December 5, 2006

It's almost a new year and with 2007 changes are underway for AITP Baltimore Chapter.

I'd like to introduce myself (if we haven't already met). My name is Linda Link. I will be President in 2007 for AITP Baltimore Chapter. We have some exciting plans for next year. Think of our organization as "Baltimore's Oldest *IT* Melting Pot since 1951." At our events, you can meet fellow IT professionals from a very large resource pool. Our members are from many walks of life, corporate and government, large and small business, hardware, software, networking, peripherals … you name it.

Remember, we are **not** an organization without our members! National has made it easier to renew and to sign up directly online. New members that join before December 31, 2006 can receive a FREE flash drive or a FREE Microsoft software title (see enclosed flyer).   Make sure to select Baltimore Chapter.

So you are asking, what's new in 2007 for our chapter?

Great things! Let's start off with a new format for some of our meetings.

Throughout the year, we will host several *networking-only* sessions at local restaurants located around the Baltimore area. Bring plenty of business cards because these will be *networking - only* so you will have plenty of time to talk to other IT professionals in the area!

Think of these as our **"Melting Pot"** events. All AITP Baltimore Chapter members will be admitted for free. Non-members will be charged a nominal fee to get into one of these "Melting Pot" events. Finger foods will be provided to all guests. Cash bar will be available.

In May 2007 we will host our **Annual CIO Forum**! If you have not attended one of these recently, this is what you are missing. Meet local IT professionals, hear how top CIOs run IT in their organizations, and possibly learn something new.

In September 2007 look forward to a new event -- our **Baltimore Vendor Forum**! AITP Baltimore Chapter will host our first ever Vendor Forum that will feature some of the biggest software, hardware, networking vendors on the market. This will be a great place to talk to people who are *in the know* and take some great information back to the office.

As always, our Scholarship committee will host our **Golf Tournament** and **Oktoberfest**. Remember, these events help to raise money that is given to local deserving college students

studying in the IT field. For those non-golfers, this summer look for information about a **Miniature Golf Outing**!

More information will be available as the year moves on. Remember to look for details on our website at www.baltimore.aitp.org and in emails announcements. Locations / times will vary according to event. If you are not receiving our emails, please email support@baltimore.aitp.org and ask to be included.

Let me introduce the entire 2007 Board of Directors for AITP Baltimore Chapter:

President .... Linda Link
Executive VP .... Vacant
Treasurer.......................... John Remias
Secretary .... Vacant
VP Awards .... Carroll Tignall
VP Membership................ Vacant
VP Communication .... Vacant
VP Public Relations.......... Mark Moore
VP Operations .... Sudie Lewis
VP Programs .... Vacant
VP Scholarship................. Dan Rogers
VP Student Activities .... Martin Harris
Past President .... Joe Biddle
Director............................. Ed Rippon
Region Director .... Ed Rippon

Volunteering is a terrific way to expand your skill set.   The people you meet while helping the organization is a great asset to you personally and professionally.

Whether you have one hour a month or a few days a month, you will gain valuable experience. Please email president@baltimore.aitp.org and either myself or Joe Biddle will contact you. If you need to contact me directly, please feel free to call me at 410.538.3698.

I look forward to seeing you in 2007!

Sincerely,

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Enclosure