



West Sound Technology Professionals Association

*"Driving a technology future for the West Sound"*

Winter 2005/2006

## WSTPA News

### in this issue

#### President's Corner: Taking Stock

**Burl Carr: 1940 - 2005**

**Upcoming WSTPA Events**

**Special Announcements**

**William Huckabee Joins Board of Directors**

#### **Taking Stock**

*by Doña L. Keating*



When gearing up to work on this quarter's newsletter and President's Corner, there were at least a dozen ideas regarding technology and leadership-related topics about which I could have discussed.

Several matters were at the forefront, some of which had become perplexing and troubling --the persistence of

#### • **Burl Carr: 1940 - 2005**

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden and unexpected death of a WSTPA co-founding member and friend -- Burl Carr. Burl was the network solutions consultant for Autonomix on Bainbridge Island. Previously, he worked with Conifer Technology Consulting in Silverdale, and Ateci Corporation as Vice President of Network Operations.

With WSTPA, Burl served as an at-large member on the board of directors, and then as its Secretary, from 2001 until his resignation in 2003. He also chaired the Program & Events Committee.

Burl will be fondly remembered for his unassuming nature and gentle kindness, and as a friend and loved one to many in Kitsap County. We extend heartfelt condolences to the Carr family, as well as his employers and good friends, Scott and Erika Colson of Autonomix.



[Please join us in a heartfelt tribute to Burl](#)

#### • **Upcoming WSTPA Events**

- **December 15: 5th Annual Holiday Social** - come share the holiday cheer with us at Heads Up Brewing in Silverdale - where there's free wireless internet, wine, root beer, cream soda, cider, new "big brews" and Belgian ales available from around the world. Members receive 10% off a brewing of beer, wine, cider & soda. Join fellow members for refreshment and fun. Tons of door prizes -- software, Blackberries, t-shirts, travel bag and more - courtesy of Microsoft and Culminis. Cost is free for members, guests, and the public.

- **January 19 : Microsoft Small Business Specialist** - Unveiled in Jul 2005 in response to customer and partner needs, Microsoft's new Small Business Specialist designation helps partners that focus on the small-business space differentiate themselves and better serve their customers. Qualifying as a Small Business Specialist entitles partners to targeted resources and benefits from the Microsoft Partner Program including access to training specifically designed for the small-business industry, small-business marketing materials, special partner offers, and the ability to use the Small Business Specialist logo in marketing materials.

- Presenter: Chris Goebel of Microsoft.

low attendance at meetings; the need to hire assistance given the level of member volunteerism (and the ensuing ups and downs of this process); the ongoing challenge of finding inspired, visionary and hands-on leaders to join our board.

This past Wednesday, that focus changed with a phone call regarding the untimely death of a founding member and colleague, Burl Carr. Given the many friends and colleagues who seemingly thrive on being busy and comparing war stories about how swamped they are, Burl's unexpected departure from the earthplane was a sudden reminder to me and my husband regarding what was truly important. The meetings, conferences, calls, and trips mean nothing in the end if it causes us to lose touch with friends and loved ones...or with ourselves and why we are really here.

As too many work harder to afford lifestyles which are frequently geared towards status and consumerism, the quality of our existence is challenged when we don't take the time, literally, to smell the roses.

As one who appreciated live plants, Burl was a rare breed who touched lives everywhere he walked. Technology for the 'gee-whiz bang' sake of it was not his goal...but to help clients work smarter instead of harder. His confident, sincere, warm and unassuming way spoke volumes about the gift of his professional calling. Through his efforts, the value of technology as a tool was validated in a manner no press release or article could ever articulate.

## • Special Announcements



### Projector and Screen Rental

WSTPA is now making available to members a Dell 2200MP projector and BOXLIGHT 60" portable screen. Rental fees are: Projector - \$100 per day, and screen - \$25 per day. A deposit is required for equipment protection, as well as a signed rental agreement. Contact us at [info@wstpa.org](mailto:info@wstpa.org) for details.

**TUX, a free online magazine for Linux enthusiasts and users** - visit <http://www.tuxmagazine.com>



**Hertz is a new member benefit** - Take advantage of membership discounts and value-added offers while enjoying the benefit of the many Special Services Hertz has to offer. Use your "CDP" number when making your reservations and present your membership card or Hertz Member Discount Card at the time of rental. **To receive your card, stop by an upcoming WSTPA meeting or event, or contact us.**

## • William Huckabee Joins WSTPA Board of Directors



Many of you know Bill as a long-standing member and tireless volunteer. The Board is pleased to announce its appointment of Bill to complete the term of Bob Malecki, who resigned this past June. Huckabee will serve through the 2006 year, with an option to participate in elections for the 2007-2009 term. Currently an asset manager with Envisioneering, Bill is a retired 21 Year Navy Submarine Veteran who has been in the computer/IT industry for over 30 years. He graduated from Georgia Military College with a Certificate of Data Processing and an Associates of Science, Business Administration. He is pursuing his Associate in Technical Arts, Computer Information Systems at Olympic College. A member WSTPA since early 2002, Bill also serves on Olympic College's Computer Information Systems Advisory Committee, which provide feedback to the college on the types of courses and curriculum they should be teaching.

Please join us in welcoming him to the board!

## • WSTPA News Archives

Fall 2005  
 Summer 2005  
 Winter 2005  
 Spring 2005  
 Winter 2005  
 Fall 2004  
 Summer 2004  
 Spring 2004  
 Winter 2004  
 Fall 2003

## WSTPA Sponsors & Supporters

Platinum



Take stock in your lives. Reassess what you're doing and why. Breathe deeply, walk slower, look around at your surroundings. Hug your families, email or call your colleagues. Do coffee or lunch. Dedicate yourself to removing someone from the hamster wheel, and putting him or her back on track with a fuller and balanced appreciation for life and its offerings. Come into a WSTPA meeting to say hello to long lost colleagues who could use your support in making their schedules more manageable, via tools and information which serve the ultimate purpose of getting us back to the basics.

We should never be too busy to acknowledge the passing of a friend, to send blessings to their family, to honour a life which touched our own in so many ways. Get off the merry-go-round and reach out - before its too late.

Thank you, Burl, for the gift of your presence and the shocking and painful reminder to reframe. You will be missed by many of us.

Silver



Bronze



Business Members

- Advanced Systems Corporation
- ComputerUser Magazine
- ECTAG
- Kitsap Public Utilities District
- Kitsap Regional Library
- Microsoft
- Olympic College
- Paladin Data Systems
- Port Gamble (Olympic Property Group)
- Satsop Business Development Park
- Silicon Mechanics
- Super WebGirl
- TechTell
- Telebyte NW Internet Services
- Tyrnstone Systems, Inc.
- Washington Technology Center