Ohio Valley CMG Spring 2011 Conference Wrap-up

Ohio Valley CMG regional group held their Spring 2011 one-day conference at the Hilliard (Columbus, OH) Dave and Buster's restaurant on May 12.   The 22 participants enjoyed a full day of presentations, accompanied by lots of good food and interesting discussions. A full breakfast and buffet lunch was provided as well as a mini-PARS afterwards. It's a great deal for only $50 pre-registration or $65 on-site.

Presenters included:

> Ivan Gelb of Gelb Information Services talked about "*Capacity Planning for and Economics of Cloud Computing*".

> Charlie Johnson of Metron-Athene spoke on "*Cloud Computing and Capacity Management*".

> Monte Bauman of IBM presented "*zEnterprise Update – Parts 1 and 2"* (two sessions)*.

> Steve Guendert of Brocade spoke on "*Persistent IU Pacing*".

One new twist Ohio Valley tried this time was to utilize Webex so that Ivan could present his session remotely but still interact with conference participants.   This use of a web tool will be explored more extensively by the group in our Fall 2011 conference, where we plan on having a coterie of Cleveland-area attendees at one site tune in to speakers in Columbus, hopefully enticing more attendees while reducing travel.

The Fall Ohio Valley conference date is September 15 and will be held in Columbus, OH (specific locations TBD).   Look for conference details via the CMG calendar (www.cmg.org and go to the Calendar option) or Ohio Valley's website (www.ohvcmg.org). We hope to see you there!

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