May Luncheon and Elections

Our meeting this month will be held on **Wednesday, May 13th at 11:30 A.M.** at the **Chuck-A-Rama** located at **2960 S. Highland Drive.** This is our annual election luncheon. The meal will be buffet style and will cost $3.50 per person for up to two user group members per company. Additional members of each company or non-user group members will need to pay $7.95 for their meal. Checks should be made payable to GSL Users Group at the door. **Please RSVP as soon as possible** to one of the user group officers so we can get a count of those who will be attending.
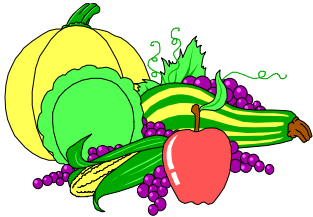
Our guest speaker this month will be **Mathew J. Lyman,** president of *Lyman Brothers*, an international satellite telecommunications contracting and consulting firm headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah. Lyman Brothers specializes in emergency response, disaster recovery and transportable satellite systems for data, voice and video transmission. We look forward to hearing from Mr. Lyman.

April Meeting Highlights

For our April meeting we were treated with a special presentation by Robin Van Wagenen from our local IBM office and by Ann Archie from IBM Los Angeles. The topic was **Why V4R2?** Robin discussed all of the new enhancements to OS/400 in V4R2 and Ann gave us a live demonstration of many of these new technologies.

We appreciate Robin and Ann for taking time out of their busy schedules to be our guest speakers for April. Thanks for a great job.

IBM Corner

Netfinity...Infinite Possibilities - May 14, 1998

Please join us to discover why IBM Netfinity Servers are your top Intel Server choice! Our new generation of value-priced, Intel-based SMP servers provides enhanced scalability, manageability, serviceability, and support features that are designed to provide high availability for business-critical applications. It's a stellar product supported by IBM's direct service personnel.

This session will cover:

- Overview of the Product Models
- Service and Support
- Comparisons to Leading Competitors
- Packages and Promotions
- Live demo of Systems Management and Capacity planning tools

For more product information please visit our website at http://www.pc.ibm.com/netfinity

Dates: May 14, 1998
9:00 - 11:00am
IBM Salt Lake City
420 E. South Temple, Rooms 501/502
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AS/400 Teleconference Series

Join us for Lunch...Again in 1998, IBM is pleased to offer a convenient way for you and your colleagues to gain AS/400 knowledge that can help you improve productivity and give your business a competitive edge.

Lunch and Learn is an ongoing series of teleconference calls with a variety of speakers, including experts from the Rochester Development Lab, and consultants from the information systems industry. Following are the May teleconference calls.

We hope you take advantage of this easy and flexible way to acquire AS/400 education without ever having to leave your office. These calls are offered at no charge to you.

To enroll call 1-800-289-0579 and reference the corresponding confirmation code.

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Thanks very much!
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AS/400 Tips and Techniques

Timestamping to the Millisecond with RPG

RPG provides no way to access the system time to the
millisecond. If you need to timestamp events down to the
millisecond, create a physical file with the timestamp field in
it, and create a logical file over this physical file that
excludes the timestamp field. When you perform an RPG
write through the logical file, OS/400 will fill in the
timestamp field with the current system date and time to the
millisecond.

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Humor Department

Billy Goes To Summer Camp

Dear Ann Landers:

I have nowhere else to turn. I have to get the word out. Warn
other parents. Let me try and explain. It's about my son,
Billy. He's always been a good, normal ten year old boy.
Well, last spring we sat down after dinner to select a summer
camp for Billy. We sorted through the camp brochures.
There were the usual camps with swimming, canoeing,
games, singing by the campfire -- you know. There were
sports camps and specialty camps for weight reduction,
music, military camps and camps that specialized in Tibetan
knot tying. I tried to talk him into Camp Winnepoopoo. It's
where he went last year. (He made an adorable picture out of
painted pinto beans and macaroni). Billy would have none of
it. Billy pulled a brochure out of his pocket. It was for a
COMPUTER CAMP! We should have put our foot down
right there, if only we had known. He left six weeks ago. I
don't know what's happened. He's changed. I can't explain it.
See for yourself.

These are some of my little Billy's letters.

Dear Mom,
The kids are dorky nerds. The food stinks. The computers
are the only good part. We're learning how to program. Late
at night is the best time to program, so they let us stay up.

Love, Billy.

Dear Mom,
Camp is O.K. Last night we had pizza in the middle of the
night. We all get to choose what we want to drink. I drink
Classic Coke. By the way, can you make Szechuan food? I'm
getting used to it now. Gotta go, it's time for the flowchart
class.

Love, Billy.

P.S. This is written on a wordprocessor. Pretty swell, huh?
It's spell-checked too.

Dear Mom,

Don't worry. We do regular camp stuff. We told ghost stories
by the glow of green computer screens. It was real neat. I
don't have much of a tan because we don't go outside very
often. You can't see the computer screen in the sunlight
anyway. The wimp camp I went to last year fed us weird
food too. Lay off, Mom. I'm okay, really.

Love, Billy.

Dear Mom,
I'm fine. I'm sleeping enough. I'm eating enough. This is the
best camp ever. We scared the counselor with some phony
worm code. It was real funny. He got mad and yelled.
Frederick says it's okay. Can you send more money? I spent
mine on a pocket protector and a box of blank diskettes. I've
got to chip in on the phone bill. Did you know that you can
talk to people on a computer? Give my regards to Dad.

Love, Billy.

Dear Mother,
Forget the money for the telephone. We've got a way to not
pay. Sorry I haven't written. I've been learning a lot. I'm real
good at getting onto any computer in the country. It's really
easy! I got into the university's in less than fifteen minutes.
Frederick did it in five. He's going to show me how.
Frederick is my bunk partner. He's really smart. He says that
I shouldn't call myself Billy anymore. So, I'm not.

Signed, William.

Dear Mother,
How nice of you to come up on Parents Day. Why'd you get
so upset? I haven't gained that much weight. The glasses

aren't real. Everybody wears them. I was trying to fit in. Believe me, the tape on them is cool. I thought that you'd be proud of my program. After all, I've made some money on it. A publisher is sending a check for $30,000. Anyway, I've paid for the next six weeks of camp. I won't be home until late August.

Regards, William.

Mother,
Stop treating me like a child. True -- physically I am only ten years old. It was silly of you to try to kidnap me. Do not try again. Remember, I can make your life miserable (i.e. - the bank, credit bureau, and government computers). I am not kidding. O.K.? I won't write again and this is your only warning. The emotions of this interpersonal communication drain me.

Sincerely, William.

See what I mean? It's been two weeks since I've heard from my little boy. What can I do? I know that it's probably too late to save my little Billy. But, if by printing these letters you can save JUST ONE CHILD from a life of programming, please, I beg of you to do so. Thank you very much.

Sally Gates, Concerned Parent

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Editor's Note:

This will be my last user group newsletter. Three years of doing this newsletter has been fun but has been long enough. It's time for some young, energetic, person to take over as the user group secretary and newsletter editor. Thanks for the opportunity to serve as an officer of the group.

Gary Larson

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