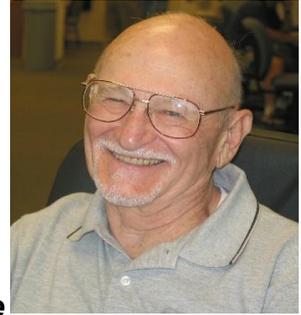


NOBODY ASKED ME BUT.....



.....I often think about our LWPCUG club and marvel at where we were not too long ago when this club was started by a handful of visionaries and where we are now. It is difficult to imagine that we began in a small, renovated card room in the Clubhouse One complex that boasted five computers when I first looked in on this out-of-the-way room which served as clubroom/workshop/learning center. By the time my wife Sylvia and I decided to take a course in computing, a sixth computer was squeezed in and there was barely enough room for the computers, students and instructors at the same time in this mini-sized space. And DOS was the operating system of the day.

How far we've come in less than ten years! And what a tribute this is to the wonderful residents of Leisure World whose curiosity and determination to keep pace with this fast moving world of ours! In the figurative blink of an eye this club has evolved from an early handful of souls to a formidable membership of well over 2,000! LWPCUG is unquestionably one of the largest organizations in Leisure World if not the largest. We, together with our digital comrades at the Mac Club, moved into more spacious quarters in Clubhouse Two to accommodate our rapid growth. Each club had its own Computer Workshop and ours had a separate Learning Center classroom where we were able to provide a full schedule of classes for our members while providing a bank of computers in the Workshop for use by the entire community with or without membership affiliation.

Now, because of popular demand of our constantly evolving community we are comfortably ensconced in a state of the art Workshop and a finely tuned Learning Center that caters to the needs and interests of our residents. But while all this took place smoothly and efficiently, few are aware of how all this came about and who was responsible.

From day one our success has been based on a solid foundation of volunteers. No one, from our officers, members of our Board, heads of committees, classroom instructors, workshop supervisors and greeters, workbench experts and SIG presenters, sees a penny in remuneration for their time, efforts and expended energy. They have been the bedrock and the unshakable foundation for the glowing success of this enterprise. As a former officer, Board member, Workshop supervisor and classroom assistant I know whereof I speak. Then there is the financial and intrinsic support we have received from our own Golden Rain and the relevant employees of PCM. No innovation, no move from one facility to the next, no program, no instructional activity would be possible without the cooperative efforts of these people.

I know of no one who seeks any special approbation for his or her efforts. What I would like you to do is look at them with a more appreciative eye the next time you get some help in the Workshop, learn a skill in the Learning Center, enjoy a presentation at a membership meeting, get an answer to a question at a SIG and/or enjoy an edition of our Leisure Bytes newsletter. They deserve your enthusiastic approval.

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