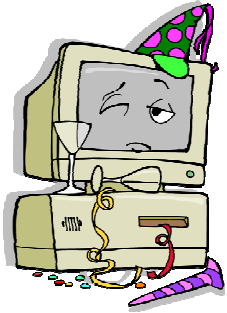


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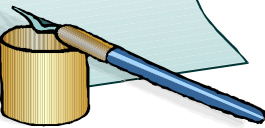
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General Meeting - Jan 24 Speakers Hall - 2:00 PM

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Welcome to 2012!

Another calendar year, and Jan Grenert continues to produce another great Bits and Bytes for us. For those of you who didn't know who the force behind the newsletter is – you now know who to thank for putting it all together. If you enjoy the graphics Jan adds each month, she searches for those to get just the right ones. You really should look at it online – in wonderful color. I do! Thanks, Jan, for your time and dedication to Let's Compute.

This month I have some odds and ends to share with you. Maybe you'll find a tidbit that interests you. Most of these come from a free weekly newspaper, actually called **TIDBITS**, that you can pick up around the Valley – including most weeks in our club-

houses. In stores, they are usually located near check-outs.

One column was entitled **SHOP SAFELY ONLINE** and had advice to use every day we go online:

1st Never shop or conduct a financial transactions on an unsecured wi-fi site. Think coffee houses, libraries, even our club-houses.

2nd Use only secure corporate website to shop. "https" indicates a higher lever of security than "http".

3rd Never send credit-card information via e-mail. Even if you're sending to a friend, it can be 'grabbed' if the person you're sending to opens your e-mail on a smart phone e-mail program that is not secure.

4th Perhaps the most important of all – never use a debt card to shop online. Your VISA and MasterCard is 100% protected – a debit card isn't.

5th This tip is not from TID-BITS, but worth exploring. Looking for a place to eat or something to do? Find out what is available from locals who send reviews to www.yelp.com

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Special Program



Jerry Katler will show an underwater film he made while scuba diving.

Jerry's primary hobby for 32 years was underwater photography.

He was underwater in the Caribbean (Lost count of the times), the Red Sea in Egypt (4 times), Fiji (probably 5 times) Hawaii, Truk Lagoon Micronesia, Palau Micronesia and other great scuba locations.

At that time of those shoots, film was the media used by photographers; digital photography was not up to the same standard of film.

He will be showing a slide video with music. Jerry will also bring a few cameras for the members to see.



Terry Kay, Kent McDonald
and Arlene Faber

With 30 in attendance, Terry Kaye started the meeting by asking for questions. He noted some statistics that show more than 60% of Americans spend long hours looking at electronic devices, sometimes using more than one at the same time.

Businesses are buying increasing numbers of Smart Phones.

Small businesses are increasingly becoming targets of cyberattacks.



There were questions about Google Voice and using it in multiple devices. Terry noted that it may be a function of how you connect the devices to your wireless router. Richard Ravitch uses this product and said you have to configure it online with the Google Voice site. You use the browser to set it up and there is nothing to download on your system. You will also need a phone number issued by Google Voice.

Magic Jack Plus is offering a special for a few days. You do have to pay an annual fee to use it. Vonage is also available now with Indio phone numbers.

Kent McDonald reported that Consumer Reports is saying that passwords are being hacked from sites where your passwords are

stored. The problem seems to be that some systems are not encrypting the stored passwords. The length of the password is most important and recommends at least 8-10 digits, at least one numerical digit, one capital letter and one special character. Avoid using your name, phone number, social security number or address as part of the password.

Kepler-22 is a newly discovered planet outside our solar system that has similar characteristics to Earth in terms of air, soil and water and surface temperature. Life?

Samsung, HTC and Motorola are coming out with new 4G phones. They will cost \$100 more than iPhones and still require a two-year contract.

Hewlett Packard made some touch tablets and then stopped making them. On Sunday they unloaded 7800 of them on eBay at great prices. This crashed PayPal. HP will continue to make PCs.

Google has discontinued 36 products this year. They are planning to release fewer new ventures with more thorough development before release. Google is finding apps (22 so far) on Andoid Market, embedded with malware that bills you as use the app. The bogus charges go to your phone bill.

Asus has come out with a tablet with an optional keyboard. They hook together and work like a laptop. The software for it is not up to par yet.

Many people who already have Android or Blackberry smart phones are buying an Apple iPad tablet computer even though it has a different operating system, incompatible acces-

sories and incompatible apps.

