



Laguna Woods Village PC CLUB Newsletter

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MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, September 19, 2011
6:30 p.m. - Clubhouse 3 Auditorium

MICROSOFT

Presentation

Guest Speaker: Gregory Kenyota

Windows Live Suite

- ◆ Mail and Sky Drive
- ◆ BING Internet Search and Maps
- ◆ Internet Explorer 9
- ◆ Free Office Web Applications
- ◆ Other Microsoft News

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 Corner



So, the summer of 2011 has come and gone – we hope pleasant and uneventful for you other than good times, good friends, and memories. We'd like to thank you for your patience regarding our suspension of most of the Educational programs while teaching staff took a much needed break and rest. As you may know we teach 5 sessions, or series, of courses per year, most of which are 5 weeks in length. As anyone who's been around education at all knows, there is a considerable amount of time required to prepare and adjust the course content during each 5-week course. Like you, our teachers have numerous other interests and activities in the Village as well as family matters that take their time and energy. A rest period was greatly appreciated!

Items to note as we head into the final months of this year:

Staffing Needs - Like most LWV clubs, staff volunteers come and go – our situation since the last newsletter has been one of staff mostly “going.” There are various reasons, but the bottom line is that we have a serious need for resident volunteers in every category: Supervisor, Greeter, Instructor, and Assistant Instructor. Average PC skills and knowledge of some of the most commonly used software, plus good people skills are all that's required – OJT (on the job training) cheerfully provided! For an interview/discussion please contact **John Huber (Workshop Supervisors)** jchuber@ix.netcom.com, **Barbara Anderson (Greeters)** bande@comline.com, or **Anita Martinez (Education)** anilagmar@yahoo.com, about the above.



Learning Center Upgrades - Our aging monitors in the Justin Webb Learning Center have all been replaced with good quality flat panel displays which afford proper (high) resolution when used with last summer's newly installed HP PCs. A monitor model was chosen that has a much lower profile, resulting in students having a much better field of vision – even from the 3rd row of PCs - to the classroom's wall-mounted front screen where the Instructor's PC is displayed.

Resident's Survey - Soon after you receive this newsletter, you'll be receiving a survey (if we have your email address on record). We'd like very much to get your feedback on many facets of the PC facilities, educational offerings, and programs that we manage. It will, of course, be anonymous. If we don't have your email address or you are not a member, you may pick up a copy of the survey at the PC Workshop and either return it to the workshop or mail it to our P.O. Box. It has been some time since we surveyed the residents and we really look forward to your input!

On this same note, the world of computing continues to move forward at a very rapid pace. If you read even non-technical publications regularly, or tune in to one of the popular computing radio shows, or catch TV news regularly, you'll hear many stories and reports of items related to this major worldwide industry. Hardware and software designers, and manufacturers and the peripheral equipment industry compete for our loyalty and dollars - there is a constant stream of changes, upgrades, and new products. Some of these are useful, timely, and intriguing - others questionable for a senior community or

PC Center. (We hope you are a regular reader of former Workshop Manager Norm Salzberg's column in the *Globe*. Norm Salzberg provides excellent information about the advances, innovations, and industry trends.) Our PC Club Board and staff tries to remain current in terms of our knowledge, but is saying "not so fast" when it comes to adopting any change that will impact the two facilities, and our course or program offerings. (Again, your chance to express an opinion is coming in our survey.) Questions are welcome anytime, and can be sent by email (see the club's web site, www.thepcclub.org).

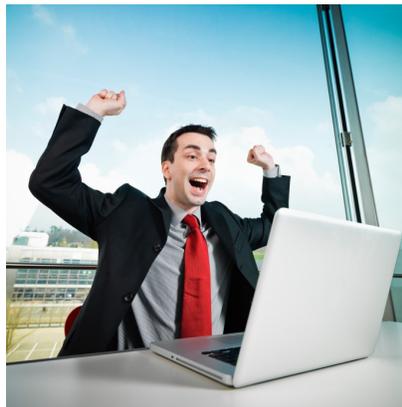
Membership renewal - The PC Club's membership renewal season begins with our fall class enrollment on September 10th. You can renew (or join) anytime now and are in good standing through December, 2012. Please support the PC Club. This defrays our considerable expenses. (**The equipment and operation is not fully subsidized by GRF.**) All staff members are, of course, **VOLUNTEERS** and receive no compensation for the hours they invest in our endeavors.



