

DALNET APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

BEFORE LUNCH BLESSING.

In whatever form or faith in which each of us believes, we pray

O God of kindness and compassion, as we have come to the end of the Horizon migration project keep us mindful of our positions of service, support, and leadership in the DALNET communities and each of our responsibilities for making the DALNET mission come alive.

As the blessing of your presence encircles us,
may it awaken in all of the DALNET communities
a great desire to serve one another in humble and loving ways.

May your blessings call our hearts to gentleness
awaken kindness in us as we work with one another
move us to act with honesty and integrity, and
kindle in us a desire to treat one another with dignity.

May this blessing flow forth from our hearts
in your holy and infinite Name.

Please enjoy lunch.

AFTER LUNCHEON

We come today to mourn and to celebrate. To mourn the passing of our sometimes difficult friend, NOTIS and the mainframe; to celebrate the installation and completion of the Horizon migration project.

Taking poetic license with The Ballad of TECH1 (Alan Alexander-Maniford) Purdue's website, we pay homage to NOTIS/mainframe

Oh, it was a large city, and the poor TECH sat cryin'
Poor Ana knew she lost this time; Her system, it was dyin'

A contact with NOTIS did no good,
Though they were sympathizin'
But then the sales rep Bill called, and said
"Why don't you buy Horizon?"

The DALNET consortium agreed and found the cash:
A sum that few could ever have imagined.
"This better work," Louise declared,
"Or Ameritech will hear our displeasure!"

The hardware quickly was installed, And UNIX's proved even faster;
Despite the warnings Jeff had heard, The system was not hard to master.

Horizon software came in a flash, George and Ana were elated.
"Instructions will be coming soon," The cover letter stated.

When the instructions finally arrived, They read them quickly;
They slaved both night and day, Without a thought of sleepin.

And then one dreadful day; They got ^{the} that memo;
Mary Ann would come in one weeks time For a system's Horizon demo
UDM would come up in three months, Its profile ready, abeyit not too early.

The morning of the demo came, And things were almost working.
But Ana could not even guess, What trouble might be lurking

First Ana pointed, then she clicked; Horizon slowly loaded.
The welcome screen had just appeared. When the mainframe imploded.

They knew, that the death would be a comin'

But the sight of the screen, pierced the mainframe's heart
And it ceased its hummin'.

They crushed the hardware and laid it in its grave; And piled the earth upon it;
Next to it they laid Horizon to rest; Interred in the mainframe's honor.

From Horizon sprang a vine; With grapes as sweet as honey,
From which they make a wine worth more; Than any sum of money.

And over the mainframe barley grows; The crop could not be thicker.
The hops they harvest from that plot; Produce a fine malt liquor.

And so we pay you tribute today,
Mainframe and NOTIS never fade from our minds;
You were the craft that carried us Through fifteen years of progress of all kinds.

And it seems to me you passed your days
Like a wagon in the sand; Taking all our strength to make you
Move across the land.

But your traces will remain behind; In the annals of DALNET ^{referred}
Your disk drives burned out long before; The love we bear for you abates.

You never made it easy, No matter what we wished to do.
We cannot count the times; You brought us close to tears,
Nor can we say in public; The things we've thought for all these years.

But, may you never fade from our minds.
Goodbye mainframe and NOTIS,
A fond farewell we send your way,
As we move into the future
With wisdom gained from yesterday.

GOOD AFTERNOON. I am Margaret Auer, Dean of the UDM Libraries and immediate past chair of the DALNET Board of Directors. The Board, wishes to take this opportunity to express its appreciation and admiration for the yeomen efforts demonstrated by the DALNET system staff, the Project Managers and others during the transition from NOTIS to Horizon.

Six years go by quickly, and it is hard to believe that it was six years ago when the DALNET Board and project managers participated in the day-long visioning retreat to discuss the direction DALNET wanted to take for the future.

