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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CHICAGO WINDOWS USER GROUP (CWUG)

Windows City™

Do More with the Most

The Chicago Windows User Group™ (CWUG™) helps you do more by giving you the most tools and resources for choosing, installing, deploying, maintaining and securing Windows-based products

CWUG is a community of individuals dedicated to making the users and administrators of Windows products successful in their work, home and leisure environments through the sharing of ideas, best practices, information, and research and development.

Join CWUG for no fee, and you'll get an incredibly long list of benefits.

They include a bimonthly community gathering, presentations by leading Microsoft and industry technical specialists, special interest groups (SIGs) formed around important topics, a monthly newsletter, specialized training sessions, and hands-on experience.

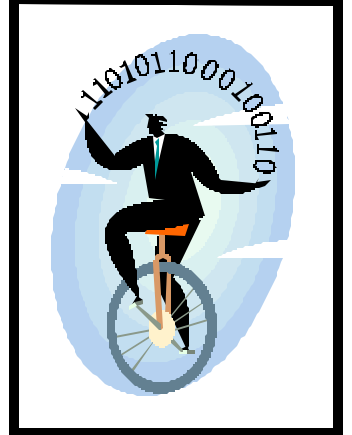
We welcome you as a member.

Three Steps to Windows Bliss

CWUG needs your help to become a valuable resource for local IT professionals. Follow these three simple steps:

1. **Join.** Visit www.CWUG.NET/Signup.aspx, or come to **Booth # 306** and register your name and contact details. You will receive info about future events and access to special online resources.
2. **Participate.** The User Group will deliver most value when its members are actively engaged in meetings and events. Use the group to share and learn about Windows with others.
3. **Volunteer.** CWUG will flourish when its activities are led by enthusiastic and committed volunteers. Approach any member of the Steering Committee to express your interest, or e-mail Volunteer@CWUG.NET.

**CWUG Booth Today:
12PM to 12:30PM
"The Bit Players"
A Digital Comedy
Troupe**



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Great ROI (Return on Involvement)

When you give time to the Chicago Windows User Group, you will get a great return on your involvement

CWUG is ramping up a broad slate of activities for PC users from across Chicagoland to get more from Windows and Windows-based products..

Networking

CWUG will host bimonthly community gatherings to establish and maintain personal connections among members. The first event is taking place on June 19th simultaneously in Microsoft's downtown and Downers Grove facilities.

CWUG will champion the creation of special interest groups (SIGs) to promote discussion about specific

topics, such as "Network Administration" and "Developing on the New Windows Platform."

Communications

Members can contribute to a monthly newsletter that will promote ideas and best practices, and which will be the voice for the local Windows community

Learning

The User Group will organize and sponsor both formal and informal technical presentations on aspects of Windows-related products. CWUG will also create special training groups focused on preparing members for Windows certifications (both MS and non-MS). It will establish a special hands-on lab for

Windows training to be delivered during technical meetings.

Online Resources

The center of interaction for CWUG will be a web-based portal which promotes the exchange of ideas.

Community Action

We shall create opportunities for our members to contribute their IT expertise to those who otherwise would not have access to good technology resources, such as other not-for-profits, schools, and community organizations.

Save the date! The first Community Gathering will take place on June 19 simultaneously in Microsoft's Chicago and Downers Grove offices.

First Community Gathering: June 19

SAVE THE DATE! The first Community Gathering of the Chicago Windows User Group will take place in two separate locations at the same time.

This approach was specially designed to allow IT professionals from both the city and the suburbs to enjoy all the benefits that CWUG has to offer, without having to sit through rush hour traffic.

The meeting will introduce members of the community to each other and discuss the User Group's direction.

It will be hosted at Microsoft's twin Chicago and Downers Grove locations

from 6PM to 8PM on Thursday, June 19.

The two locations will be hooked together through a live videoconferencing connection, so that speakers can deliver news and information to both audiences at the same time.

The event will feature technical specialists from Microsoft and local companies talking about their early experiences with Windows Server 2003.

For more information, including details of these locations, go to **www.CWUG.NET**.

Free Xbox
Drawing¹

Register for and attend the first Chicago Windows User Group Community Gathering on June 19, and you could be one of three people to win a free Xbox. Go to CWUG.NET/Signup.aspx or register at Booth #306 at the Windows Server 2003 Launch.

Welcome from the CWUG Founding Chairman

Hello, and thanks for taking the time to read our first newsletter.

