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February Meeting - LADUG

When: Thursday, February 5, 1997, 7:00 PM.

Where: Westside Pavilion, Pico Boulevard, West LA.

Featuring: To be Announced

Topics: To be Announced

by Steve Colagiovanni

At press time, It is still unknown who our guest speaker will be.

The meeting will also include our usual open discussion of all things related to Delphi. Bring your questions, insights, tips and tricks, great deals, etc. These discussions are a very valuable source of shared information.

Bring programmer friends!
All Delphi users and interested bystanders are welcome!

EDITOR'S CORNER

Unfortunately, I won't be attending the next couple of meetings. I am currently taking a course at UCLA Extension on Thursday evenings. I will continue to be active with the group and the board during this absence and the newsletter will continue to go out.

The most exciting news we have is the upcoming nominations of new officers. The nominees will be announced at the February meeting. The next newsletter will contain a voting ballot and the winners will be announced at the March 5th meeting.

One personal note, I have finally decided to drop my CompuServe membership. I haven't gotten anything from the programming forums in months, in fact I don't even think there have been any new significant postings in months. All the activity, especially for Delphi programming has moved to the internet and unfortunately, CompuServe's future is somewhat unclear.

For those of you who have my e-mail address on your list, please change it to: *ColaWorks@loop.com*. I will be keeping my CompuServe account for a couple more months, to provide a transition.

Hope to see all of you soon.



The Los Angeles Delphi User Group

The Los Angeles Delphi User Group is a forum for ideas and a meeting ground to bring together users of Borland Delphi for the purposes of mutual education.

For more information about the Los Angeles Delphi User Group contact any of the officers.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LADUG Officer Elections Coming Soon

We will be electing new officers in February, 1998. We are currently accepting nominations for candidates. If you would like to run for an office, or you would like to nominate someone, please submit your nominations to Neal Koss by January 31. Nominations can be submitted by e-mail (nkoss@intl-informatics.com), fax (310-375-6685) or mail (Neal Koss, International Informatics, 3655 Lomita Blvd., Suite 215, Torrance, CA 90505-3933).

Because of other commitments, Richard Shaw, Tim Boyd and Marv Siegal have decided to vacate their posts. The current list of nominees include:

- For President - Emery Galambos
- For Vice President - Jim Arnold
- For Treasurer - Neal Koss
- For Secretary - Gabriel Forner
- For Membership Director - Steve Colagiovanni

The nominees will be announced at the February 5th meeting. There will be a voting ballot in the February issue of the newsletter and the winners will be announced at the March 5th Meeting.

Orange County Delphi User Group

Our sibling group, the Orange County Delphi User Group, meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. For more information call Greg Stevenson, President, (714) 457-9621, CompuServe 75402,3514 or DrDelphi@AOL.COM or Michael Cummings, (714) 639-6937, CompuServe 73651,1132. OCDUG has a Web site at <http://www.ocdelphi.org>.

Meetings are held at Western Digital Corporation, 8105 Irvine Center Drive, Irvine, CA. Western Digital is a large 15 story building located between the 5 and 405 freeways near the El Toro "Y".

Consultant/Programmer Referral List

If you are a paid member of LADUG and want to be on our Consultant/Programmer referral list, e-mail Richard Shaw at: 71210.423@compuserve.com. This Consultant/Programmer list will be faxed or sent to any prospective employer who contacts our group looking for Delphi-knowledgeable people.

If you are interested in being on this list, e-mail Richard with your:

- Name
- Company (if independent contractor)
- Address
- Telephone number
- Fax number
- E-mail address (if any)
- A brief description (say 50 words) of your areas of specialization or expertise.

Share Your Discoveries With the Group!

Have you stumbled upon a really nifty way to do something in Delphi? Did your fourteen consecutive sleepless nights of programming result in an interface design or programming method that's elegant beyond belief? Did you finally solve the deep programming issue that you've been pondering for weeks? Let's face it. Most of the world won't even understand what you're talking about, let alone appreciate what you've found. But your friends in the LADUG will. That's what user groups are about.

If you can present what you're working on, a Delphi related topic, or your experiences with a 3rd party library for anywhere up to an hour, let Tim Boyd know. (See page 2 for contact info.) We'll schedule you for part of a meeting. It would help to have something running on a laptop, so we can hook you up to an LCD projector panel. It's fun for everyone and a great way to share your knowledge.

Job Opportunities

We received the following job openings and are passing them along. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in any of these positions, please contact the Client at the below mentioned address. LADUG does not screen, and takes no responsibility for position announcements, but does make them available to members of LADUG.

Burbank, CA (received: 12/19/97)

D.P. Specialist is an IT placement firm looking to fill several positions at a new division of a large entertainment company in Burbank California. Contract and permanent positions are open.

The positions range from entry level to senior level. The technical skills required include some, all, or a combination of the following: Client/server based application development in Delphi, Visual Basic or Power Builder; database tools like Microsoft Access, Microsoft Sequel Server or others; experienced in Microsoft NT and Windows 95 environment; and some knowledge of AS/400 development and support including CL & RPG would be a plus.

