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Monthly Dinner Meeting Courtyard Marriott, Culver City

Date:

Thursday,
28 January 2016

Time:

5:30pm to 9:00 pm

Location:

Courtyard by Marriott – LA
Westside, 6333 Bristol
Parkway, Culver City 90230
310-484-7000. Self Parking
at hotel (\$6).

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Reservations are required**

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Technology Trends & Fast-Growth Areas – How to Leverage Trends for Career Advancement –

A panel of IT Hiring Professionals will discuss trends they see, and how these affect current and future demand for jobs in the marketplace.

The emphasis is on IT employment trends and hiring challenges – the impact of Silicon Beach, attracting people that are the right fit, the push and pull of outsourcing vs. insourcing, contract vs. permanent employment dynamics.

Trends like Big Data, Agile practices, Mobile-centric development, User-Centric design are all influencing the kinds of skills needed and creating opportunities for those who are prepared. What can you do now to align your skills with an area of your passion?

The IT Hiring Professionals on our panel are vital to the success of the organizations they represent, and offer valuable insights. Panelists include:

- **Damon Nicholls** - IT Staffing Manager – Sony Pictures Entertainment
- **Jennifer Farrelly**, SPHR-CA, SHRM-SCP, FPC, Director of Human Resources, Lorna Jane USA, Inc.
- **Gary Michael** - *Manager of Talent Acquisition*, KARL STORZ-ENDOSKOPE
- **Carole Schlocker**, Moderator, President, iSpace

Hear first-hand perspectives to help you leverage current IT trends to actively navigate your career. Expect INSIGHTS, great NETWORKING and a WARM 2016 welcome to our AITP-LA members and professional community.

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ABOUT OUR PANELISTS / MODERATOR

Damon Nicholls - IT Staffing Manager – Sony Pictures Entertainment

I started my career as an IT Recruiter in April 1999, the same year Y2K was all the talk and we were warned the human race would come to a grinding halt, midnight, 12/31/1999. Miraculously, I survived that debacle and realized I had found my calling. The very same year, huge amounts of Venture Capital was being thrown at any start-up with a half-baked idea. The same year snooty coffee shops were popping up. I soon learned that as long as the candidate could differentiate the Java language from the Java bean, they pretty much got the job. Having studied a Bachelor of Science in Human Services and completed an internship as a conflict resolution facilitator for troubled teens, coupled with my curious mind and passion for helping people find their dream job, the transition into recruiting came naturally.

In a career that combines both my passion for understanding the basic human needs and my love for emerging technology, I've found a rewarding profession that is a culmination of my experiences and which allows me to apply my abilities to the benefit of others.

Specialties: Full-Life-Cycle Staffing Management, Sourcing Strategy, Vendor Management, Contract Negotiation and Market Benchmarking

Support staffing requirements across Sony Pictures Entertainment lines of business: Television, Motion Pictures Group, Home Entertainment, Productions, IT Corporate, InfoSec., PMO, Enterprise Infrastructure Systems

Jennifer Farrelly, SPHR-CA, SHRM-SCP, FPC, Director of Human Resources, Lorna Jane USA, Inc.

Jennifer is a Senior Human Resources Leader with a proven track record of successfully aligning human capital initiatives with business strategies to drive exceptional results across multiple dynamic industries. Her astute, practical understanding of business operations and hands-on experience in all aspects of Human Resources, along with her insight into employment law interpretation and skilled deception detection, allow her to make comprehensive, fair recommendations to business leaders, and advise both leaders and employees of the action plans necessary to achieve business and professional milestones.

In her current role as Director of Human Resources with Lorna Jane, a global women's activewear brand at the forefront of the Active Living Movement, Jennifer leverages her high-integrity, high-energy, and down-to-Earth style to serve the Organization both confidently and persuasively, developing and maintaining a culture of high performance expectations and personal accountability.

Jennifer's professional passions include employee relations, organizational development, business consulting, continuous learning, information technology, and employment legislation. She is a devotee of Lorna Jane's "Move Nourish Believe" philosophy, aiming to get more out of life by giving more of herself every day. Jennifer is a graduate of Cal State Long Beach and Cal State Fullerton, and a zealous Denver Broncos fan. She enjoys living near the beach with her three-year old daughter and toy poodles.

Gary Michael, Manager of Talent Acquisition, KARL STORZ-ENDOSKOPE

Gary Michael is the Manager of Talent Acquisition for KARL STORZ-ENDOSKOPE, a global manufacturer and distributor of endoscopes, medical instruments, and devices. Gary has been placing talent since 2000 through agencies, in-house and his own consulting practice. He previously worked in financial services, information technology and defense industries in Virginia and NYC before relocating to California.

Gary is passionate about helping businesses make the most of their resources and talent and helping individuals make the most of their job search. He is a leader in finding top, difficult to recruit talent, reducing time to hire, and creating outstanding candidate and hiring manager relationships.

In addition to his accomplishments in HR, Gary has also provided career transition services for more than 10 years through one-on-one coaching, group workshops, and educational seminars at colleges and universities and nonprofit organizations. He is an alumnus of the University of Nebraska where he received his Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Government.

Carole Schlocker, President, iSpace

Carole Schlocker has been with iSpace since it was founded and has been instrumental in building the company's foundation base of clients. Prior to joining iSpace, Carole was Sr. Vice President of D.P. Specialists where she was one of the principal contributors in building the company into one of the premier IT Staffing and Solutions companies in S. California. She started her IT career at Candle Corporation where she was Manager of West Coast Technical Support. Carole is currently on several Boards including Stem Advantage, The Westside Center of Independent Living (wcil.org), Association of IT Professionals (Los Angeles Chapter), and the Southland Technology Conference (SoTeC). She serves as the Chair for the Speaker Committees for SoTeC and AITP-LA. She is a past board member of Tech Serve Alliance and she was the Co-Director of the Los Angeles Chapter of Women in Technology where she helped to build the chapter from the ground up. Also, she is also a long time member of the UCLA I.S. Associates and has served on their board.

Carole holds a Bachelors Degree in Social Work from Temple University.

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