Kindle Fire is on track to sell 4 million units by year end. There is software update coming soon to fix the known bugs. The unit is sold for less than cost but they want the market share.

IPad 3 is due to come out in February with a longer lasting battery. Apple has bought a company that makes flash memory, which should lower their costs.

Kerry Green started by discussing security and passwords. He suggested using an encrypted flash drive if you keep your passwords there. You can set a Microsoft Word document to ask for a password if you want to protect your list of passwords in a Word document. If you store the password list on your laptop it should be protected this way. Do not visit your bank website from a public wi-fi location.

To access your email on the road you will need to remember the password to open the mail program if it is not on your own laptop. At home your sign-in may be automatic so it is easy to forget it.

A bios password will lock the whole computer down and protect all the accounts. It prevents the computer from booting without a password. If you forget the password you have to open the computer and remove the motherboard battery and reinstall it.

Laptops are most easily lost or stolen and should be password protected.

You can set IE8 or 9 to clear the history every time you turn off the computer.

A question was asked about security on Tablets. No one seemed to know how these could be password protected.

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January Featured Teacher

ALAN GAMBLE

“You’re going to what!” my son exclaimed incredulously, “teach a computer class on Photoshop?”

“Do you think I can do it?” I asked.

“Wow! Sure you can do it” he replied “Speak slowly, so they can understand you.”

So how come a retired English plumber with a strange accent is teaching?

We moved here from England five years ago, to be near our son and grandchildren.

No longer physically active after years of climbing ladders and fixing plumbing problems, I need to at least keep the brain cells moving. The computer became a challenge, especially Adobe Photoshop. It has so many different commands and features something new can be learned every day.

I first began writing stories about my life, that maybe one day my grandchildren may read them.

Camcorder movies were my next challenge, but after editing mostly kids and dog movies it was becoming too easy. So, with hours spent on help menus and online tutorials on Photoshop, the Picture Manipulation class came about.

A FaceBook friend in UK put up a PhotoShop picture of himself in a canoe between Prince William and Kate. This was at the time of the Royal couple’s visit to California.

As a joke I made a picture of the couple with my wife and me outside our house. I emailed it to a few people, saying they had visited Audrey and me. After a couple of comments of “Why didn’t you call us, we’d have come round to see them?” I was asked if I would teach a computer class, hence the conversation between our son and me.

In the three classes I have taught so far, the sign up response has been good and no one has walked out or fallen asleep. One student has even made a manipulated photo of his own creation. I find that encouraging.

What next?

A class of picture enhancement, coloring black and white photos, adjustment layers and body parts!

Watch for them.



