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Newsletter of the Northeast Ohio Database Users Group

Bonnie Baker Presented in Discount-Priced Education Session

For our 2009 education meeting, NEODBUG is thrilled to bring back to Northeast Ohio internation-ally-known DB2 expert *Bonnie Baker*. Bonnie is a consultant and educator specializing in application per-formance issues on the DB2 z/OS platform. She is an IBM DB2 Gold Consultant, a five-time winner of the International DB2 Users Group (IDUG) Overall Best Speaker award and a member of the IDUG Speakers' Hall of Fame. She is best known for her series of popular seminars entitled "Things I Wish They'd Told Me 8 Years Ago."   Bonnie has presented several versions of "Things I Wish…." at NEODBUG meetings in years past.

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This year, Bonnie will be giving two half-day presentations that are new to the Northeast Ohio audience.

We are very excited that Bonnie has agreed to give us a pre-view of her new presentation *"Things I Wish They Told Me, Part 12"*. She will be giving this presentation for the first time officially at the IDUG North American conference in May. In this seminar, Bonnie will cover a smorgasbord of topics including:

o   Programming tips not included in the manuals
o   V8 and V9 SQL tips
o   More insights into how DB2 works inside the "black box"
o   V9 solutions for prior version problems
o   DB2 Myths of yesterday versus DB2 Facts of today
o   Unusual ways of using traditional SQL
o   The strange new world of DB2 locking.

After lunch, Bonnie will present another brand new seminar: *"Things I Wish I Had NOT Told You"*.   This presentation covers optimizer changes, DB2 changes, etc., to help you readdress and update your pro-gramming and design standards for the current-day DB2 for z/OS. Topics include:

o   "Scott's" new way of doing asynchronous reads
o   "Beth's" speedy new synchronous reads
o   Old SQL "fixes" that are no longer necessary
o   And much, much more

NEODBUG understands that times are tough economically in this region and na-tion-wide. Companies have cut back on personnel, travel and education expenses. It may be harder to convince your boss that a seminar like this is cost-effective.

We want all IT professionals to come and learn from Bonnie Baker. So, we've rolled back our seminar pricing to 2007 levels, plus offering an "early bird" discount for those that register early, plus offering a company volume discount.

If your company is a NEODBUG member, you can attend this seminar for only $175, if your check is postmarked by Tuesday, February 17, 2009.   After February 17, the member price is $199 (like in 2007). If your company is not a NEODBUG member, your

NEODBUG Treasurer's Report
By Alan Solnick

NEODBUG's year-end financial report for 2008 is listed below. We started 2008 with a net worth of $10,624.87.

ASSETS

Money Market Account	$ 12,263.77	
Checking Account	$ 4,316.37	
Projector	$ 2,089.10	
TOTAL ASSETS		**$ 18,669.24**

LIABILITIES

Membership Prepayment	$ 0.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		**$ 0.00**

NET WORTH

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2008 INCOME

Corporate Memberships	$ 1,930.00	
February Education Meeting	$ 11,130.00	
May Meeting	$ 1,330.00	
August Meeting	$ 1,170.00	
November Meeting	$ 1,850.00	
Bank Account Interest	$ 336.20	
Membership Prepayment	$ 1,160.00	
TOTAL INFLOWS		**$ 18,906.20**

2008 EXPENSE

February Education Meeting	$ 3,038.30	
May Meeting	$ 1,082.60	
August Meeting	$ 2,910.00	
November Meeting	$ 3,513.18	
Website/Overhead	$ 317.75	
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		**$ 10,861.83**

NET INCOME

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In 2008, NEODBUG had a net income of $8,044.37. This was due mostly to the generosity of vendors like IBM, who donated their entire income from the February education meeting to NEODBUG and BMC, who paid for lunch at the May meeting. This puts us on sound financial footing heading into what appears to be a very difficult 2009 for this region and nation as a whole.

Corporate membership invoices have been mailed to the contact person at each company. Room for contact and mailing list names (including e-mail addresses) are on the back of the invoice and need to be filled out and returned so we can keep our newsletter mailing database current. If your contact person has not yet received your invoice, please call me at 216-514-4435 or e-mail me so I can send you one. Memberships will be deemed late and be charged an increased fee if received after 03/02/2009. Remember, corporate memberships play a large role in keeping this organization afloat, so please be diligent in sending them in. Thanks for your support.

Alan P. Solnick
Treasurer
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price is $225. In addition, every fifth attendee from the same company will receive a $40 discount from the listed prices. See the meeting registration form elsewhere in this newsletter for more information.

