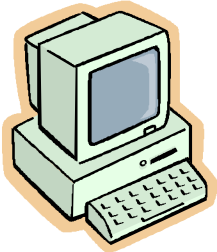


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Lab Closed 7-31 thru 8-13

The Prez Sez...

By Lyn Morse

In case you need a reminder, the computer lab is closed from July 31 until Monday, August 14. We don't know what the new carpet will look like as it was not chosen by us, but the price was right for the club. You know: no cost.

Hopefully by now you've picked up your new membership card. If not, you can stop by during open lab any day the lab is not closed to get it. If you are a new member, you have your temporary card that will be replaced by the new one within two weeks. That always depends upon whether the person making the new list and printing the labels for the cards is in town or not.

We've had to change meeting dates for Let's Compute; the Association Board took our fourth Tuesday of the month for the Association general meetings. As a result, General Meetings for Let's Compute will now be on the **THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**, still at 2:00 in Speaker's Hall.

Board meetings will also have to



Identify/Computer Fraud

These are topics of great interest to all of us. There are three documents, one extremely long, and one PowerPoint presentation you might find informative. Because of their length and format, they will be available to you on our website. Kent said to look for them after the first of the month

be changed, and that information will be in the September Bits and Bytes since we will not have had a Board meeting until after this issue "goes to press."

There are a couple of new classes coming your way, so you might be watching for those. Taking classes during the summer months is definitely to your advantage with class size being small. The downside to this is that classes do get canceled if not enough people sign up. So, if there is a class you want to take, don't plan on just dropping in without signing up - it may have been canceled due to lack of names. The other side of this coin is, if you sign up, and find that you cannot attend, PLEASE call that teacher and let them know.



Internet SIG

By Kent McDonald

The July 11 Internet SIG meeting was well attended, despite the summer heat that motivates some of our members to travel in search of humidity and mosquitos. Attendees introduced themselves and some told of living here for only 6 months and others as long as 13 years.

The club's new Xerox Phaser 8500 color printer was demonstrated for all to see the speed and print quality now available at every computer station in the lab. This printer is designed to hold more supplies so that we will not need to refill it as often as we had to with the ink jet printers. Although it resembles a laser printer in speed and reliability, it actually uses solid ink rather than toner.

Kerry Greene showed us how Google Maps has recently updated the satellite imagery for SCPD. He also "flew" over the

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surrounding area to show how much development is underway around us. If you mark your home location as a default center on the map, it makes the navigation easier when you are trying to locate streets or get driving directions. One interesting building nearby is a museum of fire engines and associated equipment. Who would have known? Go to FireMemories.org to get more information.

Kerry alerted everyone to the news that Microsoft has now ended all support for Windows 98 and Windows ME. They have also announced that support for Widows XP will only last for two years after the release of Vista which is expected in mid 2007.

For everyone who needs to get details about almost any topic, the Wikipedia free-encyclopedia web site www.wikipedia.org is a marvelous resource. It is rapidly overtaking the conventional encyclopedias which don't keep current with changes.

Some members complained that their Time Warner Road-Runner service has been failing in the hot weather. Apparently the cables are deteriorating with age. We anticipate that there will be competitive bids from Verizon, Digital Streets and Time Warner for service beginning next April when the current contract with Time Warner expires.

Next month, the topic of discussion will be Internet browsers: The inside story about Firefox versus Internet Explorer.

Watch for an email with information on the date of the next ISIG.



COMIC LIFE

There's a new program in town
by Lyn Morse

I've found a new program (toy) to play with on my computer! As far as making photo album sheets, it's the greatest thing since sliced bread! It's an inexpensive program called Comic Life, currently only for the Mac, but the developer tells me they hope to have the PC version out before Christmas. What a stocking stuffer!

Okay, so what does this program do? Well, you can make comic books with it, using your own photographs and adding different kinds of dialog balloons to them. I mean, like the comic books we grew up with – you know, multiple cartoon boxes or panels on each page, with all those BAM and BOOM and YIKES and..... balloons on them.

Or, like me, you can make wonderful photo album sheets. How about this? On the Mac, it links itself to iPhoto so you can pull photos from the albums you have created there. You open a blank 'page', choose from a wide variety of page templates and simply drag it onto that blank.

The page templates have various sizes of forms or shapes that you drag your photo into, and the photo takes that shape. You can drag the photo around inside

the shape to get just the part of the photo you're really interested in. You can resize the photo, but here you need to be careful that you don't wind up with white space.

And did I mention *fast*! Depending upon how fast your fingers are on the keyboard, and whether you're happy with your first efforts, you're ready to print in five to ten minutes.

There's a lot more to the program than this, but right now I'm so hung up on the photo album sheets that the others will have to wait a bit. If you would like to see some examples, check them out in the computer lab.

