

See below for half day registration fees.

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The VTMUG Board would like you to invite to attend the **13th annual VTMUG IBM i Technical Conference** to be held on **Thursday Sept 21, 2017**, at the **DoubleTree Burlington** just off I-89 Exit 14 on Williston Rd.

2017 Conference Highlights

1. Opening session with IBM i Executive Alison Butterill beginning at 8:30 am
2. Nine elective sessions in three concurrent tracks
3. Vendor Exposition
4. 30 minute breaks between sessions
5. 1 hr 15 minute lunch from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm
6. Post Conference Social from 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Guest Speakers from Austin TX, Olympia WA, Minneapolis MN, and Dublin Ireland

Alison Butterill - Offering Manager for IBM i

Doug Mack - DB2 for i Consultant for IBM's Lab Services

Aaron Bartell - Director of IBM i Innovation for Krengeltech

Paul Tuohy - CEO of Comcon, Founding Partner of System i Developer,
& Noted RPG and DB2 for i Expert

Conference Registration Fees

On or before Monday August 28th

Full day: \$175

Half Day: \$99 (morning or afternoon & includes lunch)

After Monday August August 28th

Full day: \$199

Half Day: \$125

The registration fee covers attendance at the conference - full or half day - with your choice of up to nine elective sessions; continental breakfast, (full day or morning half day), lunch buffet, and break snacks and beverages; soft copy session handouts downloaded from the conference web site, and Post Conference Social (full day or afternoon half day).

You can register for the conference at <http://vtmug.org/conf2017/registerPrompt.php>

Win a Free Registration to the 2017 NEUGC

VTMUG will be giving away a free registration (\$550 value) to the 2018 Northeast User Group Conference to be held at the Sheraton hotel in Framingham, MA April 23-25, 2018. Detailed information is available on the <http://vtmug.org/conf2017/miniConf.php>

Register early and Double your chances to win the NEUGC registration.

Register for the conference on or before Monday August 28th and you will receive two chances to win the NEUGC registration. Register after August 28th and receive one chance to win.

Exciting Conference Lineup

There will be 10 sessions offered at this year's conference.

The opening session will begin at 8:30 am and will be followed by nine elective sessions offered in three concurrent tracks - three each in RPG Programming, Web Programming, and DB2 and SQL.

Detailed conference information can be found at the following links:

Session Grid: <http://vtmug.org/conf2017/miniConfGrid.pdf>

Session Abstracts: <http://vtmug.org/conf2017/miniConfSessions.php>

Speaker Bios: <http://vtmug.org/conf2017/miniConfSpeakers.php>

Conference Registration: <http://vtmug.org/conf2017/registerPrompt.php>

Note: To register for the conference you will have to login to or join the VTMUG membership database, and if you are receiving this note you are already a member. If you have forgotten your user ID, send an email note to Skip Marchesani at ConferenceCoordinator@vtmug.org and we will reply and let you know what it is. If you have forgotten your password, you can request a password reset via the login page.

If you have any questions, send an email note to Skip Marchesani at ConferenceCoordinator@vtmug.org call Skip at 802-272-4844.

Stay tuned for updates!

Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/vtmug>

Connect with VTMUG on LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/2262055>

Other VTMUG Business

Membership

We do not actively solicit members or charge an annual membership fee. Instead, anyone that registers for a VTMUG event – the annual Joint VTMUG–NHMUG meeting in June or the annual technical conference in September – automatically becomes a VTMUG member. Currently we have just under 200 members in our database.

VTMUG COMMON Membership

VTMUG is now an official User Group Member of COMMON. For you, our members, this combines the power of our local group with a global association and by keeping your VTMUG membership up to

date, you will receive all of the benefits of a COMMON membership including: free webcast registration, discounted registration to in-person events like the COMMON Annual Meeting & Exposition, free admission to the COMMON's Webcast Library, access to the COMMON member directory, and reduced rates for professional certification.

VTMUG members should already have been contacted by COMMON to ensure accurate set up your accounts in its "Cosmo" member site at <http://members.common.org/>. If you have issues or questions please contact COMMON at 800-777-6734 for assistance.

VTMUG Needs a Conference Photographer

One thing we have tried to do in the past – with varying levels of success because of other conference commitments - is to take pictures at the VTMUG events to post on social media. So this year we're looking for a person who can focus on and will be dedicated to picture taking!

So if you are a reasonably good photographer (or even not so good) and have the equipment – a good digital camera or phone with good picture resolution – and would like to be our conference photographer, please send an email note or call me at the contact info listed at the end of this newsletter.

VTMUG is Looking for Volunteers

VTMUG is always looking for volunteers to help with the conference or serve on our Board of Directors – either as an officer or a Member at Large. If you know of anyone that is interested, please feel free to send an email note or call to discuss at the contact info is listed below.

Exhibitor Information

Booths are still available for this year's VTMUG conference so please join us! The DoubleTree hotel is a great venue with a large room that facilitates networking, dining and vendor interaction, and this year we are expecting 50-65 IBM i professionals. The fee for a six foot table is \$300 and includes power and internet access, and this year we are offering the opportunity for vendors to present their own session. To learn more go to <http://vtmug.org/conf2017/Exhibitor%20Information.pdf> or send an email note to Rich Ollari at rjollari@gmail.com or call rich at 401-398-0307.

See you at the conference!

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