I am still not certain whether that vision-development day was followed by a feeler call from Ameritech, or the then President of DALNET, Patricia Breivik made a feeler call to Ameritech. Whichever was the case, a Partnership team was put into place for the feasibility study. Tom Burns, Bill Easton, and Mari Franklin must be recognized for their representation of then Ameritech and their willingness to listen and compromise; while six people represented DALNET; of these six, only three are still working in DALNET institutions: Louise Bugg, Mary Ann Sheble, and myself -- John Houser, Michele Klein, and Frank White have moved on to other positions -- but each should be recognized for their efforts -- ~~and Frank is coming back.~~

Seventeen months of feasibility studying led to the recommendation to move forward; the contract negotiation team added Bob Harris, Patricia, and Wayne State counsel, Lou Lessem; the Board and Negotiating Team publicly expresses its appreciation to Lou (Lou provided us with sound counsel, but he was

amazed at the trust which had been built at the table); Ameritech at different times added its legal counsel, its system engineer, and its President, Lana Porter, to our negotiation meetings. After many month, the DALNET Board of Directors approved the Partnership and the Contract.

So, these are the people who put you in the situation -- the requirement to move from NOTIS to Horizon. They are the ones who got the ball rolling on a very tight deadline.

But, you, the DALNET, Wayne, and DPL technical and systems personnel, were up to the task. You trained, you learned by experimenting, you tested, you benchmarked, you tried something different, you worked late, you came in early, you disrupted you lives -- all to bring up Horizon on schedule at each of our institutions. You worked for the new, while still maintaining the old. You made the new system work as each DALNET institution was added, while you extracted data, preserved reports, and kept the old system running until the very last moment. The DALNET Board of Directors recognizes and appreciates your dedication to this project. PAUSE

Before speaking about individual accomplishments, let's take a moment to recognize your hosts and a special guest. Would the members of the DALNET Board of Directors, your hosts for today's appreciation luncheon, please stand. Although we will not introduce each member, the officers of the Board, are Phyllis Jose, Chair; Jerry Bosler, Vice Chair and Chair of the Finance Committee; Karen Turbulino, Secretary, and Bob Harris, Treasurer. Thank you

Today, representing Lana Porter, President and CEO of epixtech who had to be in Washington D.C., is, Meg Fisher, Vice President...

DALNET would like to express its appreciation to epixtech for its support and willingness to take the information hub development trip with DALNET. We are moving forward, and although the road may seem bumpy at times, we still are moving, we are still blazing a new trail. Thank you Meg for being with us today.

IN APPRECIATION FOR YOUR DEDICATION, HARD WORK,
WILLINGNESS TO TAKE THOSE EXTRA STEPS, THE DALNET BOARD
OF DIRECTORS RECOGNIZES:

ANA FIDLER:

Beginning in February 1987, Ana handled bibliographic data loading and indexing for NOTIS for WSU and all DALNET libraries; she was responsible for extracting all data from NOTIS and re-loading and indexing it in Horizon (with epixtech loading services); she was instrumental in accomplishing the migration by December 1999, which required that she work long hours, including many evenings and weekends. THANK YOU ANA PAUSE (Note: Ana's last work day was March 10th. She has accepted a position at the University of California, Santa Barbara to provide technical support for their NOTIS system.)

GEORGE MARCK:

Since May 1987, George has provided technical support for the NOTIS acquisitions module, LUIS keyword indexes, and all locally-mounted index databases we had on MDAS; over the past year, he has been responsible for WebPAC server administration for all DALNET libraries as well as for backing up Ana; he was instrumental in teaching DALNET WebPAC administration classes and in accomplishing WebPAC implementation, which required long hours, evenings and weekends. **THANK YOU GEORGE**

DODY FOX:

Starting in January 1986, Dody provided technical support for NOTIS and specialized in the circulation module; she has been instrumental in loading patron and authority records and delivering NOTIS circulation products and statistics to all DALNET libraries daily, monthly, and annually; she provided critical NOTIS technical support during DALNET's migration to Horizon. **THANK YOU DODY, PAUSE** (Note: Dody has announced her retirement effective May 10th.)

