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INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Welcome to DAMA Indiana News!

Welcome to the spring issue of the DAMA Indiana newsletter. We are looking forward to our upcoming chapter meeting! In this issue, President Gene Boomer discusses some changes to CDMP certification. The April meeting will be here before you know it, with another chapter meeting and special guest speaker. Details are included in this newsletter.

Do you have a question for the board or fellow members? Are you wondering about future events? Have an idea for a newsletter article? The top of the newsletter contains the web site and social media contact information for the chapter. We would love to hear from you!

From the President's Pen…

By Gene Boomer

Hello Folks,

Happy Spring and welcome to my initial attempt at the President's Pen article.

First off, I would like to thank Sue Peoni, President Emeritus, for leading the DAMA Indiana chapter since its inception in 2009. Sue has always stated that the President's role was easy, but that can really only be possible with a great board and the backing and support from our chapter members. We are blessed as a chapter in that regard!!! We look forward to Sue's continued participation with the chapter in the future. Thank you, Sue!

Now, as much as I would like to wax eloquently about some nuance of a data topic, I do believe that I should fill you guys in on the CDMP (Certified Data Management Professional) certification situation.

President's Pen cont.

Sometime in the latter half of 2015, DAMA International and ICCP (Institute for the Certification of Computing Professionals) decided to part ways. DAMA will take over ownership of the testing and certification process for the CDMP (DAMA International has always owned the CDMP designation). ICCP has replaced the CDMP designation with the CDP (Certified Data Professional) and anybody with an active CDMP has probably already received the CDP replacement from ICCP. You can decide to keep the CDP and keep your existing relationship with ICCP -- that is up to you.

As for DAMA, it is expanding the CDMP to four levels: Associate, Practitioner, Master, and Fellow. There will be more stringent requirements for achieving some of the levels (beyond just taking exams), and for the CDMP Fellow designation, you have to be nominated. DAMA also plans to have the chapters worldwide play more of a part in the certification process. I should have more to say about this at our next chapter meeting in April.

I believe these changes are a good thing and will result in the CDMP being of more value to the Data Management profession and to us Data Geeks as a whole. As for timing, the CDMP Associate level exam is supposed to be announced / available at the EDW conference in April and the exams for Practitioner and Master available later in the year. I believe the exam cost is similar to that offered by ICCP and DAMA is also looking to charge a recertification fee only at recertification time (usually every three years) rather than the annual fee required by the ICCP. Also note that anybody with an active CDMP from ICCP can convert it over to the DAMA CDMP free of charge for a limited time (last I heard the conversion period would end sometime in June or July). If you have not converted by then, you will need to retake all the certification exams for the DAMA CDMP. It may behoove those currently with the Mastery level to take advantage of this opportunity, given the additional requirements being established by DAMA to obtain the Master level. Please check out the DAMA-I site for further information. www.dama.org

Hopefully I'll have a more interesting topic for the next newsletter. Thanks for listening!

-- Gene

Save the Date – April Chapter Meeting

Join us on **Wednesday, April 13th** for an informative day you won't want to miss! Please note that we are meeting on a Wednesday and one week earlier than our typical meeting date. For the April meeting, we have adjusted the date to bring in a special speaker!

Our featured speaker for the entire day will be **Michael Scofield**, who is a frequent presenter at DAMA meetings, Enterprise Data World, and other events. The focus will be on data visualization. Mr. Scofield will be discussing the following topics related to converting raw data into decision-making information:

- Data acquisition from architecturally different sources
- Semantic data integration
- Data Visualization
- Using graphic techniques for data quality assessment

Michael Scofield is an Assistant Professor in Health Information Management at Loma Linda University. He is a frequent speaker to a variety of professional and general audiences on topics of data management, data quality, data warehouse design, and data visualization. His career has included education and private industry in the areas of data quality, decision-support systems, data warehousing, and data management. His articles appear in DM Review, the B-Eye Newsletter, InformationWeek magazine, the IBI Systems Journal, and other professional journals. He also has humor published in the L.A. Times and other journals.

We would like to thank our sponsor, **Tableau**, who will be sponsoring our lunch for the day.

We will also have door prizes (must be present to win)!

Agenda:

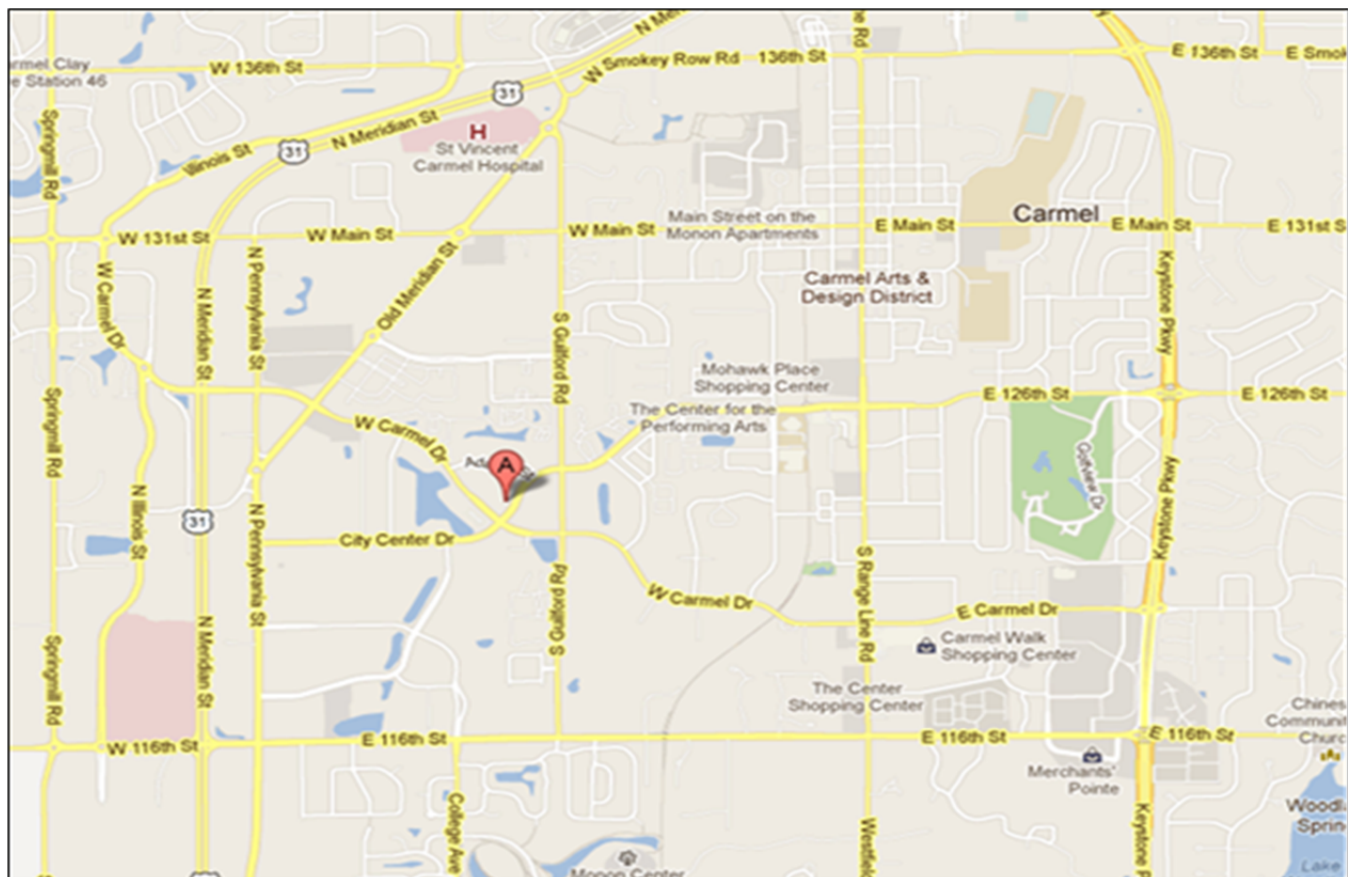|	
9:00am - 9:30am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:30am - 9:45am	Welcome and Introductions
9:45am - 11:45am	Data Visualization – Michael Scofield (Part 1)
11:45am - 12:30pm	Networking Lunch, courtesy of Tableau
12:30pm - 3:00pm	Data Visualization – Michael Scofield (Part 2)
3:00pm	Meeting Wrap-up and Door Prizes

April Chapter Meeting, cont.

Location and Logistics:

MISO Energy has graciously agreed to host this meeting. The address is **720 City Center Drive, Carmel, IN 46032**. There are entrances from either City Center Drive or Adams Street and ample parking is available. Please go to the main building entrance and let security know that you are there for the DAMA Indiana meeting. You will be directed downstairs to the conference facility. Below is a map to MISO Energy's location.

Meeting information will also be available on our website: www.damaindiana.org

Please register by sending an e-mail to info@damaindiana.org.

We hope to see you there!

Professional Development Opportunities

Check out the DAMA International Events calendar for monthly lists of opportunities.
http://www.dama.org/i4a/calendar/?pageid=3320&showTitle=1

Upcoming Data Conferences

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tdwi   Check out http://tdwi.org for conferences.

DAMA Chicago

DAMA Chicago hosts six bi-monthly meetings and other events. Their web site is: http://www.damachicago.org/.

Around Town

Here are other area events that may be of interest to data professionals:

IndyPASS (Professional Association for SqlServer)
Events are updated on their web site.
Their main web site: http://indypass.org/

INOUG (Indiana Oracle Users Group)
Check inoug.org for more information.

Southwest Ohio Chapter of DAMA

Check out their web page at:

http://www.swoc-dama.memberlodge.org/

Central Ohio DAMA

The central Ohio chapter :
http://buckeyedama.org/

Reminder

Attending conferences and professional meetings counts toward CBIP and CDMP recertification credits. Visit the ICCP site today: http://www.iccp.org/cgi-bin/pdform.php

Contacts

Have a question or need to contact a board member? Below are the names and e-mail addresses of board members. Incoming board members (terms beginning January 2016) are listed in parentheses.

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