January Schedule of Classes

DAY	DATE	TIME	CLASS	OS	BOOK	TEACHER
Mon	Jan. 2	1 – 2:50	Safari to the Internet (Lion)	Mac	1	Shirley Allan
Wed	Jan. 4	1 – 2:50	Intro to Pages Word Processing	Mac	1	Shirley Allan
Thurs	Jan. 5	3 – 4:30	Word 2007 Basics (1/4)	PC	2	Jan Grenert
Fri	Jan. 6	3:00	PhotoShop: Picture Manipulation	Mac	1	Alan Gamble
Sat	Jan. 7		Open Lab 10:00 To Noon			
Mon	Jan. 9	1 – 2:50	Introduction to Pages Layout	Mac	1	Shirley Allan
Tue	Jan. 10	1 – 2:30 7 p.m.	PC for Beginners (1/3)(Session 1) PCI SIG	PC	3	Jim Calvert Lab
Wed	Jan. 11	1 – 2:50	Page Layout Tools: Bird	Mac	1	Shirley Allan
Thurs	Jan. 12	1 – 2:30 3 – 4:30	PC for Beginners (2/3)(Session 1) Word 2007 Basics (2/4)	PC PC	3 2	Jim Calvert Jan Grenert
Fri	Jan. 13	1 – 2:30	PC for Beginners (3/3)(Session 1)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
Sat	Jan. 14		Open Lab 10:00 To Noon			
Mon	Jan. 16	8:30 - 10 1 – 2:50 3 - 5	PC for Beginners (1/3)(Session 2) Page Layout Tools: Landscape Web Editors Training	PC Mac	3 1	Jim Calvert Shirley Allan Jan Grenert
Tues	Jan. 17	8:30 - 10 3 – 4:30 7:00	PC for Beginners (2/3)(Session 2) Beginning Quicken Kindle SIG	PC Mac	3 8	Jim Calvert David Rosenthal Lab
Wed	Jan. 18	8:30 - 10 1 – 2:50	PC for Beginners (3/3)(Session 2) Calling Cards in Pages	PC Mac	3 1	Jim Calvert Shirley Allan
Thurs	Jan. 19	8 - 10 9:00 1:00 3 – 4:30	Picasa/Muvee Board Meeting Introduction to Firefox Word 2007 Basics (3/4)	PC PC/Mac PC	15 7 2	Bob Osborn Idyllwild Room Al Sabsevitiz Jan Grenert
Fri	Jan. 20	9:00 1 – 2:30	Mac SIG PrintShop & USB Drive	PC	4	Lab Arlene Faber
Sat	Jan. 21		Open Lab 10:00 To Noon			
Mon	Jan. 23	8:30 - 10 1 – 2:50	PC for Beginners (1/3)(Session 3) Images & Color	PC Mac	3 1	Jim Calvert Shirley Allan
Tues	Jan. 24	8:30 - 10 2:00	PC for Beginners (2/3)(Session 3) General Meeting	PC	3	Jim Calvert Speaker's Hall
Wed	Jan. 25	8:30 - 10 1 – 2:50	PC for Beginners (3/3)(Session 2) Name badges in Pages	PC Mac	3 1	Jim Calvert Shirley Allan
Thurs	Jan. 26	1 – 2:30 3 – 4:30	Copying Off the Internet – Creating a Table of Contents Word 2007 Basics (4/4)	PC PC	3 2	Jim Calvert Jan Grenert
Fri	Jan. 27	1 – 2:30	Elements: Creating Selections	PC	14	Jim Calvert
Sat	Jan. 28		Open Lab 10:00 To Noon			
Mon	Jan. 30	1 – 2:50	Preview (Lion)	Mac	1	Shirley Allan
Tues	Jan. 31	1 – 2:30 3 – 4:30	Windows 7: Beyond Basics Beginning Quicken	PC PC	3 8	Jim Calvert David Rosenthal

January Classes Listed By OS

PC Classes

CLASS	DATE	TIME	CLASS	DATE	TIME
Creating a Table of Contents	Jan. 26	1:00	Picasa/Muvey	Jan. 19	8 :00
Elements: Creating Selections	Jan. 27	1 :00	PrintShop & USB Drive	Jan. 20	1 :00
Firefox - Introduction	Jan. 19	1:00	Copying Off the Internet –		
PC for Beginners Session 1			Quicken - Beginning	Jan. 31	3 :00
• (1/3)(Session 1)	Jan. 10	1 :00	Windows 7: Beyond Basics	Jan. 31	1 :00
• (2/3)(Session 1)	Jan. 12	1 :00	Word 2007 Basics		
• (3/3)(Session 1)	Jan. 13	2:00	• (1/4)	Jan. 5	3 :00
PC for Beginners Session 2			• (2/4)	Jan. 12	3 :00
• (1/3)(Session 2)	Jan. 16	8:30	• (3/4)	Jan. 19	3 :00
• (2/3)(Session 2)	Jan. 17	8:30	• (4/4)	Jan. 26	3 :00
• (3/3)(Session 2)	Jan. 18	8:30			
PC for Beginners Session 3					
• (1/3)(Session 3)	Jan. 23	8:30			
• (2/3)(Session 3)	Jan. 24	8:30			
• (3/3)(Session 2)	Jan. 25	8:30			

MAC Classes

CLASS	DATE	TIME
Firefox- Introduction	Jan. 19	1:00
Images & Color	Jan. 23	1:00
Lion		
• Preview	Jan. 30	1:00
• Safari to the Internet	Jan. 2	1:00
Pages:		
• Intro to Pages Word Processing	Jan. 4	1:00
• Introduction to Pages Layout	Jan. 9	1:00
• Calling Cards in Pages	Jan. 18	1:00
• Name badges in Pages	Jan. 25	1:00
Page Layout Tools: Bird	Jan. 11	1:00
Page Layout Tools: Landscape	Jan. 16	1:00
PhotoShop: Picture manipulation	Jan. 6	3:00
Quicken- Beginning	Jan. 17	3:00

Happy New Year
To
Our Mac & PC
Students &
Teachers



PCI SIG

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A question was asked about security issues with wireless printing. Some devices can communicate directly with the printer and not go through the router. Phones that can send email can send photos by email to new wireless printers.