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact:

Nicole Spicer
Account Executive
D.P. Specialist
(310) 416-9846 x159
Email: nspicer@dpsla.com
Website: <http://www.dpsla.com>.

San Fernando Valley, CA (received: 1/1/98)

We are looking for programmers in the San Fernando Valley or Thousand Oaks area. We have a client that has an existing project that needs to be upgraded.

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact:

Kiffen Taylor
Digital Imagination
(805) 371-0191
Email: ktaylor@digitalimagination.com
Website: <http://www.digitalimagination.com>

Lake Forest, CA (received: 1/5/98)

TSI (<http://www.tsiusa.com>) is an 11 year old California based systems integration and development company. TSI's focus is in the field of image based work instruction. A pioneer in the field, one of TSI's products, which has received several awards, is a software suite which fulfills all of the information requirements of a Manufacturing Shop Floor.

We are looking for personnel to develop this product. The candidate will have the following skills: 2 plus years of system development experience, experience with developing large and complex systems, ability to work with customers to understand business requirements, a thorough understanding of Delphi, strong knowledge of object oriented methodologies and techniques, understanding of C++, DLL's and the Windows API.

Desired skills, but not required are, a BS degree in a computer related field, an understanding of Oracle or other RDBMS and manufacturing environments.

Compensation will be commensurate with experience, along with a full benefits package.

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact:

Karen Weaver
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26812 Vista Terrace
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Fax: (714) 461-3913
Email: karen@tsiusa.com
Website: <http://www.tsiusa.com>

Free Delphi Job Listings

If you have a job available using Delphi, contact Richard Shaw (see officer's contact info). We'll put it in the newsletter free of charge. Submissions should be e-mailed to Steve Colagiovanni at: ColaWorks@loop.com.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Los Angeles Delphi User Group Members,

Another year is upon us! I hope you had happy holidays! It's been an exciting year for Delphi, and for us. We have noticed an upsurge in the number of job openings for Delphi programmers, and have had a year of very interesting meetings and camaraderie.

I will not be seeking reelection as president for next year, due to increasing work load at my company. It's been a great year, and I've gotten a tremendous amount of support from the other officers and members, especially Tim Boyd, who has arranged so many great speakers, Steven Colagiovanni, who has done a magnificent job as newsletter editor and membership chairperson, and Neal Koss, who has given us steadfast and stable financial management. Thanks for your support as I hand over the gavel to whoever takes over next year.

Tim Boyd, vice president, who has done a great job getting excellent speakers for our meetings, has moved out of the area and will likewise will not be running for reelection.

Fortunately, we have very solid candidates who have placed themselves in the running for moving the LADUG ahead next year.

The LADUG will be employing the following procedure for nominations and election of officers for 1998:

We held preliminary nominations at the December 4, 1997 meeting. Nominations will remain open until January 31st, 1998.

The positions, and their general responsibilities, are:

* **President:** Preside at meetings, coordinate activities as needed.

* **Vice President:** Arrange speakers, preside at meetings in president's absence.

* **Secretary:** Take notes at meetings. Convey them to newsletter editor for inclusion in newsletter.

* **Treasurer:** Maintain bank account. Deposit membership dues, etc. in bank.

* **Membership Chairman:** Receive membership applications and maintain membership list and database/ mailing list. Over the past two years this has been held,

for convenience, by the same person who has edited the group's newsletter.

* **Newsletter Editor:** Edit and publish the user group newsletter, including writing articles, editing articles from members, and receiving and editing notices, job listings, etc. received (often by email) from other members.

The nominees for 1998, so far, are:

President: Emery Galambos

Vice President: Jim Arnold

Treasurer: Neal Koss (incumbent)

Secretary: Gabriel Forner

Membership Chair: Steven Colagiovanni (incumbent)

Newsletter Editor: Steven Colagiovanni (incumbent)

If you are a paid member, and would like to nominate yourself or any other paid member, you may do so by U.S. Mail, fax, or email to Neal Koss, Treasurer. Make sure to mention the name of the nominee and the position.

U.S. Mail:

LADUG

c/o Neal Koss

International Informatics

3655 Lomita Blvd., Suite 215

Torrance, CA 90505-3933

FAX: (310) 375-6685

Email: nkoss@intl-informatics.com

If you would like to add yourself or anyone else as a nominee, you have until January 31st. If you are already a nominee and want to run for a different position, also let Neal know.

The final roster of nominees will be announced at the February 5th meeting, (our next meeting). Each nominee should by then submit a brief (maximum 150 words) biography/position statement to the Newsletter Editor. A ballot will accompany the February newsletter.