BETTY FRANKS:

Betty has served as the Administrative Assistant to the Wayne State/DALNET Systems staff for many years; in that capacity, she has been responsible for ordering NOTIS and Horizon hardware, software, and

maintenance services; she handled all NOTIS staff IDs and circulation calendar tables; she supervised the distribution of NOTIS output and reports to DALNET libraries. THANK YOU, BETTY

ANACLARE EVANS:

As a DALNET Systems Librarian since January 1996, Anaclare has provided user services and training for DALNET libraries for dataloading, cataloging/authorities and circulation for both NOTIS and Horizon; she helped with Horizon profiling, migration support and training for all DALNET libraries; she was instrumental in helping many DALNET tasks forces as well as libraries meet our December 1999 migration goal. (And somehow during all this, she managed to complete her PhD!) THANK YOU, ANACLARE

LANA PORTER

One person who has rarely been recognized for her efforts on our behalf is Lana Porter, President and CEO of *epixtech*. She has been a stalward supporter who unfortunately could not be with us today. However, she did send greetings...
Quoting..

Congratulations. I am truly sorry I cannot be with you in person on this wonderful day of celebration.

The DALNET project has been, and continues to be, one that *epixtech* points to with a great deal of pride -- not only because of the exciting, leading-

edge technologies being utilized, but also because of the many wonderful friendships we have developed between DALNET and *epitech*.

DALNET's vision of developing an information hub for their communities is becoming emulated by more and more consortia worldwide. We feel honored to be a partner in developing the virtual library of the 21st century!

With Sincere Good Wishes, Lana Porter, President, *epitech, inc.*

Meg, please express our good wishes to Lana.

Returning to DALNET staff appreciation....

ADRIENE LIM:

As a DALNET Systems Librarian since January 1999 and before that, as DALNET Database Management Librarian since March 1997, Adriene had a key role in designing DALNET's Horizon indexes and in supporting DALNET libraries in their Horizon profiling and data migrations; she designed and conducted a wide variety of training sessions for DALNET staff, including Horizon tables, system administration, ReportSmith and various modules; this required Adriene to work with many task forces and committees. **THANK YOU, ADRIENE**

FRAN KREMPASKY:

Fran joined the staff as DALNET Database Management Librarian in May 1999; she jumped right into DALNET authority file management issues, including

dataload de-bugging and shared authority file planning; Fran has found solutions to data migration problems, developed reports, and led the DALNET Database Standards Committee. **THANK YOU, FRAN**

MS
CHARLOTTE STEFFANI:

Charlotte has been steadily increasing her role as DALNET's ad-hoc reports expert; she provided numerous QuickReports from NOTIS data as DALNET libraries prepared for migration to Horizon; now she is developing ReportSmith reports for Horizon data that will be helpful to many libraries.

THANK YOU CHARLOTTE

MS
RICH WELCH:

DALNET's computer system did not operate in isolation from the Wayne State Computing System. So we recognize, Rich Welch who has been our contact at Wayne State's Computing Center for NOTIS mainframe support for many years; he helped coordinate services provided by the Computing Center to DALNET, including network operations, computer operations, backup tape services, and the tape library; he also provided systems programming expertise for our IBM mainframe operating system. **THANK YOU RICH.**

INSERT PATRICIA BREIVIK'S GREETINGS.

Although I am enjoying California and my work here, it is a day like today

which makes me want to be back in Detroit with all of you. Congratulations on your successful migration to Horizon as the first step in the development of the information hub. Each of your institutions, through its library, is making a major contribution to serving the information needs of the citizens of the metropolitan Detroit area. This is a dedication for which you can be proud. Glory in your being appreciated. Best Wishes. Patricia

Now, we recognize the manager of the migration process

JEFF TRZECIAK:

As the Assistant Director for Systems at Wayne State since March 1998, Jeff has been responsible for managing the DALNET central site equipment and staff at Wayne State; he not only coordinated Wayne's Horizon migration (and learned a lot in the process that helped other DALNET libraries), but also managed the technical aspects of running Horizon for all DALNET libraries on the shared servers at WSU; he worked with staff at Detroit Public Library to coordinate DALNET's two server sites and planned the training program for DALNET's technical staff. **THANK YOU, JEFF**

SCOTT MUIR:

