San Jose Wrap Up Article
SHARE Visits the Valley

August 26 - SHARE welcomed more than 2,000 IT professionals to Silicon Valley - the home of IBM’s major source of computing power - for five days of user-driven education, networking and technical training, August 10-15, 2008. The conference provided a one-stop shop for accessing enterprise technology user-driven success stories, insights and solutions from leading industry vendors, and an inside look at industry developments from IBM developers.

The week offered a General Session presented by Helene Armitage, Vice President Systems Software Development and Lab Based Services, IBM Systems & Technology Group, Development & Manufacturing, and new sessions focused on SHARE’s 2008 conference themes – Virtualization and The SOA Journey.

Helene Armitage spoke to more than 680 attendees at SHARE’s General Session in San Jose.

SHARE’s Technology Exchange Expo allowed attendees to network and build relationships with more than 65 leading vendors in order to achieve business results and solve programs, which is a key component to SHARE’s overall mission.

In San Jose, attendees also visited the SHARE booth in the Technology Exchange Expo, where they could meet with Board members, learn about volunteer opportunities, peruse the new and improved SHARE Web site and participate in a SHARE’d Experience.
Meet the Newly-Elected Members of SHARE's Board of Directors

SHARE Board of Directors Elections were held onsite at SHARE in San Jose. Congratulations to the following who were elected:

**President**
Pamela J. Taylor, *Sterling Commerce*

**Vice President**
Jim Michael, *California State University, Fresno*

**Treasurer**
Janet Sun, *Mainstar Software Corporation*

**Secretary**
Paul Seay, *Northrop Grumman Corporation*

**Director**
Art Louise, *Group Health Incorporated*
Best Session Winners from SHARE in Orlando, February 2008

The cornerstone of SHARE conferences is the educational program. SHARE is proud to congratulate the following session presenters, and their organizations, for receiving the highest attendee ratings from SHARE in Orlando:

- WebSphere for z/OS - I’m No Longer a Dummy But... - Bob Teichman, IBM Corporation
- Assembler University 201: Structured Assembler Language Programming Using HLASM - Not Your Father’s Assembler Language! - Ed Jaffe, Phoenix Software International
- CICS TS 3.2 Migration Planning - John Tilling, IBM UK Laboratories
- Threadsafe Conversion Techniques for CICS Applications - Russ Evans, Serena International (SRE)
- Introduction to Crypto - Greg Boyd, IBM Corporation
- GAO: Reasonable Assurance, or What the z/OS Security Auditor Believes is Reasonable - Mickie Gray and David Hayes, GAO
- Data Centers of the Future: The Impact of High Density Computing - Mark Evank, Bruns-Pak, Inc.
- z/VM Live Guest Migration - Romney White, IBM Corporation
- Anatomy of a z Penguin - A Customer Experience Helping A Colony Thrive Under Extreme Conditions - Rick Barlow, Nationwide Insurance
- DFSMS Basics: Introduction to DFSMShsm - Glenn Wilcock, IBM Corporation
- z/IP and zAAPs: Transaction Flows and CPU Times - Peter Enrico, Enterprise Performance Strategies Inc.
- Configuring OSPF for z/OS Communications Server - Part 1 of 2 - Gwen Dente, IBM Corporation
- TCP/IP Performance Management for Dummies - Nalini Elkins, Inside Products

SHARE President, Martin Timmerman announcing the Best of the Best Sessions from SHARE in Orlando, which took place in February 2008.

Big Participation in a SHARE’d Experience - Thank You!

Thank you to the following attendees who participated in a SHARE’d Experience. Stay tuned to hear their stories!

- Sean Lin, State Compensation Insurance Fund ($50 Gas Card Winner)
- Steve Simonson, IBM
- Eric Li, Bank of Montreal
- David Evans, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama
- Tom Wasik, IBM
- Virginia R. Hetrick, A W Meshar Associates
- Chip Wood, IBM
- Polly Brewington, State of California Department of Technology Services ($50 Gas Card Winner)
- Lyn Lacoma, Inova Health System
It's Not too Late to Participate!

Did you have a great experience at SHARE? Do you want to communicate the value you derived from attending SHARE? A SHARE'd Experience allows attendees to communicate their experiences with their colleagues and gives future SHARE participants an insight into how SHARE can benefit their career and organization.

RAVE On!

RAVE (Recognize a Valiant Effort) is an accolade given to SHARE attendees by SHARE attendees to recognize outstanding efforts that are over and above the norm. The SHARE in San Jose RAVE recipients are:

James Vincent recognized Brian Jagos for outstanding assistance with chairing sessions.
Karla Houser recognized Jim Willette for helping prep a last-minute substitute speaker so that the session would not be cancelled.
Kenneth Tomiak thanked Steve Conway for volunteering to chair nine sessions.
Kenneth Tomiak recognized Kenneth Sprenger for helping chair multiple vendor and non-vendor sessions!

John Ehrman recognized Wayne Driscoll for substituting on very brief notice for a speaker who was not able to attend.
James Vincent recognized Rich Smrcina for a great job in filling all the LVM sessions with a chair.
Monique Conway recognized Glinda Cummings for chairing so many sessions and for arranging the project dinner.
Monique Conway recognized Carla Flores for chairing so many sessions and for carrying the flag one night during the week.
Monique Conway submitted a RAVE to Bruce Cain for carrying the flag to and from the evening reception on Tuesday.
James Vincent recognized Lionel Dyck for a great job chairing sessions.
Art Louise recognized Jim Willette for not only substituting for a speaker two times, but also for collaborating with the speaker to improve both of the sessions.
Sylvia Gorman recognized Sandy Harris for finding a replacement speaker for a session when she found out an hour before that the speaker could not attend.

Mary Ann Edwards recognized Connie Beuselinck for taking the time to coordinate several vendors for last-minute, special sessions.
Steve Ware recognized Larry Trollope for going above and beyond during the week of SHARE. Larry not only paid his own way to SHARE, but he also presented, chaired and co-chaired several sessions. On top of all that, Larry worked tirelessly and did a fantastic job with the SHARE CICS project administration.

James Vincent recognized Dan Martin for his willingness to assist with just about any work needing done with the program - this is both welcome and refreshing! His help was extremely valuable!

Barry Brooks recognized Eugene Hudders, a first time project officer, who was a tireless worker for the CICS Project and who also gave an excellent "CICS Performance Tutorial" presentation.

Barry Brooks recognized Henry Fogwill who worked on the CICS Project all week and did an admirable job. He will now become our newest "Project Officer".

Dennis Walraven recognized Kristine Neely for her session Mainframe Jeopardy. "If you missed this session, you missed a session you could still be talking about!"