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The Prez Sez...

By Lyn Morse

The election for 2007-08 is over and ballots have been counted. Of course, the results are of no surprise to anyone as the candidates ran unopposed. That being said, I and the rest of the Board would like to express our thanks to those of you who returned your ballots and kept the democratic process alive and well.

For those of you who have paid your dues for the new year, your membership cards are in the lab. You may pick them up during Open Lab time. For those of you who have not paid your dues yet, your cards generally are ready for you within a week of putting your membership form and check in the wooden box on the wall to your left as you enter the lab.

Five of your Board members will be off to San Diego this month to attend the Southwest Users Group (SWUG). We'll be attending sessions covering a wide variety of topics that will be shared throughout the year in classes and SIGS.

Vista will be put on all the PCs this summer, and four instructors are working at developing classes for you. Look for them this fall. And in that vein, the September general meeting will be a panel talking about Vista and doing a Q and A session with you.

The heat is here to stay for a while, so this would be a perfect time to get caught up on finding all

those negatives from years gone by and converting them to jpgs so you can play with them on your computer. No, you don't have to run out and purchase a scanner and spend the time (hours!) scanning and then cleaning the photos up. It's Costco time again for photographers.

Find all those negatives (hopefully still in their original strip form or you're out of luck) and take them to your favorite Costco photo center. For \$2.99 a roll (one of the sheets the negatives are stored in), they will put them onto an archival CD for you. I've had some scanned for me and will have lots more done soon; the quality is excellent. I'm enjoying my trips down memory lane.

Yes, they will also do slides, but those are more pricey at 29¢ a pop.

I hope you have a great summer.

Assisting our SCPD Community

By Jan Grenert

As most of you know, the Association is implementing a new gate entry system with a license plate recognition program that will facilitate the traffic at the entries to Sun City.

Steve Campbell, Maintenance Director, has asked if it would be possible for the lab to be used as a training station for eight individuals to learn the AMMS software. The cost savings to the Association is significant if the training is done here instead of sending the eight personnel to San Diego.

The Board agreed to closed the lab from July 16 through July 21 for the training.

This is something our club can do for benefit of all residents of Sun City.

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Vista is on the Horizon

By Barbara Kaye

We are happy to announce that Windows Vista, the newest operating system from Microsoft, will be installed on the PCs in the computer lab during the first two weeks in July. All the programs that are currently on the PCs will be reinstalled. Internet Explorer, for surfing the internet and web mail, America Online, Photoshop Elements, Printshop and Microsoft Office will be the same as they were

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Vista on the Horizon

before. The only change that you may notice is a different symbol in the lower left corner where the "START" button used to be. Now that symbol is a blue circle with the Windows logo in it. In short, there is no reason to worry that you will not be able to use the PCs with Windows Vista installed on it. If you have files on any of the PCs, they will be erased when the new operating system is installed. If you have not made copies of your files, please do so immediately. The PC attached to the scanner, on the MAC side of the lab, will not be included in the Vista upgrade process and will keep Windows XP as its operating system. None of the files on that PC will be erased.

New Word & Excel

By Jan Grenert

Along with the new Vista Operating System, the lab PCs will soon have Office 2007 which includes the new versions of Word and Excel. WOW! Do they look different. It's like somebody went in your kitchen or garage and moved everything to a different place.

However, once you get over the shock and start getting familiar with the new arrangement, you'll find menus and commands are actually easier to find and not hidden in drop-down menus.

To help us all get acquainted with the new Word and Excel we are going to schedule class time in August to view portions of some excellent videos on these programs. These videos are from Lynda.com, a subscription-based service. I have been viewing them, repeatedly, and find them a great help.

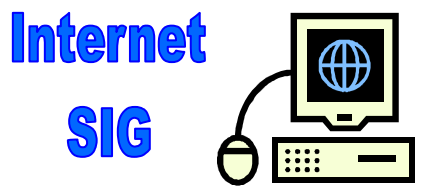
It's going to be fun to learn. We'll just grit our teeth and go for it.

July Monitor and Open Lab Schedule

	TIME	10-12	12-1
2-Jul	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley
3-Jul	Tue	S. Cronin	C. Chu
4-Jul	Wed	HOLIDAY	
5-Jul	Thu	B. Osborn	
6-Jul	Fri	The Kaczorowskis	J. Manion
7-Jul	Sat	L. Rowe	
9-Jul	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley
10-Jul	Tue	S. Cronin	H. Reece
11-Jul	Wed	C. Voelker	F. Diaz
12-Jul	Thu	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
13-Jul	Fri	The Kaczorowskis	J. Manion
14-Jul	Sat	Ree McCarthy	

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23-Jul	Mon		B. Crowley
24-Jul	Tue	S. Cronin	H. Reece
25-Jul	Wed	C. Voelker	D. Feign
26-Jul	Thu	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
27-Jul	Fri	The Kaczorowskis	J. Manion
28-Jul	Sat	L. Rowe	
30-Jul	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley
31-Jul	Tue	S. Cronin	H. Reece



By Kent McDonald
& Terry Kay

June attendance was good at our regular 2nd Tuesday Internet Special Interest Group session. John Manion opened by showing us how to access the News & Views, including back issues, at the scpdca.com web site. You can read the material and share a hyperlink with out of town friends.

