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## IEEE RRVS Meeting

# Rockford Futures Group

### When

September 28, 2000

### Where

Rock Valley College, Technology Center, Room 117. I-90 to Riverside Blvd., exit and go west to Mulford Rd. Go south to first light, turn east into RVC. Follow road to left to last building.

### Agenda

6:00 PM	Social
6:30 PM	Dinner
7:30 PM	Program

### Program

Gary Blank, head of the Chicago-Rockford Consultants Network (CN), now an Affinity Chapter with both the Chicago Section and RRVS, will give a short overview of what the CN is and what value it may have for you, at the beginning of the meeting.

The Rockford Futures Group Mission: To champion an action plan that drives the community's economic health by embracing technology and enhancing education.

### Goals:

- Create 1000 new jobs in 5 years and 5000 new jobs in 10
- ensure the best telecommunications services for the Rock River Valley (RVC)
- increase the number of technology enterprises within the RRV

RFG believes the need for a technology incubator is established. A feasibility study is underway. A biotech incubator is being explored. Building partnerships with RVC, UIC, ITC, RC etc. are being pursued.

The "digital divide" project is focusing on developing an intranet for community centers, local governments and neighborhoods. high speed access is to be provided by the Illinois Century Network. The "Technology Inventory" project is an ongoing project which is inventorying the physical infrastructure, training, education programs and providers in the RRV area. The project's first report is due in the fall. The "Year of Technology" project includes a speaker series, development of local professional organizations, and a small business seminar series.

Future possibilities envisioned by the RFG are City Technical development districts, Institute/Center/Foundation for Economic and corporate Growth, and an "IT" technical center.

### Speaker

Mr. Dave Hunting has been the President of Gammaflux LLP for the past ten years, a company which designs and manufactures

digital control systems for hot runner plastic injection molding machines. He is primarily responsible for marketing and sales as well as the company's day to day operations. Prior to Gammaflux Mr Hunting spent 11 years with the Barber-Colman where he was responsible for the sales, marketing and administration of the plastic manufacturing controls side of the Industrial Instruments Division.

### Door Prizes

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### Meal

Dinner will be buffet style (with a min. of 15) and will consist of chicken, veggies, salad, dessert. Please reserve your space and make your meal reservations by calling **Jennifer at 815-753-9974 by Monday, September 25, (please include your e-mail address)**. The cost of the dinner is **\$5 for IEEE members and \$14 for non-members**. Unemployed members may call one of the officers for special arrangements.

### Note

The meeting is open to the general public. You need not be an IEEE member. Guests are welcome. However, please call to enable us to make appropriate arrangements.

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**Chicago/Rockford Consultants Network Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Monday, September 25. Dinner is 6:15 PM at Bakers' Square (corner of US 14 Northwest Highway and N. North), and the meeting at 7:30 PM at the Palatine Public Library (700 North Court, Palatine, IL 847-358-1216). There will be an open discussion on "How To Deal With Clients Whose Contracts May Not Be Acceptable To You". (Bring along a copy of the Sample Consulting Agreement you will find at <http://www.ieeeusa.org/BUSINESS/aicn.menu.html>). Information about the network can be obtained by e-mail: [g.l.blank@ieee.org](mailto:g.l.blank@ieee.org) and at our web site <http://www.drblank.com/coaction.htm>

**May Picnic/Elections Recap**

Three of the four elected positions on the RRVS Executive Committee for the year 2001 were filled with the election held at the May 25 section meeting. The positions filled were:

**Chair**  
**Vice Chair**  
**Treasurer**  
**Secretary**

**Chris Wrate**  
**Don Zinger**  
**Larry Wachowiak**  
**vacant**

In addition, all who attended enjoyed succulent steak and a huge spread of potatoes, beans, vegetables, fruit, cookies, and an assorted variety of liquid refreshments. See pics below.

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Rockford Futures Group @ RVC



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