



### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As President of the Association of Information Technology Professionals for 2007, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the committee members who have been working so diligently to ensure that we get off to a great start for 2007. It is so very true that an organization is only as good as its members and judging from the response we've received thus far, we should have a stellar year.

This year we will strive to meet our goals of becoming a dynamic organization comprised of many facets of the IT field. We do not take our role as South Carolina's only Professional Chapter lightly and will work to offer each member the opportunity to take advantage of our great programs and networking opportunities.

I encourage everyone to play a role in making this a great year for the Chapter. I welcome all ideas and would hope that you feel free to contact me with anything you feel will benefit our group.

*Nadine Evans*



### New Officers 2007

#### PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW 2007 OFFICERS

- President.....Nadine Evans
- Vice President.....Robin Ward
- Regional Director.....Sherry Deese
- Immediate Past President.....Ed Cavadias
- Treasure.....Patti Burris
- Secretary.....Travis Baird
- Director at Large.....Bernard Krafsig
- Director at Large.....Robert Mayhue

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#### February Dinner Meeting

- Thursday, February 15, 2007 at Tommy Condon's
- Guest Speakers:  
Jon Nehman and John Degni of MIL Corporation
- RSVP no later than Monday, 2 February, 2007.
- Cpoplin@aitp-charleston.org

## FEATURE MEMBER— ALAN BLANCHE

**Alan Blanche** a native of Charleston, SC joined AITP on 1 March, 1978. In his 29 years with AITP he has worked tirelessly and selflessly for both the organization and community. Alan has been an active member for nearly three decades by severing on every AITP office and committee, except secretary and Regional Director. In 1984 he served as the Chapter President and in 2004 received the prestigious Lifetime IPA (Individual Performance Award). After working 25 distinguished years in the IT field he retired in 2001. Even after retirement he continues to be an active member of the community and sends out the e-mails to generate interest and enthusiasm for an organization he believes in.

**Education:** Graduate of Bishop England High School; Associates Degree in Computer Programming, Trident Technical Collage, and Certified Data Processor in 1984.

**Employment:** He served a tour of duty in the Air Force as a surgical technician in the operating room. He has worked a variety of jobs before settling down to his chosen career in IT to include: hotel desk clerk, truck driver, bar tender, waiter, 7-Eleven clerk, Bad Debt Collector, Standard Oil of New Jersey and many more interesting jobs.

In IT he was a mainframe programmer working with languages such as CO-BAL, Fortran, Assembler, RPG, CICS, DLI, PLI, Mantis, Crystal, SQL and V/B. Alan has designed and written many programs in support of production, inventory control, quality control, ship-

ping, sales, merchandising and much much more.

**Hobbies:** Reading, antique collecting, pinball, making stained glass, playing the violin and traveling. He has made 23 trips in the last 5 years.

**Personal:** Alan has two sons and is a

proud Grandfather. Alan's love of his life is his wife Tanja, he affectionately calls his "Russian Princess". They met online and were married in the former Soviet Republic of Estonia. Together they take care of three giant tabby cats that over 10 years old and weighing in at 19 pounds each.



Alan is an inspiration and has been invaluable to the organization for many years. The next time you see Alan give him a hardy handshake and thanks, people of this caliber are a far and few and we are honored to have him with us.

### JANUARY'S DINNER MEETING

Our last dinner meeting was a great kick off for 2007. Held at Zeus' restaurant, there was good food and great presentations. Our guest speaker was Mr. Rich Conte, a Business Systems Architect with Blackbaud. Rich has been a Senior Business System Architect with Blackbaud since June of 2003. His topic of discussion was "Shrink-wrap to Solutions" Technologies Blackbaud is leveraging to provide better solutions for Enterprise-scale non-profit organizations.

Thank-you to our sponsors for the evening.

- **Discovery Training Center:** Jerry Plybon.  
[www.discoverytrainingcenter.com/](http://www.discoverytrainingcenter.com/)
- **Vital Records Control—**Charlie Steele.  
[www.vitalrecordscontrol.com/](http://www.vitalrecordscontrol.com/)

### SOCIAL AT J. PAUL'Z (TAPAS, SUSHI & LIBATIONS)

The Charleston chapter of the Association of Information Technology Professionals will meet for a "Social" on Wednesday, February 28 from 5:01pm to 11:59pm at J. Paul'z (tapas, sushi & libations) - 1739 Maybank Hiway, James Island 795.6995.

