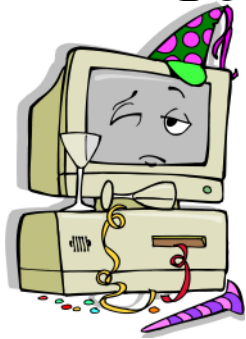


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General Meeting - January 22

The Prez Sez...

Lyn Morse

Welcome to 2008, which just happens to be the Year of the Rat! Goggle 'Chinese Zodiac'



and read all about the characteristics of people born in Year of the Rat;

you don't have to believe it, but it's fun.

2008 - one of those unique years on the calendar. Yep, Leap Year is upon us again. One extra day to play on the computer! Did you just smile?

I hope each of you had a warm and wonderful Hanukkah and Christmas. When I stop to reflect on the Holiday Season, it seems that ending a year with these celebrations is a true acknowledgment of the blessings of the year that is coming to a conclusion.

December 18 brought a new experience to Let's Compute.

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By Howard Reese

General Meeting Program will be presented by CyberDefender Early Detection Center™ 2.0

Carolina Sanabria will be the presenter at the General Meeting on January 22, at 2:00 in Speakers Hall. Learn how to protect your computer and your identity against these threats: ☹️ Spyware, ☹️ Viruses, ☹️ Malware, ☹️ Adware, ☹️ Phishing scams ☹️ Spam

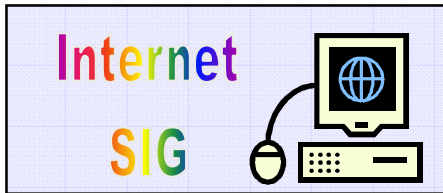
CyberDefender Early Detection Center 2.0. is an inclusive security software suite and an all-in-one weapon against serious Internet threats that can damage your PC, compromise your identity, steal money from online accounts and make your Web experience a nightmare.

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The CyberDefender Corporation is a public California Corporation, which provides Internet security services to consumers and small businesses through its proprietary patent pending Web 2.0 security platform.



Looking for a home for your old computer, scanner, fax or other equipment? Don't just dump them or - worse yet - leave them in the computer room. Your old computer can become a wonderful gift for a child in the East Valley. Shelia Harbet will pick up the equipment, refurbish it and donate it to one of the schools in Mecca. Shelia donates her time and labor to help those kids. Call Shelia at 360-7146.



A near SRO group of 26 attendees came to share knowledge about the Internet.

Kent McDonald offered some memorable Computer/Internet items like the free AOL discs offering 40 hours for only \$19.95.

A discussion centered on how to access your email when traveling. One suggestion was to set up a G-mail account that could be easily accessed away from home.

The question of how to check Internet connection speed was answered by Kerry Greene, who demonstrated a couple of ways to check an individual's connect speed using DSL Reports and Speedtest.net. Download speeds of 4 to 5.5 KB should be the norm for most good broadband services here at SCPD.

An attendee asked how to use the IOGear he had won at the last Computer Club meeting. Its function is to connect several computers to the same monitor, but he needed some information on how to utilize his "prize."

Kerry Greene used his own Road Runner email account to demonstrate how to get a second email address.

A discussion centered on how to transfer large files, prohibitive by most ISP standards. One suggestion was to buy server space from GoDaddy, a Domain registration company,

Thanks to Pat Palladino for taking notes for this report.

The next ISIG will be Jan 8, at 7:00 p.m.

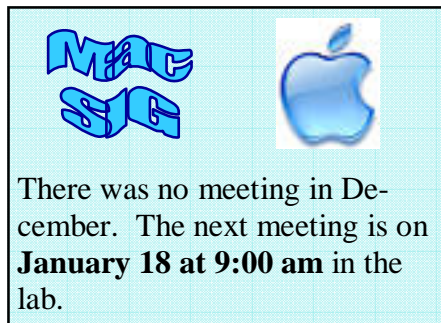


By Jan Grenert

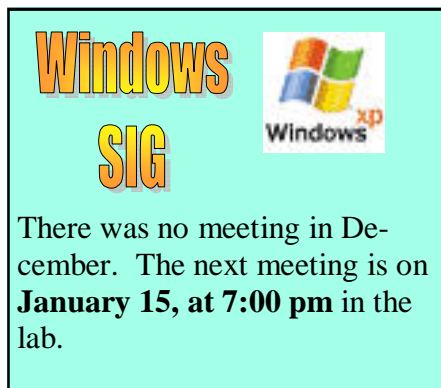
Liz Ferrel planned to present a demonstration of the Pinnacle Studio 11 software program that she uses to record the Association Board Meetings. However, due to a unknown glitch in the lab, Liz had to revert to a previous version of the program for the evening. No matter, she was able to show us the program's basic features and how they could be used for personal movie productions. There were lots of special effects with text, a selection of backgrounds, transitions and music.

