Historical Perspective: “Leisure World” residents formed this Club in 1984 (it evidently grew out of an “Electronics Club” formed in the mid-70's) and eager volunteers came forward to take various roles. The growth in membership and expansion of services in the first 20 yrs. was astounding! Many people served and executed beyond anyone's expectations without an interruption for these past 33 years.

Technology and the use of a wide array of computing devices is far more than an idle interest for thousands of Villagers; we intend to help preserve it in this unique environment. We continue to hear regularly from Members, and our entire Community, about how we've contributed immeasurably to their computer education, feelings of accomplishment and joys of discovery and new knowledge. It would be a shame to see this Club retrench, or worse. .

However, we’re at a crossroads right now in our collective ability to handle all the responsibilities. Club direction and management isn't self-perpetuating; if it's to continue to exist in its present form, we must have help from some new Board Volunteers. This Club will not be able to sustain itself on just the ongoing efforts from the same people. We’re presently “walking with a walker,” as it were, with several key Board position vacancies. Three members have moved out of the Village since our last publication. A full Board is necessary to continue to provide the programs and services that are taken for granted; we must fill the following positions, ASAP - Education Chair, Publicity Chair, Programs Chair and a back-up System Analyst. Two other positions are open but will hopefully be juggled by others for a while longer: APCUG Representative and Historian. (APCUG is our National Senior's
Computing Association, which the PC Club has supported for decades.) Several of us are wearing multiple hats; while doable, this is not a long term solution. There are universal requirements for all of the above positions; like to be around others who are upbeat, positive, have a “can-do” attitude and enjoy service, i.e. - giving back. And oh yes, have adequate (average) PC knowledge and skills.

To discuss any of the above, please contact me at my Club email address, or leave your name and phone # with the Greeter on duty in the PC Workshop, 3rd Floor of the Community Center. president@thepcclub.org 949.268.2262. Don't delay—our General Meeting and Annual Election will be held on November 14th. Board candidates must be presented to the Membership at our October 10th meeting. It is critical that we finish 2017 without Board Vacancies.

Meeting Schedule

Regular meetings of the Laguna Woods Village PC Club are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month, except June, July, August and December. Meetings are held in the Main Lounge of Clubhouse 7 and begin at 7:00 p.m. Call 597-4859 for bus service. In addition, all club members are welcome to attend Board meetings.

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PC Club volunteers are available to help you in the Village PC Workshop 6 days a week, 10AM - 4PM (M-F) and 10AM - 1PM, on Saturday. Come in and use the fastest internet connection in the Village! It's on the 3rd Fl. of our Community Center. You can also test drive Windows 10 (and do a self-paced tutorial) or our array of Photo and Video Editing software. Try the printers and scanners or digitize your old vinyl records or cassette tapes. Residents only; not necessary to be a PC Club member.

If you like to be around upbeat, positive people who enjoy service - giving something back - please apply for a Greeter or Supervisor's position. Presently there is an opening for the Greeter on Thursdays, 1 to 4PM in the PC Workshop, 3rd Floor of the Community Center. An every-other-week schedule could be arranged; contact Marci, Greeter Coordinator - greeterchair@thepcclub.org. Minimum PC skills required - Email a must! Or perhaps your "calling" is in the Classroom as an Instructor, or Teacher's Assistant.

No General Meetings until Sept. 12th. See our website for recaps of our latest General Meetings and other helpful information: http://www.thepcclub.org/

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**Interesting Internet Finds – April 2017**

**Steve Costello, Boca Raton Computer Society**

**editor@brcs.org**

*In the course of going through the more than 300 RSS feeds, I often run across things that I think might be of interest to other user group members. The following are some items I found interesting during the month of April 2017.*

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**4 of the Best Alternate DNS Services You Should Use**

[HTTPS://WWW.MAKETECHEASIER.COM/BEST-ALTERNATE-DNS-SERVICES/](HTTPS://WWW.MAKETECHEASIER.COM/BEST-ALTERNATE-DNS-SERVICES/)

If you use the DNS (Domain Name System) server provided by your ISP (Internet Service Provider), you should read this post and start using an alternate DNS server. (I use OpenDNS as mine for years.)
Most ID Theft Victims Don’t Need A Police Report

https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/most-id-theft-victims-dont-need-police-report

Check out this post from the FTC (Federal Trade Commission), and learn about reporting identity theft with https://identitytheft.gov/. They are streamlining the process so that you no longer need a police report in most cases. The post also outlines the process and when you need to have the police report in those other cases.

