

SENIOR COMPUTER USERS' GROUP NEWSLETTER

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General Meeting *by Gladys Schwandt*

Meeting was held at 1:15 PM at the Bordini Center in Room 103. In addition to the speaker, there were 24 members and 2 new attendees (from Green Bay !!).

Our scheduled presenter was unable to come to the meeting. Instead we had an interesting Q. & A. session with questions from members. Jerry Sobiesczyk opened the session and gave a brief description of programs scheduled for April and May. In response to a question, Jerry explained the Microsoft changes made with the advent of Windows 7 Operating System. It can be purchased in three versions: Windows 7 Home Premium Upgrade, Windows 7 Home Premium Family Pack, and Windows 7 Professional Upgrade. Pricing is from \$100 to \$200 and can be downloaded directly to your PC if you so choose. Changes are easy to understand and the e-mail function has a new name – Windows Live Mail.

We had a review of Outlook Express by M. Schimmelpfenning and the demonstration covered outgoing and incoming e-mails, how to set up the address files, and ways to group names and send to multiple recipients with one click. He also advised if you do not recognize the name of the sender, do a right click on the name and it will show the full address. It may save you from downloading a virus.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.



Next General Meeting: April 15

We will be helped with the electronic readers that are now available when a person from Barnes and Noble will tell us what's involved and what's available to use. Looking ahead to May, the Appleton Public Library will follow up with how we can use the library for electronic books.

Special Interest Groups

Digital Imaging SIG *by Linda Young*

We had a very good discussion on photos to begin the meeting, with many members participating. Several members said they think the the Fuji CD's and DVD's are the best disks out on the market right now. We then continued with our project in progress. This month we worked with many of the tools in the Adobe Photo Imaging software program that we have been using, plus we learned to use the Photo Filter tool. We will continue with this project at our April meeting.

Genealogy SIG by Mary Klein

After two months of information overload, we will now slow down and deal with just three topics. These subjects are: tracing female ancestors, Civil War research, and using the Brigham Young University Family History Archives.

Resource Sharing SIG by Linda Young

At our meeting this month we had an overflow crowd, some of whom could not get to use the computers in the room. We're happy to have you—keep coming.

Questions which came up for discussion included:

→How to customize our Outlook Express so it is set up to best suit your particular needs on your home computer.

→How to transfer information from one computer to another—say from your old computer to a new one. There is available a USB to USB connection cable with a cross-over in the middle that you can buy to do this.

→Various WIFI companies which are available in our area.

→Windows Explorer 9 is now available.

Internet Sig by Linda Young

We started the meeting with a quick demo of Email address book and how to create a place to store Email you need to keep. Marv helped with discussion. Always be alert to people trying to get into your files. Is off-storage a good idea? Members had pro and con opinions.

www.pcdecrapifier.com is a program which helps people remove programs, especially

trial versions, which were placed on the computers when they were purchased.

We looked at the National Broadband Maps site, as well as CNN.com/Japan for before and after photos of the destruction. There is a slider at the bottom of the page in the middle. You can slide this left and right to see the before and after of the same photo.

Then we visited www.usa.gov site to locate our home address and photos. We checked the IRS.gov site for the booklets and forms they have to offer.

News

Our Senior Group has been in existence for 20 years. We've gone through many changes (always for the better, of course), so we've decided to have a celebration. There will be a special General Meeting Event on June 17 in our usual meeting room. Light refreshments will be served. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

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We're always interested in seeing interested people come to our meetings. We are trying to get the word out about our group. If you know of someone who wants more computer information and knowledge, give them the website address. Or better still, invite them to come along with you for an afternoon of fun and help.

Also we are always interested in getting computer-related program ideas. If you might have some area you would like discussed please let us know. Even if the topic was discussed some time ago, maybe an updated version would be in place. Ideas for presenters would also be welcome. This is your group and we want to help out any person who has a question.

REMEMBER – there is no cost to belong to the group nor is there a cover charge at the door.

Just come.

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The following was found in the Post Crescent, March 27. It is not connected with our Senior Group, but someone might have an interest in attending.

MC students offer computer basics

Students in Fox Valley Technical College's Association for Information Technology Professionals Club are hosting workshops for individuals interested in learning the basics of computers. The workshops begin at 8 a.m. Saturday [April 2] at the Appleton campus, 1825 N. Bluemound Drive.

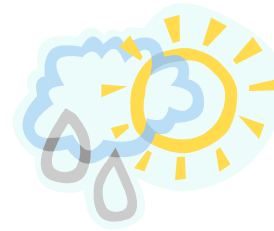
Morning and afternoon sessions are offered on the following topics: What to Look for When Buying a Computer, Basic File Management and Backups, Giving Your Computer a Tune-Up, Using Google Apps to Simplify Your Life, How to Find What You're Looking for with Google Search, Linking Your Internet, Computer, and Printer Together with a Home Net-work; Reach Out and Talk to Someone:

Communicating via the Internet, and Securing Your Information Online.

The cost is \$20 for one-two sessions or \$30 for three or more sessions, with proceeds benefiting the FVTC student AITP Club.

Lunch will be available for purchase between noon and 1 p.m. For more information or to register, visit

WWW.fvtc.edu/computer 101 or call 920-358-0108 Guests should use Entrance 16.



Computer Tips for Seniors

How to Make The Letters On The Site Bigger

Hey, this is the grandnephew here. I'll occasionally drop in with tips for seniors on how to use the computer and make your experience with the internet a better one. My first tip is going to be on how you can make the letters on this site (or any internet site) bigger or smaller.

To make the letters on the site bigger and easier to see, hold down CTRL and tap on + as many times as you like depending on how big you want the letters to be.

To make the letters on the site smaller, hold down CTRL and tap on – as many times as you like depending on how small you want the letters to be.

There you go and I hope you enjoy your stay at ForSeniorsOnly.Org!

April Calendar of Events

DIGITAL IMAGING SIG

Place: Bordini Center, Room 180

Time: Monday, April 11, 1:15-2:15 PM

GENEALOGY SIG

Place: Bordini Center, Room 180

Time: Monday, April 11, 2:30-3:30

GENERAL MEETING

Place: Bordini Center, Room 103

Time: Friday, April 15, 1:15 – 3:15 PM

RESOURCE SHARING SIG

Place: Bordini Center, Room 180

Time: Monday, April 18, 1:15-2:15 PM

INTERNET SIG

Place: Bordini Center, Room 180

Time: Monday, April 18, 2:30-3:30 PM

STEERING COMMITTEE

Place: Bordini Center, Room 186

Time: Wednesday, April 27, 1:15-3:00 PM

Quote for the Month

Give a person a fish
and you feed him for a day;
Teach a person to use the Internet,
and they won't bother you for weeks.
--unknown



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