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Letter from the Executive Director

Happy New Year!

MCCC will have a booth at MACO on January 13th and 14th! Please stop by and say hi!

Congratulations Kris Sparks winner of our holiday treat recipe contest! Kris, watch your mailbox for a fun package from MCCC! Check out the recipe at the end of the newsletter!

As always, my door is always open. Please let me know if you have any comments, questions or concerns.

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User Group News

TAX USER GROUPS

Next ACS TAC Meeting: The next meeting will be Thursday, January 21st, 9:30am – 3:00pm at ACS. *ACS Tax Advisory Committee Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month and will rotate between MCCC and ACS.*

- January 21st at ACS
- February 18th at MCCC
- March 18th at ACS
- April 15th at MCCC
- May 20th at ACS

Next In-Person Manatron TAC Meeting: Monday, February 1st, 9:30am – 3:00pm at MCCC. *Manatron Tax Advisory Committee Meetings are held twice each month. There is a face-to-face meeting the first Monday of each month held at MCCC and a conference call held every third Monday at noon.*

Next CAMA User Group Meeting: Wednesday, February 10th, 10:00am – 3:00pm at ACS. *CAMA meets quarterly the second Wednesday of the month.*

Next Manatron User Group Meeting: Friday, January 22nd, 9:30am – 3:00pm, Location: TBA

CORRECTIONS

Next Corrections Executive Committee Meeting: Wednesday, January 20th, 9:30am – Noon at MCCC. *Corrections Executive Committee Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month.*

For CSTS Technical Support:

Phone: 763-559-1959 Fax: 763-559-4399 Email: helpdesk@sti-software.com

FINANCE & GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Finance & General Government User Group Meeting: TBA

Finance & General Government Advisory Committee Meeting: TBA

Optimum Solutions User Group Meeting: *The Optimum Solutions Group is meeting via conference call the third Monday each month. For more information on meetings, visit the MCCC RSVP website.*

IFSpi Rewrite Committee is meeting regularly to work on the IFS rewrite project. For more information on meetings, visit the MCCC RSVP website.

COUNTY ATTORNEY USER GROUP

County Attorney Executive Committee Meeting: Friday, January 29th, 8:30am – 10:00am via conference call.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

CHS User Group Meetings

*Meetings are held quarterly and alternate between MCCC and ACS. All meetings 10:00am – 2:30pm

- Friday, March 26th at MCCC
- Friday, June 25th at ACS
- Friday, September 10th at MCCC
- Friday, December 3rd at ACS

CHS Advisory Committee Meetings

All meetings will be a conference call held from 10:00am – Noon, unless called as an in-person meeting by the Chair.

- Wednesday, February 17th
- Wednesday, May 19th
- Wednesday, August 18th
- Wednesday, November 17th

CHS PH-Doc 2012 Focus Group Meetings

*All meetings 10:00am – 2:30pm. All meetings will have a webex/conference call option.

- Next Meeting: TBA

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Next Law Enforcement User Group Meeting: TBA

INFORMATION SUPPORT SERVICES GROUP

ISSG MEETING SCHEDULE: ISSG meetings start at 10:00am. Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of every other month.

- Wednesday, February 3rd
- Wednesday, April 7th
- Wednesday, June 9th – MCCC Annual Conference

Vendor News

Attend CIT's Launch Event on Jan. 27 to check out Windows 7, Windows Server 2008 R2 and Exchange Server 2010. Bonus: A special preview of SharePoint 2010, as well!

Microsoft has released Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2. In this same timeframe, the cornerstone of its unified messaging framework: Exchange Server 2010 has also been unveiled. Learn about these exciting new products by attending our half-day seminar. Bring your questions and be prepared to get a great idea about how these new products can work for your organization. You'll get a great lunch and a chance to win great door prizes, too! At this event, you will discover the answers to the following questions:

- How can Windows 7 increase the productivity of my users (especially mobile and remote ones), protect my systems and sensitive data, and streamline PC management?
- How can new virtualization tools, Windows 7 integration capabilities, Web resources and management enhancements in Windows Server 2008 R2 help me save time and reduce costs?
- How can simplified administration tools, new deployment options and new information provide protection and control.

Join us on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, for this informational half-day session on the new Microsoft products released at the end of 2009, and soon in 2010. Register today!

Agenda for January 27 seminar

- **10 a.m.** Registration
- **10:30 a.m.** Program begins
- **12 p.m.** Lunch
- **12:45 p.m.** Program resumes
- **2:15 p.m.** Q&A and conclusion of program

Location:

Embassy Suites—Minneapolis Airport
7901 34th Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55425-1605
952.854.1000

Register at www.cit-net.com/seminars or call 651.255.5778.



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Xylo's keen eye for identifying the financially prudent, strategic and tactical use of technology allowed us to become the largest preferred vendor at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. We are looking to share those experiences, achievements and best practices with other organizations. In August of 2009, Xylo was awarded a multi-year, preferred vendor contract with General Mills and a master services contract with the State of Minnesota. Xylo has expanded its presence by partnering with Insight, a global technology solutions provider, to supply staff augmentation services to their clientele. We are also working with LSI Logic supporting their embedded technology work in the Twin Cities, MN and Wichita, KS. We were also chosen to support enterprise initiatives at the States of Mississippi and Wisconsin.

Xylo began operations in 2000, started by an information technology professional with over 15 years of systems development experience. Xylo is a minority owned, diverse supplier and a minority business enterprise (MBE) certified through the Midwest Minority Supplier Development Council (MMSDC) here in Minneapolis.

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- many of our clients have hired our staff to permanent positions,
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Winning Recipe! Congratulations Kris Sparks!

Here is our favorite recipe for the Holidays. It's from my hometown church cook book First Lutheran Church, Hector MN and actually from an old neighbor of our family. My daughter helps me stir and wrap. People look forward to us bringing them to parties.

Caramels

2 cups sugar
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white Karo syrup
1 cup heavy cream
1 cup milk
1 cup butter
4 tsp. vanilla

Mix all but vanilla in a large kettle. Heat to 248 degrees stirring constantly. Add the vanilla, stir and pour into buttered 10 X 15 pan. Cool. Cut into bite-sized pieces. I cut 12 X 6 rows with a pizza cutter then I separate with a flat metal spatula rather than a fork. Wrap in wax paper.

Submitted by:
Kris Sparks, Martin County Deputy Auditor/Treasurer

Next Newsletter Article Deadline: Newsletter deadline will be Friday, January 29th due to the holiday. Items for the newsletter are due at 4:00pm the last Friday of the month; newsletters are distributed on the first Friday of the month. Items for the newsletter should be sent to lisa@mnccc.org.