Annual Election - The PC Club's annual election will be held on Monday, November 21st at our regular (and final 2011) monthly meeting at Clubhouse 3. If you have an interest in or questions about a Board position, please contact me at bob511@comline.com. We are very interested in hearing from you.

PC security vis-à-vis using the internet has never been more important. (Norm Salzberg writes about this regularly and we discuss it in every course.) You must ensure that you have current, robust security software (preferably a suite such as Norton, Kaspersky, Trend Micro, AVG, etc.) and use it properly. Also know how and when to install the updates for your applications, especially Microsoft's Windows. You'll normally receive those patches and upgrades on Tuesday and/or Wednesday. Be sure to pay attention to these!

And remember - Backup, backup, backup!



If you haven't heard or read about it yet, ***free wi-fi internet access is now available in all the Clubhouses*** and will eventually be installed at the Village Library next to Clubhouse 1. Take your tablet, notebook, or netbook (or Kindle or Nook Reader) everywhere you go and keep up!

Bob Sellards, President

Meet Our Volunteers

Nancy Bellitto was born and raised in a small, rural town in Michigan. She was the first of five girls in her family. After completing high school, she went to live with an aunt in Milwaukee where she could attend a vocational school (she studied how to plan jobs and tasks). After vocational school, Nancy went on the college to study planning as a career. In Milwaukee, Nancy also met and married her husband (originally from St. Louis). In 1951, Nancy and her husband moved to California where the first of their three children were born.



Nancy worked for McDonnell Douglas in Long Beach for 31 years. She was in management in the Engineering Planning Department. While working for McDonnell Douglas, Nancy was introduced to the use of computers at the time that IBM punch cards were in use. Her job with Douglas also gave her a few opportunities for travel: twice to Italy, twice to Toronto, Canada, once to Denver, and 30 days in Georgia. Nancy retired in 1994 after 31 years of service with McDonnell Douglas and, at that time, moved to Laguna Woods Village.

After moving to Laguna Woods Village, Nancy volunteered as a Greeter on Tuesday mornings when the PC Club's operations were located in Clubhouse 2. Nancy said that she learned most of what she knows about computers while working as a Greeter - how to use the computer and the language that goes along with it.

Nancy serves the PC Club as the club's Secretary and is still a Greeter on Tuesday mornings. If you stop by on a Tuesday morning, you can be sure that she will brighten your day. Nancy does a wonderful job for the PC Club in both her capacities and is one of the most "encouraging" persons I've known!

Shirley Szalkowski
Newsletter Editor

Workshop News

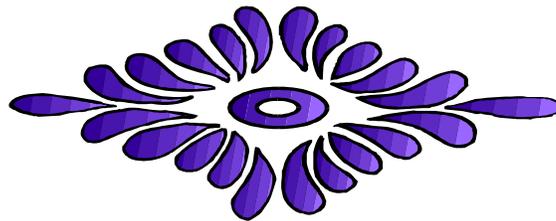
We're starting to make some changes in the workshop. All of the Vista computers have been converted to Windows 7. We've ordered seven more new Windows 7 computers to replace the aging and slow Windows XP computers. Microsoft is limiting its support of Windows XP, so it's a good time to upgrade. We have added 10 new high-back chairs to replace some of the older chairs.

Have you noticed an increase in speed when you access the Internet? Our friends at West Coast Internet have upgraded our access to the new higher speed. It makes the internet and mail much faster for everyone using the Workshop. Our next step is to upgrade the wireless router which will allow faster access to our laptop users.

Keep in mind that the Workshop is staffed by volunteers. They try their best to help everyone, but sometimes they don't have all of the answers. Please be patient when they're helping other users. We try to help everyone as soon as possible, but sometimes there are delays. Being a volunteer is a very rewarding experience. We are always looking for new members for our team. If you would like to explore the possibility of being a supervisor or a greeter, please contact me at 949-382-1831 or at winequest@gmail.com.

