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Roundup Lands in Oak-Town

By Holly Ross

Journey never wrote a song about this city by the Bay. Tony Bennett never left his heart here. But N-TEN and the Roundup have landed in Oakland for three unforgettable days. We've packed the conference with so much great content and incredible fun, we're not sure you're going to have time to sleep. Here are some highlights:

Day of Service

By the time you read this, it's already over, and if we do say so ourselves, it was awesome! We visited 32 sites and served another 50 or so nonprofits in four two-hour workshops. When you see Beth and Cheryl, give them a pat on the back, and a cup of coffee.

Science Fair

It's bigger and better this

year. From three to six pm in the Simmons Ballroom 20 organizations will be showing off their stuff. We've got databases, tech planning tools, online community tools, training curricula, and a bar. Yes, a bar. So if you're thirsty, or interested in the great wok coming out of our community, drop by the Science Fair!

Small Group Dinners

Get to know your peers and the Bay Area at the same time. Heck, just get out of the hotel. We have 26 small group dinners organized for Saturday night. Sign-ups will be available after the open-



Diana and Sandy help Rich check in

ing plenary on Saturday morning.

Lots of Sessions

In between all the fun, you may be interested in learning a thing or two. We have some great sessions put together by some great people on Saturday and Sunday. And, as an added bonus, on Sunday we're joining forces with the e-Philanthropy conference, so you'll have even more great sessions to attend.

Hometown Flava': Oakland Represents

by Sandy

I'm supposed to use this space to talk up Oakland, but I don't want to. I'm selfish. Oakland's my little secret. I'd rather you just drive on by as you head to San Francisco.

If you stopped, you might notice the sense of community here instead of the media's myth of an urban wasteland. Accessible, livable and relatively inexpensive, Oakland is an excellent alter-

native to that city across the bay.

I don't want you to know anything about Everitt and Jones Barbecue. I don't want to tell you about Jack London

COMING UP:

FRIDAY

- *Evening Reception from 6-8 in the Simmons Ballroom*
- *Pajama Party Movie Fest in the Hospitality Suite, Room 1532, 9:30 until ????*

SATURDAY

- *Opening Remarks at 8:30 am in the Simmons Ballroom*
- *Evening Reception at AJ Toppers from 5-7*
- *Pajama Party Movie Fest in the Hospitality Suite, Room 1345, 9:30 until ????*

Oaktown C'td

Square, or the Farmer's Market on Sunday. I'd rather keep our Chinatown secret. You'll like them. You'll tell your friends. They'll bring crowds.

Mayor Jerry Brown likes to say we are closer to San Francisco than San Francisco, and it's true. We are a BART ride away and twice as affordable. I'd like to keep it that way, so Shhh... It's our little secret.

Roundup Classifieds—what you need to know

Announcement Needed!

If you have an announcement you need to make, share it with Holly and we'll publish it in the Roundup aN-TENna!

Movie Lovers Unite!

The Hospitality Lounge will be open in Room 1532 from 9:30 til the crack of dawn. Tonight, we'll be watching Austin Powers

in Goldmember. Bring your own beverages and your party hats.

Early Birds Catch the Worm

Remember that sessions start at 8:30 am in the Simmons Ballroom on Saturday morning. Don't be late and you'll get a good seat!

Night Before Day of Service Dinner Garlicky Good Time

By Beth Kanter

The night before the Day of Service evening out has become an annual tradition. This year twenty five nonprofit techies road the BART from Oakland to the upscale Embarcadero section for food and drinks. On the BART, Rob Stuart showed off his new cell phone that was equipped with the Vindigo guide that described the selected destination, Gordon Biersch Brewery, as a "yuppieteria." Rick Dean, event organizer, selected it

based on the glowing recommended by Ed Batista. (Contrary to popular belief, Ed does not survive on Starbucks scones alone.)

"Mmmmmmm. Garlic Fries."

- Rick Dean, event organizer

We had some trouble at the BART station because Chris Burchell only had Canadian dollars. When we arrived, we were quickly

seated upstairs in small groups. It was a great opportunity for long-time roundup attendees to see each other and catch up and new people to meet each other. While most ordered beer, it was brewery after all, Cheryl Hanback was spotted with a glass a chardonay. The signature dish at the brewery is an appetizer "Garlic Fries." We saw an order at every table.

