



# GIPAW Spring General/Membership Meeting

## Theme Alternatives to...

July 18 – 19, 2007

Grand Season's Hotel - Waupaca, WI

### Wednesday, July 18th

**3:30 pm Registration**

**4:00 pm**

**4:00 pm Alternative to Vista...Ubuntu**

**5:30 pm Michael Pardee from Open Sense Solutions LLC**

While you may be more familiar with names like Redhat and Novell, Ubuntu has been the most popular desktop Linux distribution for two years running and has become a viable alternative to Microsoft Windows. Ubuntu leverages a vast repository of Open Source software like Firefox and OpenOffice that can meet your exact needs without any software license fees. Find out why organizations in Wisconsin and around the world are switching to Ubuntu to improve security, reliability, and flexibility while reducing costs.

Open Sense Solutions LLC of Pewaukee, WI creates desktop Linux computing environments that "just work". The operating system, applications, security updates, and administration all groove together in one validated environment. Our Groovix Business Desktop and Groovix Public Access Computing environments are based on Ubuntu and make it easy for any organization to start using Linux.

**A free copy of Ubuntu will be given to every attendee!**

Win Ubuntu prizes though out the conference too.

**6:00 pm Alternative to meeting your peers in a smoky bar...Boat Cruise & Pizza Party**

**7:30 pm**

We have reserved *the Lady of the Lakes Motor Yacht*. Talk shop, make new friends or just enjoy the scenery while we cruise Waupaca's beautiful Chain O' Lakes for 1 ½ hours. GIPAW will be providing pizzas with assorted toppings, tossed salad, breadsticks, dessert, soda and lemonade. You will be able to purchase cocktails from a cash bar on the boat. Boarding begins at 5:55 PM. Please park in parking Lot #2, directly across the street from Clear Water Harbor, N2757 Cty Hwy QQ, Waupaca WI. Please do not park in the restaurant parking Lot #1. All Aboard!

## Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

**8:30 am Registration**

**9:00 am Continental Breakfast**

**9:00 am Alternative to being sued for an open records request...**

**10:15 am Email Archiving by Intradyn brought to you by Heartland Business Systems**

The archiving of email is an increasing focus for organizations of all sizes today. The number of regulations requiring email retention and rapid data recovery is increasing while pressures of e-discovery continue to grow. Intradyn is a leader in affordable appliance based solutions to meet compliance, best practices, and e-discovery requirements of email retention.

**10:15 am Break**

**10:30 am Sponsored by Heartland Business Systems**

**10:30 am Alternative to loosing your system in a disaster...**

**11:45 am Data protection and rapid recovery by Unitrends  
Brought to you by Heartland Business Systems**

Unitrends designs, engineers and manufactures disk to disk back-up and rapid recovery appliances for medium-size enterprises. They have been a leader in business continuity solutions for over a decade. This solution is appliance based and integrates hardware and software into a system that makes protecting data easy, fast, and reliable.

**12:00 pm Lunch**

**1:00 pm Provided on Site**

**1:00 pm Alternative to Jumping off a 5 story building...Stress Management by Susan Stefani**

**1:45 pm**

Susan Stephani has been a professional speaker and seminar leader since 1982. She presents content-rich programs in an entertaining way. It is her ability to use stories, examples, and humor to make her points and deliver the message that gets attendees excited about learning and applying new skills.

**1:45 pm Alternative to Driving to Meetings...Video Conferencing by Scott Schwartz from AT&T &**

**2:45 pm Rob Mackey from Polycom**

Learn how it works and what works for you – no matter what size IT shop you come from. Everything from IP web cam solutions for under \$300 to bridging through the Pile Center or your local Technical College.

You will get to see a demonstration too! Be the first to guess the mystery guest attending our conference via video and win a prize.

**2:45 pm Break**

**3:00 pm**

**3:00 pm State of Wisconsin IT Updates by WI Department of Administration, Bernie Mrazik**  
**3:15 pm**

**3:15 pm Round Table Moderated by GIPAW Chair**

**3:45 pm** What are some alternatives that have worked in your shop?

**3:45 pm Adjournment**