<http://www.jpaulz.com/>

For more information:  
Visit [www.aitp-charleston.org](http://www.aitp-charleston.org) or contact Michael Painter 971.5159 for more information. Cheers



Gary Whitten, Zavan Johnson and Bill Rhodes - 2006 Scholarship recipient - Zavan Johnson Trident Technical College

# CHARLESTON CHAPTER NEW MEMBERS

A warm Charleston welcome to our new AITP members.

|                 |          |               |         |               |         |
|-----------------|----------|---------------|---------|---------------|---------|
| Douglas Barnard | 12/7/06  | Robert Mayhue | 11/9/06 | Dan Nobles    | 12/1/06 |
| Chris Pertgan   | 11/06/06 | John Stamey   | 1/5/07  | David Olivera | 12/6/06 |
| David Persson   | 1/11/07  | Paul Seibert  | 1/5/07  | Barry Couper  | 2/01/07 |
| Andrea Reaves   | 2/01/07  |               |         |               |         |

## FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING MANAGING IT PROFESSIONALS IN A CLIENT/CONTRACTOR ENVIRONMENT

The February Dinner Meeting of the Charleston Chapter of AITP will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at Tommy Condon's Restaurant, located at 160 Church Street in downtown Charleston. Parking is available in the parking Garage, across the street from Tommy Condon's, and, at the rear of the restaurant, on the corner of Cumberland & State Sts.

Our Guest Speakers for the evening will be Jon Nehman [Senior Manger] & John Degni [Assistant Vice President] of MIL Corporation. MIL Corporation is an IT Consulting Firm that was established in the 1980's to provide agencies of the Federal Government with professional services in the areas of Finance, Information Management and Quality Assurance. MIL currently has multimillion-dollar contracts with 17 Federal Agencies including the US Dept of the Navy, Commerce, State, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development and Agriculture. Both Mr. Nehman & Mr. Degni are part of the IT team working on-site at the US Dept of State's Financial Service Center located in Charleston. The topic for the evening will be: "Managing IT Professionals in a Client/Contractor Environment".

February's dinner will be \$18.00 for AITP Members and Student Members; \$30.00 for guests (which cover the dinner and gratuities only, our networking is free!).

There is quite a savings if you are a member, so if you are considering join-

ing, now might be the time. If you should join after Monday, February 12, 2007 please bring your confirmed National Membership statement with you for the Member's Rate, as it will not appear on our records until Monday the 19th.

Evening schedule is as follows:

|             |                              |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| 5:15 - 6:15 | Registration and Social Hour |
| 6:15 - 7:15 | Dinner                       |
| 7:15 - 7:45 | Guest Speakers               |
| 7:45        | Adjournment                  |

Menu (Choose one)

- Lowcountry Fried Shrimp
- New York Strip
- Smothered Chicken

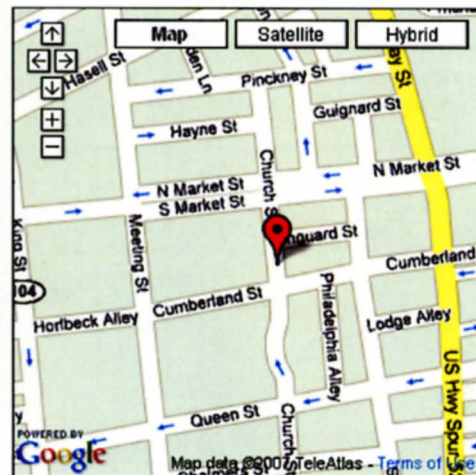
Served with , bake potato & vegetables, house salad, warm rolls and coffee. Dessert: Bailey's Cheesecake.

### MAP & DIRECTIONS

160 CHURCH ST.  
CHARLESTON, S.C. 29401

Tommy Condon's is located downtown between South Market and Cumberland St.  
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### P.S.

We are still looking for Members to Serve on Committees for 2007. Serving on The Board of AITP, either as an Officer, a Committee ChairMan, or as a Member of a Committee will only require 1 or 2 evenings per month; and, is an excellent way to meet your Fellow Members & really benefit from being a Member of the Charleston Chapter of AITPI So, if you're interested, Please, contact Nadine Evans, @ 529-0098, nevans@trainwithpst.com

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## COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2007

**Arrangements**  
Cecelia Poplin

**Education**  
Palmer Gaillard

**Education**  
Forrest (Russ) Douppnik

**Membership: Membership Drive**  
Chris Pertgen

**Student Chapter: Chapter Advisor**  
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**News Letter**  
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**Budget/Audit: Website**  
Patti Burriss

**Sponsorship**  
Bernard Krafsig

**Program**  
Ingrid Tugwell

**Education**  
Douglas Barnard

**Communication/Publicity**  
Michael Painter

**Membership: New Members**  
Sherry Deese

**Student Chapter: Chapter Liaison**  
Travis Baird

**News Letter: Website**  
Patti Burriss

**Sponsorship**  
Robert Mayhue

**Sponsorship**  
Dan Nobles

**Bylaws**  
Ed Cavadias

**Education**  
Michael Cortright

**Awards**  
Bill Rhodes

**Membership: Retention**  
Alan F. Blanche

**Student Chapter: Student Scholarship**  
Bill Rhodes

**Budget and Audit: Budget**  
Sherry Deese

**Sponsorship**  
Bill McBroom

**Sponsorship**  
David Olivera

## 2007 ThinkTEC Homeland Security Innovation Conference

February 21-23, 2007

Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, Charleston  
(SPAWAR)

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