

Hi Everyone

Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe that 2008 is gone and here we are for the first meeting of 2009! As you may know, we are no longer meeting in West Valley City. Starting this month, we will be meeting at the **IHC Intermountain Medical Center** in **Murray**, across the street from Costco. You can find a map, directions and some great pictures (put together by Don Bogardus) here, on the UJUG website.

This month, we have *Scott Lewis* talking about **Java ME** and *Bryan Hansen* talking about "**What's new in Spring 3.0**". For up to date information, check out the UJUG meeting page.

Make sure you RSVP so we purchase enough pizza and soft drinks. The URL to RSVP is http://www.ujug.org/web/index.php?option=com_attend_events&task=view&id=20.

Why don't you invite a co-worker or friend to this month's meeting? If you find the UJUG informational and/or fun, not to mention a great place to get some free food on a Thursday night, why don't you spread the word? You never know, you or your friend might just win an iPod, a Java related book or something else from the UJUG tickle trunk.

We are currently in the process of soliciting UJUG sponsor's for 2009. If your company would like to sponsor the UJUG please let me know so I can forward you the UJUG Sponsorship packet :-). I will be changing the current list of sponsor's at the end of February, so you will see some new sponsor's and some old friends returning. To check out the 2008 sponsor's please visit our sponsor page: <http://www.ujug.org/web/content/view/80/26/>. As always, the UJUG would not have a place to meet, food to eat, or cool door prizes to give away without them. Please give them your support.

Upcoming UJUG Meetings

Here is a quick preview of the upcoming UJUG meetings for 2009 (please note, these are all tentative and subject to change), you can find a complete schedule for 2009 here:

* February 2009 – Build/CI Roundup, Companies from around the valley. If you'd like to participate in this event please contact me.

* March 2009 – State of the Java Union, Companies from around the valley. As above, if you'd like to participate in this event please let me know.

* April 2009 – Livescribe, the Java Smart Pen company

Okay, enough of my rambling, here is an overview of what will be happening this month:

Breakouts

Following the presentations and after we've given out the door prizes, we will have the following breakout:

Java Certification – Don Bogardus

SCJP Certification is a great way to strengthen your fundamentals and demonstrate a breadth of knowledge to employers. The 1.5 exam is a tough beast, and we discuss all the tricks to tame it. Each month we'll review another section of the Sierra/Bates Study Guide (ISBN: 0072253606). This month (January) we'll be starting fresh with Chapter 1 (Declarations and Access Control). Make Java Certification a New Years Resolution and come join in!

Door Prizes

We have a good selection of prizes for this month's meeting:

- * Atlassian T-Shirts
- * TekSystems Bag
- * IntelliJ License courtesy of JetBrains (<http://www.jetbrains.com/idea/>)
- * JavaRebel license courtesy Zero Turnaround (<http://www.zereturnaround.com/javarebel/>)

Location

UJUG Meetings are held the third Thursday of every month, except December. We are now meeting at the ***IHC Intermountain Medical Center*** in Murray, located at:

**5121 South Cottonwood Street
Murray**

For a map to their site, please click on this link: <http://www.ujug.org/web/content/view/117/34/>

I think we've got another good meeting planned for this month, I look forward to seeing you there.

Chris