In the lab, all of the PCs are now hard wired and the Macs are on encrypted wireless. Laptops brought into the lab are on another wireless that is NOT secured and should not be used to access your bank or other sensitive sites.

A question was asked about the way to clean up your computer when a free scan turns up errors on your computer. Don't pay anyone for software to fix the errors they find. Glary Utilities, Advanced System Care and CCleaner are free utilities that can be used to do the job. If you can't fix the problem, call someone who knows how and have them do it. Malware Byte's Anti-Malware will also find malicious software available and is available at Malwarebytes.org. The pro version is \$25 one time and will automatically update itself and block malware.

One of the members had a problem that had him locked out of the registry and prevented him from deleting a program. He needs to update the anti malware program before using it. Best to then run a full scan in Safe Mode.

The next meeting of the SIG is on January 10, 2012.

The Prez Sez...

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So, Tidbits is new reading material for you now – and it's free – and full of things you just might want to make a habit of! After you've played/worked on your computer, of course.

I do admit to wondering what happened to 2011 ... it seems that all of a sudden it was gone. Okay, I do admit there were days and weeks that time dragged, but over all, to quote a song, "It Was a Very Good Year." I hope it was for you also. Since I don't see all of you face-to-face, I'll take this opportunity to wish all 700+ of you a Very Happy New Year.

Now, to find out what is going on this month in Let's Compute, read what Jan has gathered from many people.

The SIGS

**Special Interest
Groups
Resume their monthly
meetings in January**

PCI - Jan. 10 7:00 PM

Kindle - Jan 17 7:00 PM

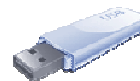
MAC - Jan 20 9:00 AM



**Print
Shop
Corner**

Arlene Faber

Utilizing a USB Drive



Have you ever wanted to save what you created in the computer lab?

This is a hands on class so all who come must bring a USB drive with them. We will practice using the drive to save work you create at one location and want to take to another. You will learn to save work to several formats so you can reopen it to change it, attach it to an email or print it somewhere else

What the class covers can be applied to many classes offered in the lab. You will be able to save work from Comic Life, Word, Excel, Photo Shop, Picassa and Quicken too. At the end you will learn 2 ways to safely remove the drive from your computer without data loss.

If you don't have a USB drive, you may be able to borrow one for class. There are ads in the weekend papers offering 4 and 8 Gig drives for \$10 and less at the big box office supply stores. Sign up for this practical and fun class in Book 4 in the lab.

The class is on January 20 at 1 PM.

January Monitor and Open Lab Schedule

DATE	DAY	10-12	12-12:50
Jan. 2	Mon	Closed	Closed
Jan. 3	Tue	H. Cook	H. Cook
Jan. 4	Wed	C. Voelker	P. Baigent
Jan. 5	Thu	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
Jan. 6	Fri	J. Manion	S. Shiffman
Jan. 7	Sat	L. Rowe	Closed
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Basic Word 2007 Classes in January

By Jan Grenert

In January, we will be starting the Word 2007 Basic Lessons again. There are four parts to this series in which we help students get comfy performing basic Word 2007 tasks and becoming familiar with the format.

Many of you may have the new Word 2008 which we do not have in the lab just yet. However, 2008 is not drastically different from 2007.

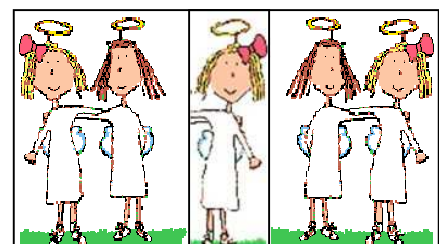
Students must have some basic knowledge in using the keyboard and mouse.

In February we will feature task-specific lessons such as Working with Tables, Tabs and Images.

In all Word classes, we are fortunate to have five teacher-assistants who are very good at guiding students through the lessons. These ladies help to make learning more user friendly.

I would like to put their pictures here, but risk losing their help; so the least I can do is name them.!

- Marilyn Dorfman
- Barbara Duff
- Mary Eppich
- Judy Nay
- Moe Sullivan



January 2012 General Club Information Meeting Schedule

PCI SIG	Jan. 10	7:00 PM
KINDLE SIG	Jan. 17	7:00 PM
BOARD MEETING	Jan. 19	9:00 AM
MAC SIG	Jan. 20	9:00 AM
GENERAL MEETING	Jan. 24	2:00 PM

We wish you a happy and healthy 2012

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