Once in a while, the best planned SIG demo doesn't go as planned, but the efforts of the presenter are greatly appreciated by the group! Thanks, Liz.

Next meeting - Jan. 9, 7:00 pm



There was no meeting in December. The next meeting is on **January 18 at 9:00 am** in the lab.



There was no meeting in December. The next meeting is on **January 15, at 7:00 pm** in the lab.



By Al Savlowitz

Due in a large part to the upcoming holiday season, only three people showed up at the SIG. Rather than cancel the meeting, we had a short discussion on speakers and receivers. Everyone extended best wishes for the holidays and the meeting adjourned.

The planned topic of "Speakers 101" will be rescheduled for **the next meeting on January 17, at 7:00 pm**

Been Locked out?



Have you ever showed up for a class and found the door locked?

This can and does happen when members show up for a class, but have not put their name on the Signup Sheet.



When a teacher is ill or cannot hold the class, he or she will call those members who have signed up

and added their phone numbers to let them know that the class has been cancelled. There may even be a sign on the door.

Don't forget, we are all volunteers, we are all human and we all appreciate your patience and understanding.

(Cough, cough)

Class Information from the Instructors

AppleWorks and Leopard

by Shirley Allan

I know many of you are AppleWorks users but have not yet upgraded to the Leopard operating system (OS 10.5) for fear you would lose some ability to use older applications. You don't need to worry about AppleWorks as it runs on Leopard, with two caveats.

The AppleWorks Journal staff ran two days of tests on A/W word processing, spreadsheet, database, drawing, painting and presentation with AppleWorks 6.2.9 including mail merge, charting, tables and text wrap features.

They couldn't detect any speed difference between Tiger and Leopard but found two problems. First, don't use the Recent Items menu as it causes AppleWorks to "unexpectedly quit." The work around is to quit AppleWorks and delete the Recent Items folder following this path: **H D > U s e r > Y o u r Name > Documents > AppleWorks Users Data > Starting Points**. But since AppleWorks will recreate Recent Items when you display the Recent Items window under Leopard you should turn it off in **AppleWorks > Preferences > General > Files**.

Lastly, with AppleWorks running change your preferences so AppleWorks doesn't automatically open the Starting Points window. **AppleWorks > Preferences > General > At Startup, show > Nothing**. The second was a lost personal dictionary, the one where you add your own words.

Many of you have never used this option but if you have, the work around is to open a new

word processing document and go to **Edit > Writing tools > Select Dictionaries**. Select the User Dictionary and click on Choose. Click on Done and you should be good to go again.

Windows Vista – Essentials

by Ron Ehrens

In January 2007, Microsoft released the latest version of the Windows operating system called "Vista". Windows Vista represents one of the largest software development projects ever attempted. It took over 5000 developers and tens of thousands testers world wide over a five year period to develop Windows Vista. Vista came to the market with a lot of fan fare, controversy and skepticism. As of mid year 2007, over 40 million copies of Windows Vista have been sold. Most new Windows based computers are now being sold with Vista as the standard. The lab has upgraded the PCs to run on the Vista operating system.

A "Windows Vista – Essentials" course is now being offered as a series of three classes. The course is geared to demystify Vista, show the changes and major improvements as well as show you the really powerful new features which have been added. The course provides information on: What is Vista, What's New in Vista and How to Use Windows effectively in general as well new features. A Hands On lab is included. In addition, you will learn: how to customize Windows, work with media (photos, music, video), create backups on a CD or DVD , compatibility issues, computer security, Internet access, home Networking and improving computer performance.

There are many new "killer" ap-

plications and features which are covered in the course. These include the extremely powerful new document and program search capabilities, easier printing, email, Photo Gallery, Media Center, DVD and Movie creator. If you are thinking about getting a new computer or already have a new computer with Vista, this course will help in making the transition to Vista as well as making you more productive and helping you to have more fun with computing.

Starting in January, new material on computer security threats, identifying threats, home networking and sharing have been added to the class.

A happy, healthy, productive computing, and computer security threat free New Year to all.

Create a Photo Calendar

New Class By Lyn Morse

Are you looking for something else to do with all those great photos you have? Want to give a special gift that brings back memories each month? Then you want to take the new class offering "Create a Photo Calendar."

We'll go through the steps of how to set up each month with special dates and symbols, even colored text. Next is choosing the photos for that month and putting a text line beneath them.