My name is Robert Nottoli. Along with a bunch of like-minded IT professionals in the Chicago area, we decided to start a Windows User Group, whose sole intent is to make everyone's experience on Windows (and Windows-based applications) easier.

As the Founding Chairman of the User Group, I would like to answer the question "Why should I participate in a User Group?" The answer to me is simple: to learn and share ideas.

My son was in Boy Scouts and their troop motto was "Look, Listen, and Learn".

This is the concept we want to drive at our meetings: socialize with your peers, learn, and share your knowledge of the Windows platform.

So to get back to the question "Why should you join a Windows User Group?" If you have a desire to learn how to improve your experience with Windows, want to share ideas, network, and have a good time, then you should come out and join us.

CWUG is run by IT professionals who are committed to doing this because we are passionate about technology. We want to hook up and exchange ideas with people who feel that same passion for technology.

If you have any questions or you want to know how you can join, please e-mail **Info@CWUG.NET**. Thanks.

**Robert G. Nottoli,
Founding Chairman,
Chicago Windows User
Group**

To become a member, register at **Booth # 306** or at **CWUG.NET/Signup.aspx**.
Want to organize the CWUG activities? E-mail **Volunteer@CWUG.NET**.
Want to contribute to other community groups? E-mail **Volunteer@CWUG.NET**.
Want to write for the newsletter? E-mail **Editor@CWUG.NET**.
Want to write about CWUG activities? E-mail **Press@CWUG.NET**.
Want to learn about sponsorship opportunities? E-mail **Sponsor@CWUG.NET**.

Got a better reason for joining CWUG? Tell us and you could win one of two Xboxes.²

Top Ten Reasons For Joining CWUG

1. I can't find my remote (support that is).
2. I'm trying to Beta myself.
3. No pane, no gain.
4. I love open source.
5. Waterworld was my favorite movie.
6. An apple a day is one too many, Mac!
7. I'm certifiable.
8. My dog ate my install CD.
9. I'm a Candidate for early Release.
10. Because we're not in Kansas anymore.

Setting Our Course: CWUG Steering Committee

"Steering Committee members are dedicated to creating a great User Group experience for its members."

CWUG's Steering Committee draws on individuals from across Chicago who are knowledgeable and experienced in the deployment and use of Windows technologies and applications.

Committee members are dedicated to creating a great User Group experience for its members.

They are also contributing their time and energies to staffing the CWUG booth today at the Windows Server 2003 Launch Event.

The Steering Committee includes:

- **Robert Nottoli** (Chairman), Windows Evangelist, Microsoft: **RobNotto@Microsoft.com**
- **Jerry Smessaert** (Vice Chairman), Senior Systems Consultant, Intrinsic: **JES@Intrinsic.net**
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If you want to wear one of those chic User Group golf shirts you see these guys wearing, now's the time to speak up.

In several months, we shall have our first round of elections for officers in the committee. There are also "at large" positions available on the steering committee.

Please step up if you are interested in running the Group's activities and joining the Steering Committee.

Or contact us at:

Volunteer@CWUG.NET.

- 1 Drawings to win one of three Xboxes will take place during the first CWUG Community Gathering on June 19, 2003. To win, you must have registered to attend the event, and you must be present at the time of the drawing, at either the Microsoft Technology Center in downtown Chicago, or the Microsoft offices in Downers Grove. Two Xboxes will be awarded at the Downers Grove location, and one Xbox at the Chicago location. No purchase is necessary. CWUG reserves the right to change the terms and conditions of this drawing at any time without notice, including canceling the promotion. All decisions made by CWUG related to the awarding of an Xbox are final and will not be entered into. By registering for this event, you acknowledge that you accept the terms and conditions of this offer.
- 2 Drawings for an Xbox will take place at approximately 12:30PM and 4:30PM at Microsoft Windows Server 2003 Launch Event on May 6, 2003 at McCormick Place, Chicago. To win, you must have registered your name and contact details as a member of the Chicago Windows User Group, have submitted your reason for joining the group, and be present at the CWUG booth at the time of the drawing. No purchase is necessary. CWUG reserves the right to change the terms and conditions of this drawing at any time without notice, including canceling the promotion. All decisions made by CWUG related to the awarding of an Xbox are final and will not be entered into. By joining CWUG, you acknowledge that you accept the terms and conditions of this offer.

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