Kindle Collections – How to Organize Your Kindle Books Easily

http://www.wonderoftech.com/kindle-collections-books/

Those who know me know that I am an avid reader. I have hundreds of books on my Kindle Reader. Before working with Kindle Collections, it was hard to find what I wanted to read next. Now, they are organized by genre, and whether read, unread, or abandoned. (Yes, I sometimes just can not get into a book for some reason) Check out this post to find out how to easily organize your Kindle books.

Delete Destinations From Toyota Navigation System?

https://www.askdavetaylor.com/delete-destinations-toyota-navigation-system/

If you travel a lot and use rental cars, you should clear your information from the navigation system. This post explains how to do that with the Toyota navigation system, but they should all be similar.

Is Leaving Your Laptop Always Plugged In A Good Idea?

http://www.guidingtech.com/66018/keep-laptop-plugged-in/

This is a question that keeps coming up. This post does not have a definitive answer, but it does give pros and cons for either option.

What Kind of Extension Cord Should I Use?

https://www.howtogeek.com/303848/what-kind-of-extension-cord-should-i-use/

Check out this post, and then use the correct extension cord for the purpose.
Attention: Road Trippers

Planning to hit the road this Summer or Fall? According to Maria Jo Fisher who wrote for the Travel Section in a recent copy of the Orange County Register, you must have a tablet, laptop or Smart Phone and “shouldn’t leave home without them.” She’s talking about the following 10 Apps. BTW – they’re all Free. Makes sense to me; let’s get on the road!

- **Yelp** – check out good, local restaurants and most types of business establishments and services.

- **Costco** – ID where they’re located, if they sell gas and of course stock up on food, etc. Good food court.

- **Hotwire** – for many, this is a popular website for booking car rentals, airline tickets and hotels; it’s best use for road trippers is the last-minute hotel deal. [https://www.hotwire.com/](https://www.hotwire.com/)

- **Gas Buddy** – save on gas; search by City, State, zip code. (USA and Canada) Users post prices; you can ID nearest station by brand name. Calculate cost of trip using this app. [http://www.gasbuddy.com/](http://www.gasbuddy.com/)

- **TripAdvisor** – “World’s largest travel site.” Features interactive forums and user-generated content. Reviews of hotels & restaurants (can be stacked); also suggests local attractions and things to do. [https://www.tripadvisor.com/](https://www.tripadvisor.com/)

- **OpenTable** – use when you need an upgrade on your road diet. Scope out options and make online reservations. [https://www.opentable.com/start/home](https://www.opentable.com/start/home)

- **iExit** – if you’re driving on the Interstate System, you’ll use this. Locate food, gas, lodging and more that will be adjacent to your exit. [https://iexitapp.com/](https://iexitapp.com/)

- **Chimani** – an app of our National Parks; info. on the 400+ units of the U.S. National Park Svc. Includes parks, monuments, seashores, historic sites and more. Beautiful photo gallery included! [https://www.chimani.com/](https://www.chimani.com/)
- **Google Maps** – what’s to say?! Now has iPhone/iPad version; also incorporates **Waze** to warn you of road hazards and provide real-time live traffic and delays.

- **Roadtrippers** – “the ultimate road trip planner.” A very comprehensive Highway Super Guide, numerous U. S. trip guides, list of “Greatest American Road Trips” and more. [https://roadtrippers.com/](https://roadtrippers.com/)

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**Cartoon with caption:**

> “I got a job working for Google Earth.”
SPRING

There’s this thing
About spring that
Challenges

That makes us look
Into the finality
Of winter’s grasp

Days of death
Bare branches
Ice and snow

Before spring comes
And says
Let go

John Moran

2nd Annual PC Club
August Summer Picnic
Food Entertainment and Friends

You’ll be getting all the details soon!
Watch your emails.
Meet Jack Schnabel

Jack Schnabel and his wife are new residents of the Village, having arrived in April. While they enjoyed the serenity of their country home in Fallbrook, CA, over time they decided it was too remote for them to get together with friends further north. They also wanted more social and cultural activities, with opportunities to do things with new people. When they discovered Laguna Woods, they realized the Village was exactly right for their needs and wishes and lifestyle. Jack admits they are veterans at moving, having relocated 10 times in their careers, so the physical move was just well-learned logistics.

