



Laguna Woods Village PC CLUB Newsletter

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MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, April 18, 2011
6:30 p.m. - Clubhouse 3 Auditorium

**"EVERYTHING YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW
ABOUT USING YOUR EMAIL"**

BROUGHT TO YOU BY YOUR PC CLUB

Experts will demonstrate what you should know
and do to be certain that you're
using 'BEST PRACTICES' with:

GMAIL - YAHOO MAIL
HOTMAIL - WINDOWS LIVE MAIL

The program includes demonstrations of key
points using the email programs listed above.

A concise printed list of at least 10 Best Practices or UNIVERSAL
procedures for using email will be covered and made available as a
handout.

All Laguna Woods residents are welcome!
Raffle Prizes (only members are eligible)
If you don't drive at night, Night Bus Service
is available - call 597-4659.

President's Message

Your club continues to review our facilities, equipment, operation, staffing, programs, and classes. Our goal is to provide the most suitable, usable, helpful, and enjoyable computing experiences for members and non-member residents alike. If you are an active participant in this Club, you've no doubt noticed that the workshop continues to add hardware, software, staff members, and to alter hours of operation in response to requests from our users.*

In the near future some significant improvements will also be made in our Learning Center. The need to replace our aging monitors with the new flat-screen, high-resolution type was deferred when we replaced all the Learning Center PCs last summer. The replacement of monitors is the next step and should be completed soon. Our seven-year-old reflective surface screen is about to be replaced with a new matte finish screen that will give us improved image clarity and sharpness of the content projected thereon. In addition, we now have the capability of printing from any Learning Center PC by the addition of a networked laser printer.



In other news, several PC Club Board Members participate in the Technology Advisory Group which meets every-other-month. This Group is comprised of representatives of all the Village's technology-based social clubs; i.e., PC, Mac, Camera, Video, and Shortwave Radio. At our last meeting our GRF advisor and Chairperson, Ron Beldner shared a discussion with us that was held recently at a GRF Board Meeting. It concerned the desirability of either building a facility to house all the above mentioned clubs, or remodeling an existing facility to enable this to take place. We were invited to submit a broad outline of our needs and requirements – just in terms of space, improved

infrastructure, and capabilities at this time. We have done so and expect the analysis and discussions to continue over quite a long period of time. We will participate and work with the GRF Board to reach a decision about the desirability of this significant change. This topic falls under the broad umbrella of Land Use Planning and the discussions which are currently taking place.

As I write this, our PC Classes are again in full swing with a large number of students participating in a wide range of courses. If you have a suggestion for a particular course – and especially if you or someone you know would be prepared to teach the course - please don't hesitate to contact me.



Along this line, as a member you can expect a comprehensive PC Club Survey to arrive in your email inbox soon. This will allow you to provide input about most of the above topics and will include an open-end section for comments, suggestions, and questions. Any user (non-members as well) can participate in this anonymous survey. It will also be available on the web site and a copy will be available in the Workshop. **Please take the time** to give this important matter some thought and do your part by completing a survey. Watch for an announcement of this upcoming PC Club activity. Remember that we make every effort to communicate with all residents using the *Globe*, Workshop notices, email, and the Ch. 6 Message Board.

Lastly, while we have nearly 100 volunteers involved in our Club, there is always room for more! If you could help in any way in either the Workshop or Learning Center, even on a limited basis, would you please contact me?

I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming programs, SIGs, classes, or at the Workshop.

I'd like to say: a very big THANK YOU to all our staff – Greeters, Supervisors, Instructors, and our Board Members – all working to make our Club as efficient, successful and enjoyable as can be!

*You've hopefully heard by now that we have extended our Workshop hours on Thursdays (only) and now operate from 9am to 6pm each Thursday. This is a trial period that runs through April 28th.

Bob Sellards, President



Help is needed in the following areas:

- ◇ Workshop Greeters
- ◇ Workshop Substitute Supervisors
- ◇ Teachers
- ◇ Education Co-Chairs (2)
- ◇ Program Chairperson
- ◇ SIGSs Chairperson

Every position listed here is important to our club.

As a Workshop Greeter or Substitute Supervisor, you'll have the opportunity to meet many new people and learn more about computers by helping others.

If you feel you'd like to teach any particular computer program/topic, please join our staff of volunteer teachers..

Education co-chairs work with others to set up our PC Learning Center curriculum, talk with prospective and current teachers, and plan and handle Registration and general classroom issues.

The Program Chairperson is responsible for contacting companies/speakers for our monthly general meetings.

The SIGs Chairperson helps develop the topic for a SIG, and makes arrangements for someone to present the material.

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John Huber became our new Workshop Supervisor in January, 2011, when Bob Sellards stepped up to President of the PC Club. John is a native Californian (raised in Downey). He met his wife of 42 years at church and graduated from Woodbury University with a degree in Marketing.

