

LWPCUG PREPARING FOR NON-PROFIT STATUS

The personal computer facilities in the Community Center are one of the amenities of LW enjoyed by many residents. The PC Club operates, manages, maintains, and supports these facilities. As you know, all of the PC Club workers are volunteers, receiving no compensation. Also, the PC Club has no commercial operations. We are a service organization, working to enable LW community residents to learn to use and enjoy personal computers.

The PC Club obtains funds through membership fees and class fees. These fees are used to directly support the purchase and maintenance of equipment, and pay for the daily operating expenses in the PC Workshop and the Learning Center. Over the past couple years, we have been able to support all PC facility expenses, negating any need for additional GRF funds, and any impact on your monthly assessment

We have recognized, and have been advised, that as a non-profit organization, we could reduce our annual expenses. Accordingly, we have made a concerted effort this year to establish ourselves as a non-profit organization. We have retained legal counsel, have made necessary amendments to our by-laws, and are in the process of filing for non-profit status. It is our hope that this process will be sufficiently advanced by the November meeting, that the membership may vote on approving the completion of this process.

Achieving a non-profit status will not change the focus or operation of our organization. Our goal in this effort is to take advantage of current tax laws, enabling us to reduce our expenses and operate more efficiently. We appreciate your support in this effort.

Roger

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING?

In the 16th Century:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. **Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.**

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. **Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."**

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. **Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."**

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