No sooner were the last boxes unpacked, Jack found his volunteer home in the PC Workshop as a Supervisor helping people on Tuesday afternoons. This volunteering continued 10 years of prior computer-related volunteering with both non-profit organizations and government programs, and assisting age groups from teens to seniors. In each and all of these prior opportunities, Jack’s intent and interest was helping people in real time to move forward in their lives and careers. Over time, his volunteering included people who were socially, economically or physically disadvantaged.

During the past four years, most of Jack’s work has been in three overlapping programs: organizations serving the Fallbrook and Escondido 55+ communities, and in the San Diego Kroc Community Center. The Kroc Center was the prototype of 26 nationwide Centers founded and funded with a commitment of $1.5 billion from Joan Kroc, who’s husband was the founder of McDonalds.

Jack began his work career in the corporate world. Then in his early 30’s, when the East Coast company he worked for went out of business and jobs were hard to find, he came to San Francisco. It was the early Silicon Valley electronics revolution, and entrepreneurial opportunity was in the air. He spent the next 25 years in technology-related entrepreneurial businesses, generally in the realm of developing new applications for technology products and processes.

Over the years, and over the businesses, Jack found consistent personal satisfaction in helping people to communicate and to think comprehensively. Originally this was to the benefit of the growth of companies, but pretty quickly it became important to the lives of individuals. And in the final analysis, Jack believes ... “in my entire working and volunteering life, the most valuable thing I did wherever possible, was inspire and empower other people in their lives.”

I think you’ll find Jack Schnabel to be a most sociable, and technically savvy PC Club volunteer. He loves working with his fellow Village residents, and in the wonderfully outfitted PC workshop and classroom.

Jack is currently scheduled to be the instructor for one of the PC classes in July, teaching you all about Google Earth. Sign up on thepcclub.org website or drop in on Tuesday afternoon and meet our newest volunteer!
TEXPERT TALK

What are Cookies Anyway?

By Melanie Birnbaum, Century Village Computer Club, Florida

http://www.cvcomputerclub.com

First, and contrary to popular belief, cookies are NOT programs. They don’t do anything at all. They are simple ‘text files’ which you can read using the Notebook program on your own PC. Typically, they contain two pieces of information: a site name and unique user ID.

How do they work?

The first time you visit a site that uses cookies, a cookie is downloaded onto your PC. The next time you visit that site, your PC checks to see if it has a cookie that is relevant (that is, one containing the site name) and sends the information contained in that cookie back to the site. The site then “knows” that you have been there before, and in some cases, tailors what pops up on screen to take account of that fact. For instance, it can be helpful to vary content according to whether this is your first ever visit to a site – or your 71st.

The good thing about cookies...

Some cookies are more sophisticated. They might record how long you spend on each page on a site, what links you click, even your preferences for page layouts and color schemes. They can also be used to store data on what is in your “shopping cart”, adding items as you click. The possibilities are endless, and generally the role of cookies is beneficial, making your interaction with frequently-visited sites smoother with no extra effort on your part. Without cookies, online shopping would be much harder.

…and the bad

So why the paranoia? The answer probably depends on how you feel about organizations storing information about you. There is nothing especially secret or exceptional about the information gathered by cookies, but you may just dislike the idea of your name being added to marketing lists, or your information being used to target you for special offers. That is your right, just as others are entitled to go along with the process.

When cookies first started to appear, there was controversy. Some people regarded them as inherently sneaky - your PC was being used (without warning) to store personal information about you, which could then be used to build a picture of your browsing habits.

Most modern websites use cookies in some way, and it is unlikely that the majority of internet users even notice cookies working away in the background as they browse from site to site. Until now, it has been up to individual users to either block or allow cookies using settings in their internet browser.

Most sites will now draw your attention to their cookie policy when you first visit the home page. Don’t be put off by this; you were probably sharing details with the site before without even knowing it. In many cases, you can click to say you understand the cookies policy but in many instance, you can simply ignore the announcement and continue browsing as normal.
What’s New with Broadband and TV 6?