Bonnie Baker last spoke to NEODBUG in February of 2007. She drove seven hours from Cincinnati to Cleveland (through a major snowstorm) to "make the gig" - what a trooper! Come hear Bonnie's latest DB2 news at our March 5, 2009 special education meeting.

Remember that pre-registration will be accepted through February 27, 2009 on a first in, first out (FIFO) basis. Pre-register by email to neodbug@sps-solutions.com. Your registration will be confirmed with receipt of your payment. Registration at the door will only be accepted on a space available basis.

Chairman's Corner
By Michael James

I hope all of you had a great holiday season. This year it was especially difficult for me to come back after vacation. Not enough time off for the holidays! And the Browns are (not) in the playoffs again! Oh well, there's always next year! New coach, new GM and new system! Sound familiar? Go Cavs! Looks like one of our teams has a chance to reach the promised land! At least the weather has been good in 2009, if you're an Eskimo.

Once again, I feel honored to be returning as a member of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of NEODBUG for 2009. I will work hard to continue the fine work performed by the last year's Board. I want to thank the members of 2008's Board of Trustees for all of their hard work.

2008 - The Year in Review

There was a lot accomplished during last year. NEODBUG hosted presentations covering Microsoft as well as IBM databases, continuing our coverage of any database product able to reside in mixed environments.

In February, our special education class was given by IBM's Terry Purcell, who made four presentations: *"What's New With SQL Optimization in DB2 V8 for z/OS?"*, *"Why Did the Optimizer Choose That Path?"*, *"More Ways to Challenge the DB2 z/OS Optimizer"* and *"What's New for SQL Optimization in DB2 9 for z/OS?"*.

We had a jam-packed day for May's meeting. Our day began with BMC Software's Bill Arledge giving us two presentations: *"Ins and Outs of Distributed Processing in DB2 for z/OS"* and *"XML – A Technical Overview"*.

For the afternoon, we began with a presentation from Bob Coppedge, President of Simplex-IT LLC. Bob presented *"Microsoft SQL Server 2008"*.

We finished the afternoon session with a member-company talk from Progressive Insurance entitled: *"24/7 Environment, Need to Update Production Data? Audit, Data Security & SOX Compliance Fears!!! Don't Worry, Be Happy!!!"*. The presenters were Glenn Bielik, Ashish Malhotra and Lori Zaremba.

In August, we started the first half of the day with IBM's Paul Wirth. His presentation was titled *"Using DB2 Connect to Make Connections to DB2 z/OS"*.

Our second presentation for the day was given by IBM's Glen Sheffield: *"DB2 9.5 for Linux, UNIX, and Windows - What's New and How to Migrate"*.

After lunch, we had two presentations from IBM's Willie Favaro: *"Structure and Format Enhancements in DB2 for z/OS V9: Universal Table Space & Reordered Row Format"* and *"Should Your Next*

Warehouse Be On DB2 for z/OS?".

November's meeting brought our annual elections, and our membership approved the slate of candidates that were presented. As far as the presentation part of the agenda, Steen Rasmussen of Computer Associates started us off with *"The Clones Have Landed – Watch Out!"*, followed by *"Who Stole My Favorite Scan and Access Path?"*.

After lunch, our speaker was Susan Lawson, from Yevich, Lawson & Associates (YLA). Susan presented *"V8/V9 Application/Database Challenges and Solutions"*, along with portions of other presentations when time allowed.

In 2008, NEODBUG went "green", posting presentations on our www.neodbug.org website as opposed to printing them. In addition, we supplied electrical power strips at meetings, so you could bring and plug in your laptop.

All in all, a great year!

From The Board of Trustees

We continue accepting email registrations for all of our meetings. However, your registration for any meeting is not confirmed until we receive payment. If payment is not received before the meeting, you will be charged the "at the door" rate for the meeting. We are required to pay for reserved but unused lunches and must guarantee the number of attendees to the hotel three business days before the meeting.

We say goodbye to 2008 Board of Trustees member Jason Sperko, who has moved to Nashville to work in the warmth and charm of the Tennessee mountains. We will miss you!

The primary contact at each member company should have received the invoice for 2009 corporate dues. Please contact Al Solnick if you have not received it by now. There is only one primary contact for each member company. All checks for either corporate membership dues or meeting registration fees must be made out to:

> **NEODBUG**
> **35000 Chardon Rd., Suite 110**
> **Cleveland, OH 44094**

If your company is reluctant to take a NEODBUG corporate membership, inform them that this year, there are the 3 quarterly meetings and the special education event. Membership provides significant discounts to our meetings, as well as discounts for other events, like the annual IDUG conference. There is no a better deal for DB2 and general database education!

