



Newsletter

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Message from your President

Welcome to the first edition of West HUG's newsletter. This newsletter was created based on your input! West HUG members have communicated that they would like to hear about West HUG news and issues in a more frequent manner. If you have any comments or ideas to contribute, please contact one of the West HUG Board Members. Your opinion counts!

I am excited to share with you the plans for the upcoming Regional Conference in December. Please be sure to read about the user-led sessions. We have reserved the legendary Dick's Last Resort for our off-site event. You will not want to miss this fun, quirky, and entertaining event.

It has always been your boards' goal to provide training with SunGard HTE to enhance your knowledge and act as your representative to SunGard HTE. Your input and involvement is critical to the effectiveness of your user group.

Sincerely yours,

Edward Smylie
President, West HUG

2005 Regional Conference

The West HUG Board would like to welcome you to the 15th Annual Western Region HTE Users' Group Education Conference, which will be held December 6 - 9, 2005. This year's conference will again be held at the Doubletree Hotel Mission Valley in San Diego, California.

The conference will continue to focus on hands-on learning of end-users in all applications. We are placing a greater emphasis on user-led and roundtable sessions.

In addition to training, participants will have the opportunity to closely interact with SunGard HTE staff and several vendors whose products work in conjunction with your SunGard HTE software.

Registration fees will still be held to the low cost of \$50 due to the generous sponsorship of SunGard HTE.

There are many benefits in attending the Regional Conferences. These include:

- Focused hands-on learning sessions, including computer labs
- One-on-one interaction with key SunGard HTE staff and vendors
- Networking with other users
- Learning best practices
- Opportunities to lead user-led sessions and roundtable discussions
- Opportunities for leadership on West HUG Board



User-Led Sessions

The feedback that you gave the Board at last year's conference focused on the benefits of additional user-led sessions and roundtable discussions. The user-led presentations are based on a specific topic, while the roundtable discussions only need a moderator to kick-off the conversation.

If you are interested or have an idea for a session, please contact Carrie Corder. **Volunteers of scheduled sessions will be given complimentary registration fees!**

All ideas for user-led sessions and roundtable discussions will be included in the next newsletter for member feedback before final session and discussion topics are picked.

Online Registration

The national HUG Board has extended the online registration process to the Regional Conferences utilizing the HUG website @ www.huginc.org. Registration will open in October.

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