Scott has served as the DALNET Project Leader for Horizon migration since March 1999; he has been responsible for coordinating the migration

activities for all DALNET libraries migrating after that date (which is all except UDMercy, Botsford, and WSU); he chaired the DALNET Steering Committee, coordinated all the Horizon migration task forces, and served as primary liaison with epixtech for migration and ongoing support. **THANK YOU, SCOTT**

DURYEA (DEE) CALLAWAY:

Dee took on marketing and outreach services for DALNET on a part-time basis about a year ago; through her hard work, DALNET now has a wonderful marketing video for our developing Information Hub; we also have a list of new member prospects who are actively considering DALNET membership; she is carrying out the objectives stated in the grant funded from Ameritech Foundation of Michigan to develop some pilot projects for the Information Hub. Dee has worked on the pr packets for the prospective members and coordinated today's appreciation luncheon. **THANK YOU, DEE**

HARRY MASEK:

Harry has been epixtech's local Project Leader serving DALNET for our Horizon migration project; for the first year of the project, Harry had primary responsibility for hooking us up with the right epixtech staff to get the job done; he also served as our key contact for getting DALNET's private frame relay network in place, which was no easy task. **THANK YOU, HARRY FOR HELPING US GET THIS PROJECT COMPLETED** (Note: Harry's assignment

has ended as of last week and we'd like to thank him for taking time out from his retirement plans to help DALNET meet it Horizon migration target.)

LOUISE BUGG

The last of the system personnel to be recognized is Louise Bugg.

Louise continued her administrative responsibilities for the DALNET Online System during the migration from NOTIS to Horizon; she oversaw the phase-out of the NOTIS mainframe system; she focused on contract negotiation and management, planning, policy development and communication among all parties. She sat on the Partnership Team, the Negotiating Team, temporarily chaired the Steering Committee, wrote many sections of documents for DALNET's consideration, and she is a resource person at all Board and Finance Committee meetings -- while doing all of this she still manages to head up Wayne's technical services. This short statement does not even come close to describing the hours and hours Louise put into this project from the first step to bring up Horizon to the close down of NOTIS -- nor the appreciation and respect the Board has for Louise. **THANK YOU, LOUISE**

PROJECT MANAGERS

The project managers are the link between the home institutions and the DALNET systems personnel. They are the ones who have mobilized the libraries' personnel or done the work themselves to bring up the system. The Board

acknowledges its appreciation of the Project Managers leadership and dedication to the Horizon migration.

Debbie Adams....Botsford General Hospital

Bruce Bett.... Macomb Community College

Kraig Binkowski....Detroit Institute of Arts

Jean Brennan....Harper Hospital

Nancy Bulgarelli....William Beaumont Hospital

Marilyn Dow....Hutzel Hospital

Daria Drobny...Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan

Cathy Eames....Children's Hospital of Michigan

Jim Flaherty....Wayne County Community College

Cherrie Mudloff....Detroit Receiving Hospital and Univ Health Center

David Murphy....Walsh College

Mary Ann Sheble....Oakland Community College and has the distinction of being up two libraries.. the University of Detroit Mercy and would like to personally and publically thank her for taking on being the lead institution

Nancy Skowronski....Detroit Public Library

Jeff Trzeciak... Wayne State University

Karen Tubolino....VA Medical Center

and Dianne Zyskowski....accepting Phyllis JoseOakland County Law Lib

??? Laura Lewis...Sinai/Grace

So, we come to the end of our celebration, but not to the Board's ^{ongoing} appreciation for your work, Thank you again



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What a wonderful occasion! I wish I could be with you to share in this
 well-warranted celebration.

I am very proud of what you have accomplished. The DALNET Board had an
 ambitious vision to create a regional information hub for which there was
 no existing model and in a setting so large that there were few possible
 vendor partners. Our vision was to use our DALNET resources to serve not
 only our own institutions but also to enhance availability to regional
 information and to contribute to the quality of life of people within SE
 Michigan

All that is now possible because of what you - the DALNET staff and library
 project managers - accomplished. You took the vision and brought it into
 reality. Your creativity, your ability to work collaboratively and your
 hard work have made the SE Michigan Information Hub a reality and an
 international model for how librarians can be leaders in meeting challenges
 of today's digital divide.

Heartiest congratulations!
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