Nearly 200 residents, mostly PC and other Tech Club Members, filled the Main Lounge at CH 7 on May 9th for the PC Club's May meeting. Chuck Holland, Director of Broadband Services provided the traditional annual presentation about his Department’s activities. Below is a summary of the most notable changes and accomplishments.

Accomplishments this year:

- Complete HD conversion from Analog to Digital for TV 6 Studio
- The addition of remote broadcast HD cameras at CH3 and CH5
- Boardroom remodel and HD cameras added
- All board meetings, appearances, interviews and shows are now all being broadcast on TV 6 in high definition at 1080i
- Added two first run movies to programming on TV 6
- Created new show called "Discovering Laguna Woods" on TV 6
- Created new show called "Sport Talk" on TV 6
- Created new show called "Good Day OC" on TV 6
- Upgraded Broadband Services accounting and billing software

Projects that are in the works now:

- New Simulsat Satellite dish to be installed at broadband to replace the 20 year old technology in place now
- Upgrade to the cable internet system to triple the bandwidth to all residents by the end of July 2017
- Redesign of the TV 6 set and design
- New TV 6 name to be rebranded as "Village Television"
- New Village Television logo
- New Community Website
- Broadband cable TV services to go all digital with the removal of the analog channel line-up at the end of 2017
• Whole-Home-DVR and on-Demand video services to be offered to residents once analog channels removed
• Inspection and repairs to entire fiber optic and transmission network for Laguna Woods
• Inspection and repair of all buildings to replace aging and corroded cable terminals
• The upgraded of the node lasers to triple the bandwidth to residents again (2020)

The PC Club is a long time member of APCUG (Association of Personal Computer User Groups) which should be beneficial to many of us in numerous ways. “APCUG is a worldwide organization that helps groups devoted to the world of technology including computers, tablets, Smart Phones, digital photography, genealogy, etc. by facilitating communications between user groups and industry vendors.” It was officially formed in 1987 after an ad hoc assembly that grew out of attendees at the 1986 Comdex computer expo! “It is a cross-platform organization,” so if Windows isn't your thing, or you also work in OS X, iOS, Linux, Chrome or Android, you'll find that they offer something for everybody. Select the link at the end of this paragraph to visit the home page of this Association. Note the tabs at the top of this window and be sure to click on Member Benefits.

As a new visitor, we'd suggest you check out Discounts and Special Offers, Newsletters Online, and Virtual Training Conferences. Basically these are self-explanatory other than the VTC; here's what that entails. These live, streamed presentations were initiated in early 2012 and have been conducted quarterly since. The topics vary widely; presenters are knowledgeable and qualified users in the field and know their topic better than most of us. In some cases they are professionals and/or vendors. There is no cost associated with the opportunity to participate in a live session, or its replay on YouTube. The URL for their channel is also available below. Presentations in this past 18mo. have of course included several discussions of Windows 10, Social Media, Staying Safe Online, 25 Awesome iDevice Tips, Must-have Android Apps, and How Tech Has Changed the Way We Listen To Music. You can view any of these and more – every conference from 2012 through the May 2017 event at your convenience, and repeat/replay them, hassle-free by simply opening a specific VTC event and scrolling down to the presentation that interests you. Again, alternatively, you can utilize their YouTube channel.

https://apcug2.org/  https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=apcug+videos

We urge you to enjoy this benefit of your PC Club Membership!
Benefits of PC Club Membership

- Informative monthly meetings and eligibility for door prizes!
- Newsletters geared to Senior PC users [free and first via email]
- Discount on PC classes all year long [calendar year]
- Helps defray Club’s expense for new equipment, software and supplies
- Representation in the national Senior’s Computer User Group Association [http://www.apcug2.org/]
- Access to Club’s Lending Library of Computer Books, Manuals and PC Magazines
- Periodic special programs or classes just for Members
- First to receive all announcements and information, via email
- First to know of events involving other Village Technology Clubs: Camera, Video and Macintosh.
- Able to purchase USB flash drives in the Workshop for a bargain rate!

Best $10.00 you’ll spend for any Village Club Membership - period!