Yes, watch for it on the class schedule!

Their website is plasq.com

New Word Class Linking Text Boxes

By Jan Grenert

This is a new class for the advanced students. You will learn how to create text boxes and link them so the data can flow back and forth between the them as they are adjusted in size. This flexibility allows interesting placement of text.

Student will also learn how to copy images from the internet and incorporate them into the document.

It's always fun to learn a new feature of Word.

There is a sample of the finished document in the #2 notebook. Take a look to see if you are interest before you sign up.

The class will be held on August 17 at 3:00 p.m.

August Schedule of Classes

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>BOOK</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>
Aug. 1 – 13 CLOSED for CARPET REPLACEMENT					
Mon	Aug. 14	10 - 2	Open Lab		
Tues	Aug. 15	9:00	Beginning Quicken (Mac)	1	Betsy Lewis
		2 – 3:50	Comic Life (Mac) New Class	1	Lyn Morse
		4:00	Burning Music CDs from iTunes	1	Lyn Morse
Wed	Aug. 16	2:00	Using & Managing Bookmarks and Favorites (PC & Mac)	7	Shelia Harbet
		3:00	Surfing and Search engines	7	Shelia Harbet
Thurs	Aug. 17	3 – 4:30	Linking Text Boxes – New Class	2	Jan Grenert
Fri	Aug. 18	10 - 2	Open Lab		
Sat	Aug. 19	10 - 12	Open Lab		
Mon	Aug. 21	8 – 9:30	Comic Life- (Mac) New Class-repeat	1	Lyn Morse
		2:00	Managing Your Desktop/Shortcuts (PC)	3	Shelia Harbet
		3:00	Understanding Your Mac	1	Shirley Allan
Tues	Aug. 22	9:00	Beginning Quicken (Mac)	1	Betsy Lewis
Wed	Aug. 23	10 - 2	Open Lab		
		2 - 4	Word 1 and 2	2	Shirley Celli
Thurs	Aug. 24	10 - 2	Open Lab		
		2 – 4	Word 3 and 3.5	2	Shirley Celli
Fri	Aug. 25	10 - 2	Open Lab		
Sat	Aug. 26	10 -12	Open Lab		
Mon	Aug. 28	3:00	Safari to the Internet (Mac)	1	Shirley Allan
Tues	Aug. 29	10 - 2	Open Lab		
Wed	Aug. 30	10 - 2	Open Lab		
Thur	Aug 31	10 - 2	Open Lab		

August Classes Listed Alphabetically

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Beginning Quicken – Mac	8-15	9:00	Understanding Your Mac	8-21	3:00
Beginning Quicken – Mac	8-22	9:00	Using & Managing Bookmarks for PC & Mac	8-16	2:00
Burning Music CDs (Mac)	8-15	4:00			
Comic Life - Mac	8-15	2:00+	Word Series - PC		
Comic Life – Mac	8-21	8:00+	<u>Shirley Celli Beginning Word</u>		
			1 Creating a Basic Letter	8-23	2:00
Managing Your Desktop and Shortcuts PC-Mac	8-21	2:00	2 Revising a Basic Letter	8-23	3:00
			3 More business letter basics	8-24	2:00
			3.5 Envelopes and Labels	8-24	3:00
Safari to the Internet – Mac	8-28	3:00	<u>Jan Grenert Advanced Word</u>		
Surfing and Search Engines	8-16	3:00	Linking Text Boxes	8-17	3+

August General Club Information

INTERNET SIG

Announcement via email

WINDOWS SIG

No meeting in August

DIGITAL SIG

No meeting in August

Meeting Schedule

Or lack there of..

BOARD MEETING

Announcement via email

MAC SIG

No meeting in August

GENERAL MEETING

No meeting in August

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August Monitor and Open Lab Schedule

Lab Closed July 31 to August 13			
Date		Time	Time
		10-12	12-2
14-Aug	Mon	F. Diaz	B. Crowley
15-Aug	Tue	S. Cronin	H. Reese
16-Aug	Wed	C. Voelker	D. Feign
17-Aug	Thu	B. Osborn	C. Chu
18-Aug	Fri		J. Manion
19-Aug	Sat	L. Rowe	
21-Aug	Mon	F. Diaz	B. Crowley
22-Aug	Tue	S. Cronin	H. Reese
23-Aug	Wed	C. Voelker	D. Feign
24-Aug	Thu	B. Osborn	S. Plotkin
25-Aug	Fri		J. Manion
26-Aug	Sat	L. Rowe	
28-Aug	Mon	F. Diaz	B. Crowley
29-Aug	Tue	S. Cronin	H. Reese
30-Aug	Wed	C. Voelker	D. Feign
31-Aug	Thu	The Kaczorowskis	

Committee Chairs

Betsy Lewis	Audit Committee
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