If you have any comments about our programs or anything NEODBUG , please email the Board of Trustees at neodbugquestion@sps-solutions.com. We really read your thoughts. Watch for future NEODBUG newsletters and email blasts. We will keep you informed of events as they unfold.

The future

Jim Budka and Kirk Bailey of our agenda committee have worked hard to set up the rest of our NEODBUG calendar. For our May 21 meeting, we have Craig Mullins from NEON Enterprise Software scheduled to present for half the day, with Mike Sniezek from BMC Software for the rest of the day. In August, we have managed to secure Roger Miller from IBM for the whole day.

There will be a change in location for the May 21 meeting: we have decided to hold a meeting at the Sheraton Independence Hotel, less than a half mile from the Doubletree on the west side of the I-77 interchange. Watch future emails/newsletters for more information.

March 5, 2009 Meeting Agenda

8:30 - 9:00	Registration	
9:00 - 9:15	Opening Remarks	Michael James NEODBUG Chairman
9:15 - 10:30	"Things I Wish They Told Me, Part 12" - 1st half	Bonnie Baker Bonnie Baker Inc
10:30 - 10:45	Break	
10:45 - 12:00	"Things I Wish They Told Me, Part 12" - 2nd half	Bonnie Baker
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 – 2:15	"Things I Wish I Had NOT Told You" - 1st half	Bonnie Baker
2:15 – 2:30	Break	
2:30 – 4:00	"Things I Wish I Had NOT Told You" - 2nd half	Bonnie Baker
4:00 – 4:15	Closing Remarks	Michael James

Location:

**Doubletree Hotel Cleveland South
(formerly the Hilton South)
6200 Quarry Lane
Independence, Ohio 44131
(216) 447-1300**

Upcoming Database Events

Date	Organization	City
02/22-27/2009	The Data Warehouse Institute (TDWI) World Conference - Winter	Las Vegas, NV
03/05/2009	Northeast Ohio Database Users Group (NEODBUG) Educational Meeting	Independence, OH
03/10-12/2009	Oracle Open World - Latin America	São Paulo, Brazil
03/18-20/2009	International DB2 Users Group (IDUG) - Australasia	Melbourne, Australia
03/20/2009	Northeast Ohio Oracle Users Group (NEOOUG) Meeting	Independence, OH
03/23-27/2009	MultiValue Database Developers and User Conference	Denver, CO
04/22-24/2009	Oracle Open World - Asia	Tokyo, Japan
05/03-07/2009	Collaborate 09 - International Oracle Users Group (IOUG)	Orlando, FL
05/03-08/2009	TDWI World Conference - Spring	Chicago, IL
05/11-15/2009	IDUG - North America	Denver, CO
05/21/2009	NEODBUG Quarterly Meeting	Independence, OH
05/21-22/2009	NEOOUG Conference	TBD
08/02-07/2009	TDWI World Conference - Summer	San Diego, CA
08/16-20/2009	Sybase TechWave	Washington, DC
08/20/2009	NEODBUG Quarterly Meeting	Independence, OH
09/18/2009	NEOOUG Meeting	Independence, OH
10/05-09/2009	IDUG - Europe	Rome, Italy
10/11-15/2009	Oracle Open World - North America	San Francisco, CA
11/01-06/2009	TDWI World Conference - Autumn	Orlando, FL
11/03-06/2009	Professional Association for SQL Server (PASS) Summit	Seattle, WA

NEODBUG Special Education Meeting with Bonnie Baker
THURSDAY, March 5, 2009 9am - 4:30pm
DoubleTree Inn Cleveland South
6200 Quarry Lane, Independence, OH

Cost: If your company is a member of NEODBUG: $175, if your check is postmarked by 02/17/2009
$199, if your check is postmarked after 02/17/2009
If your company is not a member of NEODBUG: $225

Yes, I will be attending the education meeting; a check for $ _____ is enclosed for a total of _____ reservations.

YOUR NAME _____ BRINGING A LAPTOP? _____

PHONE & EMAIL ADDRESS _____

In addition to myself, the following persons will be attending:

NAME	BRINGING A LAPTOP?	PHONE & EMAIL ADDRESS
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5th registration - $40 discount on the prices above

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10th registration - $40 discount on the prices above

Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____

Email this form to neodbug@sps-solutions.com to notify us of your intent to attend, then postal mail this form and your check (payable to NEODBUG) no later than February 27, 2009, to:

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