



Next Meeting

January 13
7:00 pm

North York Memorial Community Hall
North York Civic Centre
5110 Yonge St.
North York

Topic:
Preventing Repetitive Strain Injury

What technical communicator hasn't felt aches and pains after a long day of working on a computer? If you missed out on last year's STC meeting, you may not know that these "aches and pains" can result in debilitating conditions, such as RSI (repetitive strain injury). At this meeting, we will extend last year's discussion and activities on health issues for technical communicators.

This meeting will be a 45-minute presentation by Dwane VanEerd from the RSI Clinic. He will focus on methods of preventing this potentially career-ending injury. After a brief overview of the latest information about RSI symptoms, diagnosis and treatment, Dwane will focus on a practical demonstration and discussion of simple but effective exercises and ergonomic tips. All of these exercises are designed to be done at the workstation with minimal disruption to productivity. Audience participation is a must and questions will be welcomed. Handouts for the exercises will be provided.

New Members

A warm welcome to:

Bernard P. Aschwanden	Marilyn E. Schafer
Kathryn E. Brice	Cupertino R. Sequeira
John M. Churchill	Linda M. Sinclair
Eric A. Elstone	Veronica Silva
Jean S. Kim	Erika K. Steffer
Jany's Kobernick	Rebecca B. Tomlinson
Lana Kong	Erica A. Valentine
Stephanie A. McManus	Vivian L. Viitala
Kiri Nesbitt	Paula C. Wheeler
James A. Prendergast	Evlyn L. Windcross-Stants

Members transferring out:

Defina Aita	➔	Virginia
Christine Taziar	➔	New Brunswick

Total number of members: 560

The number of new members seems to be shooting up now that we have web access that includes information about our meetings and activities and links to application forms.

Don't miss our second annual Wine and Cheese



February 10, 1998 at 6:45 p.m.
North York Memorial Community Hall,
Burgundy Room
North York Civic Centre, 5110 Yonge Street,
Toronto

At 7:45, Dr. W. John Reeves and Michael Lordly of infinet Communications will talk to us about **"Leading the Internet Revolution"** and shed some light on the constantly changing communications industry.

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Meet the [^] Editors

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Lori Nurse

As new co-editor of *communication Times*, I look forward to not only making a contribution to an organization in which I am a relatively new member, but also the opportunity to hone some of my skills developed in a previous career. I have long believed in the symbiotic benefits of volunteering, and while the tangible benefits to the recipient are perhaps more immediate, the benefits to the volunteer are no less real and significant.

The newsletter provides all of us in the Toronto chapter with a forum for exchanging newsworthy information, an opportunity to applaud a job well done, and the chance to raise important issues in our profession. It is this latter goal which is of particular interest to me, and one in which I encourage all members to participate.

The newsletter can be a window that reflects a collective portrait of the organization. My job is to serve the chapter by polishing that reflection from time to time on behalf of the members. I look forward to working with my co-editor, Colette Theriault, to make our image shine.

Colette Theriault

As new co-editor, I have both short term and long term goals for the newsletter. Short term goals include two new columns. One will remind us of where we've been by looking into the chapter's and newsletter's past. The other will show us what's in the present and future by looking at popular and useful web sites.

Another subject I'd like to bring into the spotlight is diversification. Technical writing requires many different skill sets. I feel it would be helpful to explore, in more detail, other fields that we can use as resources to help us do our jobs better.

Of course, I'll be looking forward to your participation and feedback. Five hundred and sixty members is such a valuable resource. The variety of experience and opinions contained in our chapter is rich, to say the least, and as co-editor I'd like to know what **you** want from **your** newsletter.

Finally, I'd like to thank Jane and Lindsey for their support and their promise of continued support.

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would like to announce that *Fundamentals of Writing*, the first of the compulsory courses for the *Technical Writing Certificate* will be running again January 7 to January 28, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30p.m. - 9:30 p.m. For more information, contact Genevieve Gordon, Coordinator at:

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