The main topic was the collection and exploration of interesting/unusual/useful web sites that were suggested by the audience. The web sites we explored were: CCleaner, Kingsley-Hughes.com, Zone.com, Pogo.com, Kyodai.com, Comics.com, ZoomInfo.com, WebMD, Froogle.com, One-TimeUseCreditCardNumber.

As is our normal routine, we spent time trying to answer internet related questions brought in by attendees. Have you got an internet question? **Bring it to the next ISIG, July 10.**

July Schedule of Classes

DAY	DATE	TIME	CLASS	BOOK	TEACHER
Thur	July 5	8 – 9:50	Files and Folders - Mac	1	Lyn Morse
Sat	July 7	10:00-12	Open Lab		
Mon	July 9	3 :00	AppleWorks 1: Set Preferences	1	Shirley Allan
		4:00	AppleWorks 2: Format Docs	1	Shirley Allan
Tues	July 10	1:00	Word 1 (PC)	2	Walter Goldsmith
		2:00	Word 2 (PC)	2	Walter Goldsmith
		7:00	Internet SIG		Lab
Wed.	July 11	1:00	Basic PC: Mouse/Keyboard Skills	3	Shelia Harbet
		2:00	Basic PC – Navigating Desktop	3	Shelia Harbet
		3:00	Basic PC: Cut & Paste	3	Shelia Harbet
Thur	July 12	9:00	Muvee – basics (PC)	15	Bob Osborn
		1:00	Word 3 (PC)	2	Walter Goldsmith
		2:00	Word 3.5 (PC)	2	Walter Goldsmith
Sat	July 14		Open Lab		
	July 16 to July 21		Lab Closed for Association Maintenance Team Training		
Mon	July 23	8 –10:00	iTunes Basic - Mac	1	Lyn Morse
		1 – 3:00	Burning a music CD – Mac	1	Lyn Morse
Tues	July 24	1:00	Excel 1 of 4 (PC)	5	Walter Goldsmith
		2 – 3:30	Excel 2 of 4 (PC)	5	Walter Goldsmith
Wed	July 25	1:00	Excel 3 of 4 (PC)	5	Walter Goldsmith
		2 – 3:30	Excel 4 of 4 (PC)	5	Walter Goldsmith
Thur	July 26	9:00	Board Meeting		
		1:00	Internet Favorites/Bookmarks	7	Shelia Harbet
Sat	July 28		Open Lab		
Mon	July 30	3:00	AppleWorks 3: Editing Docs	1	Shirley Allan
		4:00	AppleWorks 4:Graphics	1	Shirley Allan

July Classes Listed Alphabetically

Class	Date	Time	Class	Date	Time
AppleWorks series - Mac			Internet Favorites/Bookmarks	7-26	1:00
1 Set Preferences	7-9	3:00	Internet SIG	7-10	7:00 pm
2 Format Docs	7-9	4:00	iTunes series - Mac		
3 Editing Docs	7-30	3:00	Basic	7-23	8:00+
4 Graphics	7-30	4:00	Burning a music CD	7-23	1:00+
BOARD MEETING	7-26	9:00	Muvee: Fun with Media	7-12	9:00
Excel Series			PC Basics Series		
Excel 1	7-24	1:00	Mouse & Keyboard	7-11	1:00
Excel 2	7-24	2:00+	Navigating Desktop	7-11	2:00
Excel 3	7-25	1:00	Cut and Paste	7-11	3:00
Excel 4	7-25	2:00+	MS Word Series		
Files and Folders - Mac	7-5	8:00+	Walter Goldsmith		
			Word 1 and 2	7-10	1:00+
			Word 3 and 3.5	7-12	1:00+

July General Club Information

INTERNET SIG

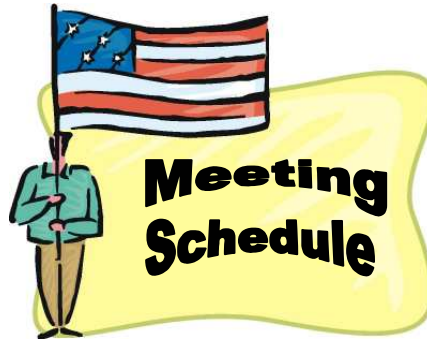
July 10, 7:00 p.m.

DIGITAL SIG

No Meeting in July

BOARD MEETING

July 26, 9:00 a.m.



GENERAL MEETING

No meeting in July

WINDOWS SIG

No meeting in July

MAC SIG

No meeting in July

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Shirley Cronin	Charlie Kaczorowski	Leonette Rowe
Bill Crowley	Ree McCarthy	Charlie Voelker
Frank Diaz	John Manion	

July Teachers

Shirley Allan.....	345-5087
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Lyn Morse	345-4466
Bob Osborn.....	200-1149

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