



CT HDI

Winter 15' Newsletter



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Announcement of AoY and DSToY the Year Awards



On December 11, 2015, the CT Chapter presented their Analyst of the Year and Desktop Support Tech of the Year awards at The Chowder Pot, Hartford CT. As in prior years, we had several top-notch nominees and picking just one winner in each category was very tough.

Above: Winner of Analyst of the Year: Erick Rodriguez (Hartford Health Care) and Winner of Desktop Support of the Year: Nicole Sladick (The Hartford). Congratulations to Erick and Nicole for winning the CT local chapter awards.

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2015 Winter Recap



We are off to a good start for the 2015/2016 season. For your reference here is a recap

Let's
Recap

December Meeting: Building Team Dynamics



During the December meeting, Joe McGee from Konica Minolta spoke about Building Team Dynamics.

Joe provided us with tips on how to involve our teams in order to bridge team dynamics. He presented creative ways to engage our teams by using team-building and individual exercises. Joe talked about the importance of challenging teams by having each team member research and then present on a topic that pushes them out of their comfort area. In summary, Joe encouraged us to use the, "Learn it—teach it—apply it" principle to ensure greater team dynamics.

December Meeting: Analyst and Desktop Support Tech of the Year Announcements.

Congratulations to all nominees for their hard work this year and the nominators for taking the time to recognize their employee's. Names shown below are in order from left to right for the picture below.



- Erick Rodriguez, Hartford Health Care (Analyst of the Year, Winner)
- Rich Correia, Travelers (DSTOY Nominee)
- Aileen Posso, UConn (Analyst of the Year, Nominee)
- Center, Theo Sullivan (CT HDI President)
- Richard Cameron, Travelers (Analyst of the Year) with Jennifer Beach shown in the picture (Nominating Manager).
- Marisa Lynch, Travelers (Analyst of the Year) with Sarah Hallarin shown in the picture (Nominating Manager).
- Nicole Sladick, The Hartford (DSTOY Winner)

Previous Analyst and Desktop Support Winners

Analyst

- 2008 Debbie Buoniconti, Mass Mutual
- 2009 Luke Piotrowicz, Travelers
- 2010 Mya Rath, The Hartford
- 2011 Patrick McGee, The Hartford
- 2012 Mike Gryniewicz, Travelers
- 2013 Joe Coppola, Travelers
- 2014 Phoenix Lombardi, Travelers

Desktop Support Technician

- 2012 Heath Hunt, The Hartford*
- 2013 Steve Ratcliffe, Travelers
- 2014 Dan Ahern, The Hartford

*National Finalist

HDI Star Award



The CT Chapter has earned the "HDI Star Award". A community award from HDI.



What We Accomplished

Connecticut Chapter of HDI – What We Accomplished

Our 2015/2016 season is off to a wonderful start thanks to the great members of our chapter and the committed officers that volunteer their time to ensure our meetings run smoothly. The year kicked off with Mark Thompson providing a demo and an interactive discussion about Windows 10. In October we had another fantastic presenter Rachel George, who inspired us with her presentation “Are You Contributing All You Can”. In December our very own Joe McGee delighted everyone with his presentation “Building Team Dynamics”. If you missed it, visit our Events page to check out their presentation.

In December we kept a Connecticut HDI tradition going: the annual holiday luncheon at the Chowder Pot restaurant in Hartford. Always a great networking and collaboration event, we were also excited to award the 2015 Analyst of the Year honor to Eric Rodriguez and the 2015 Desktop Support Technician of the Year honor to Nicole Sladick. Congratulations to both winners and remember: it’s not too early to start thinking about your 2016 nominees!

In April, VP of Finance, Jocelyn DeMaio will be one of the featured speakers at HDI 2016 Conference & Expo. Make sure to attend session **Breakfast Briefing 03: Building Your Brand**. In 2014, she presented to over 400+ attendees: Ten Ways to Engage your Team. If you are planning to attend HDI 2016, please let us know as we’d like to organize a CT get together during the event.

As of January 1, 2016 HDI will no longer be offering their Local Chapter or Resource Membership. HDI Corp will be replacing these with its new Professional Membership costing just \$295. Check out the various Membership Levels and select the one that meets the needs for you and your organization. For any membership questions, please reach out to our VP of Membership Diana Culver.

It’s been an exciting season so far and there’s still more to come! Keep a lookout on our website for the latest schedule of events as there may be a webinar that could pop up instead of snow. We look forward to a keynote presentation by Jocelyn DeMaio of The Hartford on Building Your Brand in May, followed by our season ending networking/white board session/election results event at Margaritaville (details to be announce shortly).

Most importantly as we head into this holiday season, make sure to relax and cherish the time you spend with your family and loved ones. Happy Holidays & May You Have a Spectacular New Year!!!

Theo Sullivan—Chapter President

HDI Conference 2016: Orlando, FL

The HDI national conference is a great way to network with other managers and analysts in 2016. If you would like to register for the conference visit the [HDI Conference Page](#). More information can be found at <http://www.hdiconference.com/>. If you would like to coordinate with your CT chapter, please contact Carol, Jocelyn, or Joe who will be attending this conference. Email Carol at librarian@cthdi.org or Jocelyn at finance@cthdi.org or Joe at socialmedia@cthdi.org.

Upcoming Events

Event meetings for 2016

- January 2016: Becoming an IT Champion (TBD)
- April 12-15 – HDI 2016 Conference & Expo in Orlando, Florida “Unite & Triumph”
- May 6 2016: Building your Brand by Jocelyn DeMaio at On The Border in Rocky Hill, CT
- June 3 2016: End of Season Meeting at Jimmy Buffett’s Margaritaville at Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, CT

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