Everyone had their fill of great food and drinks. We got back to the hotel before the BART stopped running — energized and ready for the Day of Service.

Puttin' on the Wobbly Boots: Even Geeks Have Social Lives

By Sonny and Cher

Know of a Round Up participant who was out canoodling last night? Got some juicy news that you just need to tell to everyone? Does *someone else* have some juicy news that needs to be shared? Yeah, even tech geeks have social lives (sort of) and we know your tongues will be wagging. The folks at Wobbily Boots will be on the lookout for folks being, well, at least moder-

ately interesting—our crack investigative reporting team is on the beat and will be covering your every move. Wobbily Boots is, of course, an equal opportunity gossip column—if you see news happening, contact us at: wobbilyboots@yahoo.com We want to know if you've been naughty or nice and we want to tell everyone else about it too.



Cheryl Hanback sampling one of the garlic fries.

Meet the Geeks



Peter Schultz
Lifelong AIDS Alliance
Seattle WA

Favorite website: Slashdot

I'm looking for... A way out

I want you all to know... I want to meet all of you



Kathleen Daly
OfficePlease Foundation
Glen Ellen CA

Favorite website: op-foundation.org

I'm looking for... bliss

I want you all to know... I don't want them to know anything about me. Wait. I like animals.



Jeff Cobb
Isoph
Chapel Hill NC

Favorite website: TechSoup

I'm looking for... Enlightenment

I want you all to know... I speak Russian

International News—Roundup Goes International

By Teresa Crawford

Cured of their jet lag and becoming accustomed to the American size portions of meals a contingent of intrepid eRiders (international circuit riders) have descended on the Round Up full of energy, ready to learn and share experiences. Over 30 eRiders from outside the US are attending the 7th annual NTEN Round Up. Some are returning participants who represent well developed programs in the United Kingdom, Canada and Poland. Others are new to the scene from countries such as Czech Republic, Kazakhstan, Nepal and India. Each has their own twist on taking eRiding global.

Three participants represent the Roma Information Project (RIP) - a 7 country eRiding initiative of The Advocacy Project supported by the Open Society Institute. Maria Metodieva from Bulgaria is a recent graduate of a masters program in Public Administra-

tion with over 9 years experience working with the non profit community. She supports a network of organizations who are working on education reform issues. Gabi Hrabanova from Czech Republic is a 1st year political science student with four years experience working for an advertising firm. She is currently implementing a program of support for a national network of women's organizations. Miro Olah is the tech backbone of the RIP team. An engineer by training he is supporting a diverse group of non profits in Slovakia.

The Roma are an ethnic minority who live mainly in the countries of Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe, but there are Roma in almost every country in the world. Direct and indirect racial discrimination continues to be the main barrier to full participation in society for all Roma. The Roma Information Project aims to support

the Roma civil society organizations that are addressing these issues.

Last year's Orlando Round Up was attended by RIP eRiders Enisa Eminova from Macedonia and Gyula Vamosi from Hungary. Building on what they learned in Orlando they participated in the first International eRider training in November 2002. 17 eRiders from 13 countries including 7 RIP eRiders participated in a 9 day training organized by The Advocacy Project with Tom Battin from Compass-Point, Bill Lester from Ninth Bridge and Marek Tuszynski from the Open Society Institute. Support from veteran circuit riders has been essential to the success of RIP and the spreading of the circuit rider model.

The Rider community is all about peer networking and support. Please seek out our international colleagues and make some new friends.

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New York Regional Conference Announced

What is the New York Conference?

The New York Regional Conference is an opportunity for individuals and organizations working in a variety of fields, with a variety of resources, and with a variety of technology experience to come together and learn from each other.

Who should attend?

The three-track agenda will address common issues faced by **Nonprofit employees, nonprofit support providers,**



Putting technology know-how in the hands of Non-Profits.

funderson, and policy-makers.

WHEN and WHERE will it be held? Thursday, May 8th and Friday, May 9th at a location to be determined.

What is on the CONFERENCE AGENDA? A full

day of panels and discussion groups on Thursday, May 8th and a half-day of roundtable discussion on Friday, May 9th.

If you would like to help plan this event, or become involved in the agenda, join the New York City Conference planning list.

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