Then it's a simple upload to Apple; your calendar usually arrives within 10 days.

PC people, you're welcome to the class also. After you learn how to make a calendar, you can always come in and use the Macs in the lab and still have your PC at home. What a deal!

January Class Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME	CLASS	BOOK	TEACHER
Tues	Jan. 1		Holiday – Lab Closed		
Wed	Jan. 2	9:00	Begin PC: Intro & Working w/Programs (1/5)	3	Jim Calvert
		1:00	Begin PC: Intro & Working w/Programs (1/5) (repeat of 9 am series)	3	Jim Calvert
		2:00	Begin Mac 1: Terms & Basics	1	Shirley Allan
Thur	Jan. 3	9:00	Building Dynamic Web Sites (PC & Mac)	13	Ken Ruggles
		1:00	Burning CDs with Vista	9	Jim Calvert
		3 – 4:30	Word 4 (PC)	2	Jan Grenert
Fri	Jan. 4	1 – 2:50	Computer Banking	8	Frank Gombos
		4:00	PrintShop Greeting Cards (1/4)(PC)	4	Doris Keniry
Sat	Jan. 5		Open Lab 10:00 to 12:00		
Mon	Jan. 7	1:00	Elements 4: Intro. (1/5)(PC)	14	Jim Calvert
		2:00	Begin Mac 2: System Preferences	1	Shirley Allan
		3:00	Windows XP Basics (1) – Start Menu Settings & Options	3	Kerry Greene
Tues	Jan. 8	9:00	Begin PC: Keyboard Features (2/5)	3	Jim Calvert
		1:00	Elements 4: Photo Correction (2/5) (PC)	14	Jim Calvert
		2 – 3:50	Online Photos/Costco (PC & Mac)	13	Lyn Morse
		4:00	Windows XP Basics (2) – Task Bar Settings & Quick Launch Toolbar	3	Kerry Greene
		7:00	Internet SIG		Lab
Wed.	Jan. 9	1:00	Begin PC: Keyboard Features (2/5) (repeat of Tues.)	3	Jim Calvert
		2:00	Begin Mac 3: Keeping Mac Happy	1	Shirley Allan
		3:00	Windows XP Basics (3) – Windows Settings & Options	3	Kerry Greene
		7:00	Digital SIG		Lab
Thur	Jan. 10	9:00	Building Dynamic Web Sites (PC/Mac)	13	Ken Ruggles
		1:00	Elements 4: Remove Unwanted Parts (3/5) (PC)	14	Jim Calvert
		3 – 4:30	Word 5 (Part 1) (PC)	2	Jan Grenert
Fri	Jan. 11	8 – 9:50	Comic Life (Mac)	1	Lyn Morse
		1:00	Elements 4: Improving Portraits (4/5)(PC)	14	Jim Calvert
		2 – 4:50	Before Usng iPhoto (Mac)	1	Lyn Morse
Sat	Jan. 12		Open Lab 10:00 to 12:00		
Mon	Jan. 14	1 – 2:50	Windows Vista (1/3)	3	Ron Ehrens
		3:00	Calling Cards (Mac)	1	Shirley Allan
		4:00	PrintShop Greeting Cards (2/4)(PC)	4	Doris Keniry
Tues	Jan. 15	9:00	Begin PC: Files & Folders (3/5)	3	Jim Calvert
		1:00	Elements 4: Downloading Photos (5/5)(PC)	14	Jim Calvert
		3:00	Windows XP Basics (4) – Windows Settings & Options for Security	3	Kerry Greene
		7:00	Windows SIG		Lab