John's first job was in the Sales Department of an Orange County winery. He later transferred to an Oregon division of his company and became a Division Manager for Sales. John's first experience with computers was using a Commodore 64 to do pricing worksheets, and he subsequently moved into the Computer Department developing sales applications. Everyone in that department (1500 people) was given a "notebook" and training for using it.

John retired in 2006. He and his wife spent three years traveling in their motor home. When John needed a hip replacement, they decided to reside in Laguna Woods Village where his mother had lived for 27 years. While recovering from hip surgery, John met Bob Sellards who suggested that he become the Workshop Supervisor. John's hobby is photography, so he also donates time to the Digital Photo Lab on Thursdays as a Supervisor.

We are lucky to have such a talented, dedicated person to oversee our Workshop operations.

Shirley Szalkowski, Newsletter Editor

WEBSITE NEWS

www.thepcclub.org



The next class session and registration dates will soon be published on the PC Club website.

In addition to class information, the website shows the workshop hours and phone number, the next monthly meeting, and Norm Salzberg's "Joy of Computing" articles going back at least a year. Back issues of the newsletter are also available to read or download. There is even a membership application that can be filled out online, then printed and mailed or submitted to the Workshop. The board of directors, links to Google and Yahoo, and links to related Village clubs as well as to websites of some of your fellow members can also be found on the website.

If you have a blog or a website, you know how important backlinks are. Those are links to your website coming from other websites. If you would like to have a link to your blog or website on the PC Club web site, please send the URL to the Webmaster, Anne Clark, at anneluclark@gmail.com. To reciprocate, please put a link to the PC Club (www.thepcclub.org) on your blog or website.

Anne Clark, Webmaster

Helpful Hints

Dropbox (www.dropbox.com) is a web-based file hosting service operated by *Dropbox, Inc.* that uses cloud computing to enable users to store files and folders or share with others. There are both free and paid services, each with varying options. Dropbox free service provides 2GB of online storage. They offer a large number (10 total) of user clients across a variety of desktop and mo-

bile operating systems. They include versions for Microsoft Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux as well as versions for mobile devices, such as Android, iPhone, iPad, and BlackBerry, plus a web-based client for when no local client is installed.

Can't remember where you left your cell phone? Try this web site: www.icantfindmyphone.com - a free service which allows you to insert your phone number and it will call your cell phone!

18th ANNUAL SOUTHWEST COMPUTER CONFERENCE June 3-5, 2011

The Southwest Computer Conference is dedicated to creating opportunities for attendees to learn about the latest and greatest in the world of computer hardware and software as well as network with other computer enthusiasts and vendors.

Windows - Mac- Linux

There is something for everyone.

Presentations on the latest technology and gadgets! Vendor Expo! Networking! Door Prizes! You will find all of this and more at the Conference. For more information, visit their website: <http://www.theswcc.org/>.

MICROSOFT STORE



Microsoft now has two local retail stores and one in San Diego. The local stores are at the Shops in Mission Viejo (the mall), and the recently-opened store at South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa. Both local stores are quite able to assist users with a wide variety of services and products.

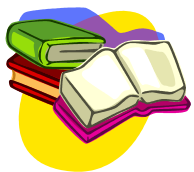
It's an opportunity to see and test drive most of their hardware and software, including their new Windows Smart Phone. For more information, check out their website(s):

<https://store.microsoft.com/StoreLocations/Home.aspx/Index/Costa-Mesa-CA>

<https://store.microsoft.com/StoreLocations/Home.aspx/Index/Mission-Viejo-CA>

http://www.microsoft.com/windowsphone/en-us/features/default.aspx?WT.srch=1&WT.mc_id=Search&cmpid=207CE1AC-C8DA-4EDE-97B5-D599755C80C0

EDUCATION



The Education Department is happy to announce that **monthly** Follow-up Discussions (Roundtables) will be held for recent "graduates" of the two Kindle 101 groups.

Complete details will be available soon. Please check our web site (www.thepecclub.org), call the Workshop, or stop in and check the bulletin board. **All former class members will receive an e-mail notification.**



PC Club members are invited to attend the Macintosh Club's iPad, iPhone, iPod (even Kindle) sessions at the Mac Workshop every Monday from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. This is an informal group created to share information, ask questions, etc. There is no fee, but a small donation would be appreciated.

WORKSHOP NEWS

Plans are underway for updating the PC Workshop: new chairs and monitors, a new laser printer, improved internet access for the laptop area, and - new hours (on a trial basis*).

