

OCTOBER DINNER MEETING
Tuesday October 29, 2002

Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Planning – What Is It About Really?
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Disaster Recovery – is it just (sometimes very expensive) insurance? Has it taken on a whole new meaning since 9/11? It may surprise you to know that a whole Disaster Recovery Planning industry, sub-culture and professional practices have grown and evolved right along with the IT industry. That evolution has led to a new catch-title and philosophy: Business Continuity Planning. DRP and BCP aren't just for those emergency response agencies such as firefighters, police, etc. It touches nearly every aspect of business today, from people and assets to e-Business applications.

This presentation will provide an overview of what Disaster Recovery Planning and Business Continuity Planning is all about:

- The disciplines
- How it has evolved
- Lessons learned and post-evolution from 9/11
- Some of the challenges impacting the recoverability of software applications today.

Joe Ozorio has been in the IT industry for 30 years, spanning a whole gamut of functions, including the management of a number of technical and administrative teams. Joe worked for over 23 years in the Bell family, going over to their outsourcing partner, CGI Group Inc. where he is currently working as Manager, Disaster Recovery Planning in the Centre for Testing and Quality. His accomplishments include introducing Bell Canada to the Internet world in the mid-90's, establishing www.bell.ca. Joe's vast experience in the IT field (including recovering from a fire in Bell's Dorval data centre in 1984), has proved to be tremendously useful in his DRP role today. Having passed his certification exam earlier this year, Joe is in the final stages of becoming a Certified Business Continuity Planner.

In his spare time, Joe spends time with his wife and 3 children, plays hockey and golf, coaches soccer, and engages in his passion for the stage with an amateur musical theatre group; all of which provide a very pleasant escape from daily responsibilities of planning for gloom 'n doom!

**Presentations are on the last Tuesday of the month at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel,
123 Queen Street West, across from New City Hall**

If taking the subway, exit at Osgoode station (Queen and University), walk one block east along Queen to York.
If driving, you can park at New City Hall, which is accessible underground to the Sheraton Centre.

Dinner and Presentation: \$30 Members, \$40 Non-Members
Cash and Cheques are accepted at the door.

Please RSVP by noon on Thursday October 24, 2002

5:30 P.M. Networking 6:00 P.M. Dinner 7:00 - 8:30 P.M. Presentation

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