January Class Schedule

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>BOOK</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>
Wed	Jan. 16	9:00	File Folders & Maintenance (PC)	12	Charlie Voelker
		1:00	Begin PC: Files & Folders (3/5) (repeat of Tues.)	3	Jim Calvert
		2:00	Lists & Labels (Mac)	1	Shirley Allan
		3:00	Windows XP Basics (5) Back Up Your Files to a CD	3	Kerry Greene
Thur	Jan. 17	9:00	Board Meeting		
		9:00	Building Dynamic Web Sites (PC/Mac)	13	Ken Ruggles
		1 – 2:50	Photo calendar – iPhoto (Mac)	1	Lyn Morse
		3 – 4:30	Word 5 (Part 2) (PC)	2	Jan Grenert
		7:00	Audio/Video SIG		Lab
Fri	Jan. 18	9:00	MAC SIG		Lab
		1:30–2:50	PowerPoint (PC)	13	Barbara Kaye
		3:00	Internet Explorer 7 – What's New and How it Works	7	Kerry Greene
		4:00	PrintShop Greeting Cards (3/4)(PC)	4	Doris Keniry
Sat	Jan. 19		Open Lab 10:00 to 12:00		
Mon	Jan. 21	1 – 2:50	Windows Vista (2/3)	3	Ron Ehrens
		3 – 4:50	Art on the Mac	1	Shirley Allan
Tues	Jan. 22	9:00	Begin PC: Additional Skills (4/5)	3	Jim Calvert
		2:00	General Meeting		Speakers Hall
Wed	Jan. 23	1:00	Begin PC: Additional Skills (4/5) (repeat of Tues.)	3	Jim Calvert
		2 – 3:50	Fonts, Accents, Characters (Mac)	1	Shirley Allan
Thur	Jan. 24	9:00	Building Dynamic Web Sites (PC/Mac)	13	Ken Ruggles
		1:00	Elements #6 (PC)	14	Jim Calvert
		2:00	Tips & Tricks (PC)	3	Shelia Harbet
		3 – 4:30	Linking Text Boxes in Word(PC)	2	Jan Grenert
Fri	Jan. 25	1:00	Elements #7 (PC)	14	Jim Calvert
		2 – 3:50	Intro to Mac 10.5 Leopard	1	Lou Shapiro
		4:00	PrintShop Greeting Cards (4/4)(PC)	4	Doris Keniry
Sat	Jan. 26		Open Lab 10:00 to 12:00		
Mon	Jan. 28	1 – 2:50	Windows Vista (3/3)	3	Ron Ehrens
		3:00	Text Edit (Mac)	1	Shirley Allan
		7:00	Teachers & Monitors Meeting		Sunset View
Tues	Jan. 29	9:00	Begin PC: Mail & Internet (5/5)	3	Jim Calvert
		1:00	Elements #8 (PC)	14	Jim Calvert
Wed	Jan. 30	9:00	Word: Labels & Business Cards (Mac)	1	Helene Barker
		1:00	Begin PC: Mail & Internet (5/5) (repeat of Tues.)	3	Jim Calvert
		2:00	Images on Folders & in e-Mail (Mac)	1	Shirley Allan
Thur	Jan. 31	1:00	Elements #9 (PC)	14	Jim Calvert

January Class Listed Alphabetically

<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Art on the Mac	1-21	3:00+	Leopard – Introduction to Mac	1-25	2:00+
AUDIO/VIDEO SIG	1-17	7:00pm	Lists and Labels	1-16	2:00
<u>Beginning Mac series</u>			MAC SIG		
1 Terms and Basics	1-2	2:00	1-18	9:00	
2 System Preferences	1-7	2:00	Online Photos to Costco	1-8	2:00+
3 Keeping Mac Happy	1-9	2:00	<u>PhotoShop Elements – PC</u>		
<u>Beginning PC series</u>			Introduction	1-7	1:00
1 Intro/Work with Programs	1-2	9:00	Photo Correction	1-8	1:00
1 Intro/Work with Programs (R)	1-2	1:00	Remove Unwanted	1-10	1:00
2 Keyboard Features	1-8	9:00	Improve Portraits	1-11	1:00
2 Keyboard Features (Repeat)	1-9	1:00	Downloading Photos	1-15	1:00
3 Files and Folders	1-15	9:00	Elements # 6	1-24	1:00
3 Files and Folders (Repeat)	1-16	1:00	Elements # 7	1-25	1:00
4 Additional Skills	1-22	9:00	Elements # 8	1-29	1:00
4 Additional Skills (Repeat)	1-23	1:00	Elements # 9	1-31	1:00
5 Mail and Internet	1-29	9:00	PowerPoint	1-18	1:30+
5 Mail and Internet (Repeat)	1-29	1:00	<u>PrintShop Greeting Cards</u>		
BOARD MEETING	1-17	9:00	Session 1 –	1-4	4:00
<u>Building Dynamic Websites Series</u>			Session 2	1-14	4:00
A continuation from December			Session 3	1-18	4:00
Session 9	1-3	9:00	Session 4	1-25	4:00
Session 10	1-10	9:00	Text Edit – Mac	1-28	3:00
Session 11	1-17	9:00	Tips & Tricks – PC	1-24	2:00
Session 12	1-24	9:00	Windows SIG		
Burning CDs with Vista	1-3	1:00	1-15 7:00		
Calling Cards - Mac	1-14	3:00	<u>Windows Vista Series</u>		
Comic Life	1-11	8:00+	Session 1 –	1-14	1:00+
Computer Banking	1-4	1:00+	Session 2	1-21	1:00+
DIGITAL SIG			Session 3	1-28	1:00+
File Folders & Maint. – PC	1-16	9:00	Word: Labels/Business Cards-Mac	1-30	9:00
Fonts, Accents, Characters Mac	1-23	3:00+	<u>Word Series - PC - Advanced -</u>		
GENERAL MEETING			Word 4	1-3	3:00+
Images on Folders & e-mails – Mac	1-30	2:00	Word 5, pt. 1	1-10	3:00+
Internet Explorer – What’s New...	1-18	3:00	Word 5, pt. 2	1-17	3:00+
INTERNET SIG			Linking Text Boxes	1-24	3:00+
<u>iPHOTO</u>			<u>XP Basics</u>		
Before iPhoto/Using iPhoto	1-11	2:00+	1 Start Menu settings & options	1-7	3:00
Photo Calendar	1-17	1:00+	2 Task Bar & Quick Launch	1-8	4:00
			3 Settings & options	1-9	3:00
			4 Setting & options for security	1-15	3:00
			5 Back up files to a CD	1-16	3:00