*The PC Workshop will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays **only until April 28, 2011.**

SPECIAL ALERT

A major email marketing company, **Epsilon**, recently experienced a serious hack attack of their corporate servers (PCs). This firm is used by thousands of corporate retailers to send emails with offers and promotional information to the firm's customers. Customer's emails that are registered with firms like Best Buy, Target, Chase Bank, US Bank, and many, many more have been hijacked by cyber criminals. While NO confidential information was obtained, you can be sure that you'll receive bogus (fake) emails urging you to take advantage of a "special offer" by clicking on a link, or opening an attachment. **DO NOT EVEN CONSIDER DOING SO!!** This will undoubtedly result in infecting your PC with a virus, worm, spyware, malware, etc. and may even enable the rogue program to snap up your passwords, account numbers, etc. **The WWW has never been more dangerous! Be certain that you're protected with appropriate "anti-everything" software and that your automatic updates are working properly.**

Bob Sellards, President

NEW MEMBERS

Jnana Anderson
Judith Arus
Erika Bainhardt
Gloria Barton
Don Beckhart
Jerra Lynne Beckhart
Barbara Billings
Janet Bogin
Cathleen A Brown
Bunny J Carpenter
Franklin Castillo
Patricia Castillo
Maresa Chiu
Kenneth Cho
Nammy Cho
Suk Hyang Cho
Judy Choi
Yung Ja Chun
Julie Cook
Gloria Cooper
Alex Couly
Thelma Cumiford
Jana Decker
Patricia Dennis
Roberta Dexter
Sylvia Dimiziani
John Dorman
Judy A Douglass
Margaret Droegemueller
Gertrude Duchoviner
Rosemarie Duffy
Tara Dwyer
Bruce Edwards
William Eilers
George Eordekian
Julie Feldman
Y Eileen Finias
Jo Fisher
Mina Ford
Stephanie Garber
Anita Georgious
Patricia Goslin
Linda Graham

Juliane Hahn
Valerie Hampton
Jacqueline Hausman
Anne Head
Alan Ho
Terry Holcomb
Gene Hollaway
Sheila Hollaway
Dennis Hrdina
Charlotte Huber
Susan Hunzeker
Joanne Hurtado
Ted Joachim
Michael Joh
Richard K Jung
Manjula Kamdar
Joan Kelly
Young W Kihi
Hyun Soo Kim
Ll Hong Kim
Jay Kim
Soo Kim
Yong Kim
Yong S Kim
Lovern R King
Hyun Ok Ko
Jeannine Kremer
Kathleen Laubengeyer
Louis Laubengeyer
Hoon Lee
Youn Ok Lee
Young S Lee
Che Hsiung Lien
Joan Ligon
Christina Lin
Victor Lin
Nora V Liro
Betty Lyon
Florence Malakoff
Suzanne Malmon
Elizabeth Marrone
Mary Mazzucca
Joan McLaughlin

Frank McQuirk
Cheng Ja Min
Paula Minnehan
Theresa Mitroka
Joyce Moser
Milan Nedic
Flora A Niermann
Helen Nightingale
Jim Nightingale
Jeff Noynaert
Phyllis Noynaert
Richard Pak
Shin Hi Pak
Ivete Phillips
Gertrude Pillai
June Polatsek
Alan Pollock
Cathie Pollock
Yuk Kum Pun
Jim Rogers
Judy Salmon
Elsbeth Schaar
Ruth Schultz
Sylvia Scheartz
Sonbol Shojai
Fanny Shugart
Ahda Smith
Denise Sperber
Joel Sperber
Eileen Steinberg
Laura Steinhauer
Penelope Stevens
Zoe Swanagon
Marion Swarouth
Mary-Ellen Syer
Susanna Tidwell
Arun Upadhya
Darrel Vorderstrasse
Paul A Warner
Bonnie Weldon
Klaus Wronker
Steven Yellon
Susan Yune



**NOT GETTING YOUR E-MAIL NOTICES
FROM THE PC CLUB?**

Send your e-mail address to Katy Link at
menromi@fea.net
and she will add you to the PC Club e-mail list.



LWVPC Club (Laguna Woods Village PC Club) \$10 (expires December 31, 2011)

MEMBERSHIP FORM (Please Print)

Must be a resident of Laguna Woods Village

Date _____ Cash ___ Check No. _____ Check one: New Member ___ Renewal ___

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Phone _____

Address (LWV Address) _____ Unit _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

Email Address (please print clearly) _____

Please make \$10 check payable to PC Club

Place check in Membership Mailbox in Workshop (3rd floor Admin. Bldg.)

Or mail to LWVPC Club, Attn: Robin, Membership, P.O. Box 3063, Laguna HILLS, CA 92654

Non-Profit

Laguna Woods Village PC Club

Your PC Club is a non-profit organization, dedicated to helping residents improve their computer skills, and get more enjoyment from their computers.

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