

# **PRESIDENT'S YEAR END MESSAGE:**

## **2005 Has been a GOOD YEAR:**

- We have increased our membership, we remain fiscally solvent, we have continued to upgrade our computer equipment and facilities, and we now have high-speed cable-internet access in both the Workshop and Learning Center.
- We have achieved non-profit status, enabling us to purchase more cost-effectively, and not pay state or federal taxes.
- We have served the community by having a staffed Workshop open and operational for every scheduled day of the year (over 30,000 community members have visited).
- We have continued to offer and expand a series of computer classes designed to help our members get better use and enjoyment from their computers.
- We have increased the frequency and expanded the Special Interest Group (SIG) sessions to include a variety of computer-related topics.
- We have continued to offer monthly computer-related programs, with the goal of providing new information, in an entertaining manner, to our members.
- We have continued to communicate with our members through email announcements of all club activities, a monthly newsletter (Leisure Bytes), weekly articles in LW News, our website <http://www.lwpcug.com> offering on-line information on all of our activities, information flyers in the Clubhouses, and TV interviews with our program speakers.

## **Your Board of Directors:**

The Board approaches the expenditure of funds and guides the policies and operations of the Club. The Board is composed of (4) officers, (8) directors, and the past president. A portion of the Board is elected each year. Like all other Club positions, Board members are volunteers.

We are fortunate to have a competent, capable, and reliable Board. Each member also works in other club functions, giving them personal insight and perspective into the needs of our members and the effectiveness of our policies and operations. Most importantly, each member participates with the goal of making our Club better.

Because the Board is fundamental to our success, I'd like to offer a few words about each member, describing their role and their contributions:

- ◆ **Katy Link, VP:** First, she is a prime communicator—sending out the many email notices of all of our activities and announcements, when there is a need, she steps in, as she did when we lost our Treasurer, and again when our SIG program was dying; when we were trying to get started on our non-profit initiative, Katy took the lead in finding a professional resource; she also serves as a teacher's assistant, as a Workshop Supervisor, and has planned our annual volunteer dinners; for me, with her knowledge, awareness, and insight of the needs and interests of our members, she is an invaluable resource.
- ◆ **Mary Brunner, Treasurer:** Mary is a long time member of our Club, but had not served on the Board. When she became aware of our need for a Treasurer, she stepped in and applied her financial experience from other organizations. As Treasurer, she has been a key contributor in helping us achieve non-profit status. She keeps alert of our operations, and lets the Board know where attention is needed— and we all enjoy her sense of humor.
- ◆ **Lydia Savedoff, Secretary:** For those who read the Board minutes, you can see that Lydia is direct, concise, and businesslike; she is a serious contributor, sharing her knowledge and experience about the community and other organizations; she also serves as a Workshop Supervisor.
- ◆ **Marge Amstadter:** Marge edits and publishes our monthly club newsletter—Leisure Bytes. This job involves obtaining all of the pertinent information on club activities and operations, as well as a wide variety of computer-related articles, tips, and humor. Marge is also a Teacher and a Work-