The workshop is open to all residents of the village. You don't have to be a PC Club member. When you enter the Workshop you are required to show your ID card and sign in. We look forward to your next visit!

John Huber, Vice President &
Workshop Supervisor



COMPUTER CLASSES

Registration for Computer Classes is Saturday, September 10, and Monday, September 12, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the **PC Learning Center**.

SIGs and some Walk-in Classes will be conducted each month the rest of this year. Information for these will be found in the usual places when available: The *Globe*, Channel 6, the PC Workshop, and on our website, www.thepcclub.org.

2011 SOUTHWEST COMPUTER CONFERENCE



We went down on the train – wow! If you’ve never been on the train to San Diego you should absolutely try at least one trip. No hassles with traffic, polite attendants, free coffee or water and pastries and of course, the Southern California countryside was at its very best and most beautiful.

The Town and Country Hotel and Conference Center were a lovely surprise. I must tell you I don’t think I’ve ever seen a more beautiful setting: roses in full bloom, trellises over walkways, hidden pagodas, fountains of sparkling water, comfortable seating in tented areas, swimming pool and Jacuzzi. I’ve been to many conferences and conventions and honestly they are all built for people to work hard and not get distracted.

After we registered, we picked up our all-purpose conference bag (courtesy of Microsoft Store) full of goodies (stocked with the usual miscellaneous introductory cards, DVDs, and schedules) and then it was time for dinner. Each meal had a speaker who gave us a preview of what we could expect from his group/company. Many times the speaker would give out raffle tickets at the beginning of the meal for a free product from their company. It kept us at the tables. Some of the noteworthy speakers who gave presentations were representatives of computer clubs from Arizona, California, Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah.



Sing2Learn is a fun and effective way of learning another language using songs. To share this fun and effective way of learning, *Sing2Learn*’s team has created a step-by-step process that will help you learn a new language gradually. Imagine how much easier life would be without language barriers. (www.sing2learn.com)

One of my favorite presenters was **Abby Stokes**. She has written a fun book, “**Is This Thing On?**” Abby tells how she successfully taught her mother how to use the computer and realized that she had a talent for teaching older people. She just threw away the old adage, “**You can’t teach an old dog new tricks**”. Now she teaches courses in basic computing at New York University’s School of Lifelong Learning, and gives seminars and personal instruction around the country. (www.abbyandme.com)

The LWVPC Club is the largest Club in our Region; I encourage members to consider attending the 19th Annual Conference in 2012. It will again be in San Diego and probable dates are June 1-3. Details should be available in March. For a recap of the 2011 Conference and many other useful articles about computing, click this link to the Association of PC User Groups. <http://reports.apcug.org/2011q3/32.htm>

Just a reminder: If you forward emails, remember to **delete** the original sender and **bcc** your friends.

Shelley Finnerty
Assistant Newsletter Editor



NEW MEMBERS

Robin Frantz Ahrens
Muriel Asch
Susan Batchelor
Donna Braverman
James Brown
Terry Bruckshen
Patricia Burr
Tobi Canin
Ruth Davis
Ruth De Voge
Philip S Donabed
Paul Drockton
Jean Ellsworth
Mary Feitlin
Pat Fielder
Vickie Forrest
Jacky Garren
Theodore Georgious
Gabriele Grasse
Ralph Guastafarro
Dolores Hall
Jackie Hogan
Neil Hollingsworth
Tommy Hou
Dale Knapp

Shu Mei Lebowitz
Shirley Lefkowitz
Shoshana Lesser
Iris Y Lewis
Beverly Loney
Celeste McAdam
Gene McNicholas
Harlen Monfort
Sharon Monfort
John J Moran
Ellen Mugg
Susie Orr
Diane Phelps
Carol Price
Joyce Rood
Rhoda Rosen
Leanore Saks
Joan Santora
Gary Simpson
Joey Sims
Denne Soderling
Judith Troutman
Gabrielle L Wening
Lillian Winkler
Diane Young

**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.

**JOIN OR RENEW NOW - MEMBERSHIP
GOOD UNTIL DECEMBER, 2012**

LWVPC Club (Laguna Woods Village PC Club) \$10 (expires December 31, 2012)

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

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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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