Just a reminder the Community Center along with the PC Club workshop is closed today due to construction.  We will reopen Monday May 13 at 10 AM.

**Membership**

Two years ago, the Club changed its membership period from a calendar year to a 12-month year.  Therefore, your membership expires 12 months from your renewal date.  Currently we have over 250 members with expired memberships between January 2019 and today. As a member you receive a discount for classes, Special Interest Groups are free, you are eligible for drawings at our monthly meetings and you can attend the Annual Picnic and Dinner at a reduced price.   If you are unsure if your membership has expired, you have 3 options to check.

          Log into your account in Proclass and check the membership tab

          Stop by the workshop and ask the greeter to confirm if you have an active membership

          Email membershipchair@thepcclub.org and ask if your membership has expired.

The cost of membership is $10.00 per 12 months, and the club relies on membership to support the operation of the workshop and the learning center.  We appreciate your support

**May Monthly Meeting – Tuesday May 14th CH 7 - 7 PM**

Our next and last monthly meeting until September will be held on Tuesday May 14th in Clubhouse 7 starting at 7 PM.   The topic is Introduction to the Chromebook and will be presented by one of our Supervisors / Instructor JR Davis.   If you are considering purchasing a new inexpensive, easy to use computer [come to the meeting to learn more about it.   Click on the attached](https://reg134.imperisoft.com/Pages/System/File.aspx?id2=526)May14 PC Club Meeting Flyer to learn more information.

**Genealogy Software in the Workshop**

The Laguna Woods PC Club is pleased to announce that we have purchased multiple copies of Family Tree Maker desktop software program, V2017. No longer included in Ancestry.com’s product line, it has been updated, revitalized and made available by a popular software producer.  It is again highly regarded and widely used by Genealogists and Family History Researchers. (see below) We will be installing it on Learning Center PCs, plus several in the Workshop for those who would like to take a “test drive.”

Then, as part of our Education Department’s activities, we will begin an on-going Study Group for users who want to explore and utilize the many excellent features of this program. Stay tuned; more information will soon be available on our website, in the Workshop and in our future weekly messages.  To explore some of the many features, tools and benefits of Family Tree Maker 2017, visit this website: <https://www.mackiev.com/ftm/>

**Education Survey**

Jack Schnabel our education chair wants to hear from the membership regarding classes and sigs.  Using Survey Monkey, Jack has put together a survey for the membership to find out what are the education interest of the membership.  You should have received an email survey from Educationchair@thepccluborg.  Please take a few minutes to answer the questions and submit your response.  This is your club lets offer the education you want.

**Genealogy and Family Hist Research Forum Sig**

**Tuesday May 21st10 AM repeats Wednesday May 22nd 1:30 PM**

**PC Club Learning Center - Led by Bob Sellards**

**Free to PC Club Member - $10.00 to Non-Members**

Topics will include: Using Family Search Wiki: Marriage & Revolutionary War Records, Recordkeeping, using Historic and more. Any resident interested in, or actively engaged in Genealogy or Family History research should attend these quarterly meetings to advance your knowledge and learn research sources and techniques. Be sure to bring your questions, suggestions and tips, list of favorite web sites, software issues, etc. Seating is limited – you must Register for this SIG.

Register in the Workshop or online at <https://www.thepcclub.org/> (click on Class Registration in the left-hand margin)  for more information contact Bob Sellards at publicity@thepcclub.org.

Have a great week and see you at the Monthly meeting

As always thanks for being a member

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