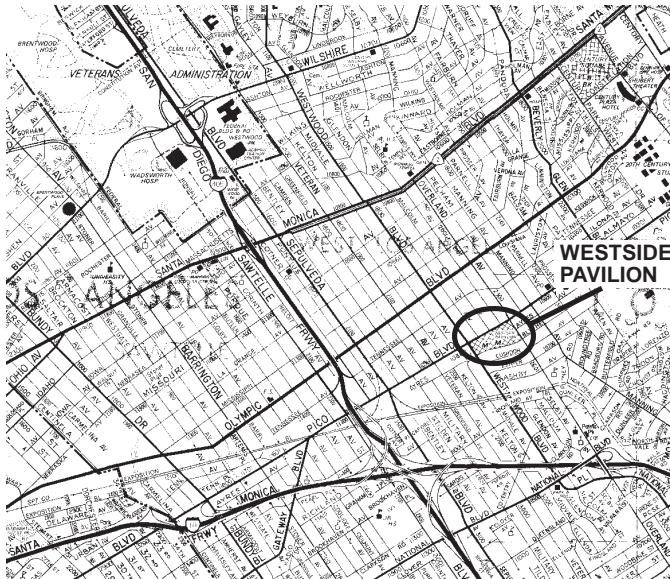
Members will then have until February 28th to send in their votes to Neal Koss. The new officers will take over at the March 5th meeting.

Best wishes for a great 1998!

Rick (Shaw)

President

Directions to the Westside Pavilion in West Los Angeles



The WESTSIDE PAVILION is a large shopping mall 3 long blocks north of the Santa Monica (10) Freeway just east of the 405 Freeway at the corner of Overland and Pico Blvd. Parking is free. We will meet at 7 PM in the community room on the third floor, behind the food court. You're welcome to have a pre-meeting dinner or snack in the food court. There are a variety of food concessions

there, and most stay open until 8:30.

You can most easily reach the third floor food court by entering the parking lot at the entrance on Overland, just south of Pico. Proceed straight up to the third level (two levels from the street level) without turning. When you reach the third level, veer slightly to the left and drive past the ramp to the fourth level. If you park in this area of the third level, enter the building, go up a few steps, and go through the doorway on your left, which is just before you get to the food court. Go down the hallway and look for the meeting room on the left.

If you park near the Robinson•May entrance, enter the mall through Robinson•May's and go to the left toward the food court. Turn left as you get to the food court and go through the doorway toward the bathrooms and the pay phones. Once inside the doorway, turn right and go down the hallway and look for the meeting room, which will be on the left side just where a second hallway intersects from the right.

If you use any other entrance to the parking lot, you're on your own. Neal Koss reports that the Westside Pavilion is the absolute *WORST* parking lot in the entire world. Your best bet is to use the Overland entrance.

Job Opportunities (continued)

Inland Empire, CA (received: 01/13/98)

Eagle 1 has openings in addition to the two listed here.

Title: Software Engineer - This position is responsible for the design, implementation, documentation, and support of software and firmware products of Company. Duties and Responsibilities include full product development and engineering.

Requirements for this position include a BS degree (BSEE, BSCS, BSET), experience in at least 2 of the following: assembler, networking systems, TCP/IP, GUI development, communication standards, Windows 95/NT programming.

Title: Sr. Software Engineer - Qualifications include: successful use of process improvement in software

development, project scheduling and management, strong communication skills, software documentation processes, C/C++ programming in an embedded processor environment, experience with Delphi, experience with RDBMS and Internet and WebServer applications a plus.

If you are interested in one of these opportunities please contact:

Eagle 1 Personnel Service
 707 S. Broadway/ Suite 911
 Los Angeles, CA 90014
 213-628-6421
 Fax: 213-628-0533
 Email: Earl_Holmes@msn.com
 Website: <http://www.marc-one.com/joblists/>



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION and RENEWAL

Name: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ (Add Country if not USA)

The above address is: Work Home

Phone - Office: _____

Phone - Home: _____

Phone - FAX: _____

E-mail: _____

Is this a: New membership Renewal

DUES: \$45/Year Make Checks Payable To: Los Angeles Delphi User Group

Send this application along with your check to:

Los Angeles Delphi User Group
 c/o Neal Koss, Treasurer
 International Informatics
 3655 Lomita Blvd., Suite 215
 Torrance, CA 90505-3933

For More Information Contact:
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 E-mail: 71210.423@compuserve.com

Please indicate current products and/or interests below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SQL Windows | <input type="checkbox"/> JAM | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Basic | <input type="checkbox"/> Windows | <input type="checkbox"/> WFW |
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Others (describe): _____

How did you hear about LADUG? _____

Would you be willing to serve - As an officer? _____ On committees? _____

For LADUG Use:

Check #: _____ \$ _____ Date Received: _____ By: _____

It's Easy to Contribute to the Newsletter!

If you have a programming tip, opinion, or even an entire article to contribute, it's very easy to do so. It doesn't have to be a polished piece of writing. It might only be a little trick you learned. **Send your contribution in an e-mail message** to Steven Colagiovanni, at ColaWorks@loop.com.

Improve Your Delphi Skills! Join the LADUG!

Want to hang out with other Delphi heads? Join us! Fill out the Membership Application attached to this newsletter and send with your check for \$45 (annual dues) made out to "Los Angeles Delphi User Group" to:

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c/o Neal Koss, Treasurer
International Informatics
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Join us in learning about Delphi!