January Monitor and Open Lab Schedule

Time	Date	10-12	12-1
Wed	2-Jan	C. Voelker	P. Palladino
Thu	3-Jan	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
Fri	4-Jan	L. Espinosa	J. Manion
Sat	5-Jan	L. Rowe	
Mon	7-Jan	C. Chu	B. Crowley
Tue	8-Jan	S. Cronin	F. Diaz
Wed	9-Jan	C. Voelker	D. Feign
Thu	10-Jan	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
Fri	11-Jan	The Kaczorowskis	J. Manion
Sat	12-Jan	L. Rowe	
Mon	14-Jan	C. Chu	B. Crowley
Tue	15-Jan	S. Cronin	F. Diaz
Wed	16-Jan	C. Voelker	D. Feign
Thu	17-Jan	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
Fri	18-Jan	The Kaczorowskis	J. Manion
Sat	19-Jan	L. Rowe	
Mon	21-Jan	C. Chu	B. Crowley
Tue	22-Jan	S. Cronin	F. Diaz
Wed	23-Jan	C. Voelker	D. Feign
Thu	24-Jan	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
Fri	25-Jan	L. Espinosa	J. Manion
Sat	26-Jan	L. Rowe	
Mon	28-Jan	C. Chu	B. Crowley
Tue	29-Jan	S. Cronin	F. Diaz
Wed	30-Jan	C. Voelker	D. Feign
Thu	31-Jan	B. Osborn	N. Alpert

The Prez Sez...

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Thanks to Dan Eye of MacGallery, Charles, a representative from Apple, spoke to us about Leopard, Mac's new operating system. It seems Mac users have a learning curve to experience like the Vista users have been experiencing. Keeps the brain waves moving, right?

There were 140 people who attended the presentation. It was open to residents and non-residents. I mostly saw faces I didn't recognize, with a lot of folks asking how they could join Let's Compute. Yes, I saw disappointment when I said our club was for residents only!

MacGalley had great door prizes for us: two Canon Photo Printers, two \$25 gift cards from MacGallery and the drum roll here, please – a 4 GB Nano.

I'd like to thank Lou Shapiro for giving the Canon printer he won to the club. You'll see it installed soon. Yes, you will need to provide your own photo sheets. The lab will not have that available.

The class calendar is full of things for you, including some new class offerings. If you see something that entices you, sign up for the class in the notebook; don't just drop in and expect to have a computer.

Those of you with your new cameras full of photos might want to check out all the classes that have to do with photographs and pick up a few ideas on what to do with them. And a plug here for the Camera Club: you might want to attend one of those meetings to see what it's all about and then spend a ten dollar bill to join. I learn each time I go, and like many of you, I've had a camera since the old box Kodak Brownie as a child.

DVDs for the Troops continues; the box is still inside the door of the lab waiting for your DVDs to be included in the next shipment overseas. If you were at the November general meeting, you might remember I said you could bring them to me at the general meetings. I will give you a ticket for each one you hand me, and I'll have a separate drawing just for those who bring DVDs, with one winner. It's for a good cause!

Happy New Year, to One and All.



JANUARY GENERAL CLUB INFORMATION

INTERNET SIG

Jan. 8, 7:00 pm

DIGITAL SIG

Jan. 9, 7:00 pm

WINDOWS SIG

Jan. 15, 7:00 pm

BOARD MEETING

Jan. 17, 9:00 am



AUDIO/VIDEO SIG

Jan 17, 7:00 pm

MAC SIG

Jan. 18, 9:00 am

GENERAL MEETING

Jan. 22, 2:000 pm

Teacher /Monitor Meeting

Jan. 28, 7:00 pm

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