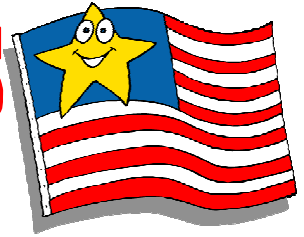


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The Prez Sez...

By Lyn Morse

And so, with this issue, we begin another year of Let's Compute. Your board for 2011-2012 has Jerry Katler returning as Director of Programs; we welcome him. Sharon Kiel will resume her position as our supplies purchaser. Sharon has been an asset to Let's Compute: I'm glad she is continuing her involvement in it.

The lottery of the Macs was interesting. There were eight Macs in the lottery. Five of the people who put their names in for the drawing changed their minds – which I'm sure made the next five people who got them happy. Our thanks to Mai Chiang who organized and ran the lottery. She stepped in at the last moment and did great job.

So, the new Macs are in the lab. Yes, I know they don't look any differently – the new ones look the same on the outside, but on the inside there are some really big changes, but the operating system, Lion, will be released by Apple early this month.

Let's Compute owes Kent McDonald a really BIG thank you for preparing the old Macs for the

lottery AND setting up the new ones for the lab. I shake my head at the thought of how many hours Kent put into that.

We're fortunate to have Kent to do all this for the Mac side of the aisle, and Barbara Kaye to do her magic on the PC side.

Class offerings are small, as you can see from the calendar. Remember, the teachers are paying members of LCCC just as you are and they volunteer their time in preparation and teaching. So, when I hear someone ask why we don't offer some class, the response is simply "no one has volunteered".

One final thought about the instructors: they put a lot of time and effort in preparing their classes and doing the handouts for you. If you sign up for a class and can't make it, have the courtesy to call that instructor and let her or him know. They've put hours into the preparation for the class, and then the time to teach it. Surely you have a couple of minutes to let them know you won't be there. After all, teachers' names and numbers are on the back page of the B&B.. Such a simple thing would let that person know you do value the time they've volunteered for you.

Getting Started with PrintShop

By Arlene Faber

The Print Shop class for July is designed to help you learn to use the basic tools of the program to create your own Holiday letters, posters, flyers, business cards, labels, greeting cards and everything else PrintShop can do. We will experiment with Text and Headline tools to create your message. You will learn to find and use clip art to make your projects look great. This is a perfect class for those who have taken beginning computer or classes or are doing email and want to try something else.

The summer is a great time to experiment with sending fancy letters to grandkids at camp. Maybe you want to make some labels or calling cards for a friend who is moving. Perhaps you need a few greeting cards for a special occasion. All of this and more can be done with Print Shop.

Look for the sign up sheet in Book 4 for the class on July 11 at 1 PM.

July Monitor and Open Lab Schedule

LibreOffice 3

By Jan Grenert

DATE	DAY	10-12:00	12-12:50
1-Jul	Fri	J. Manion	S. Shiffman
2-Jul	Sat	L. Rowe	Closed
4-Jul	Mon	Closed	Closed
5-Jul	Tue	Closed	Closed
6-Jul	Wed	Closed	Closed
7-Jul	Thu	Closed	Closed
8-Jul	Fri	Closed	Closed
9-Jul	Sat	Closed	Closed
11-Jul	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley
12-Jul	Tue	H. Cook	H. Cook
13-Jul	Wed	C. Voelker	D. Feign
14-Jul	Thu	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
15-Jul	Fri	J. Manion	S. Shiffman
16-Jul	Sat	L. Rowe	Closed
18-Jul	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley
19-Jul	Tue	H. Cook	H. Cook
20-Jul	Wed	C. Voelker	D. Feign
21-Jul	Thu	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
22-Jul	Fri	J. Manion	S. Shiffman
23-Jul	Sat	B. Olson	Closed
25-Jul	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley
26-Jul	Tue	B. Olson	K. Gibbons
27-Jul	Wed	C. Voelker	D. Feign
28-Jul	Thu	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
29-Jul	Fri	J. Manion	S. Shiffman
30-Jul	Sat	K. Gibbons	Closed

Next month in August, we will be introducing LibreOffice, a free, multi-program software, which can be downloaded to a Mac or PC. LibreOffice is similar to OpenOffice, which has been around for several years. Did you notice we said FREE ?

In the past we have heard many students, or would-be students, say that they do not want to spend the big money for Microsoft programs. They have a point there. The computer club would like to provide members an opportunity to try LibreOffice.

Do I think this is better than Microsoft Word or Excel – heck no! BUT is it free and can be downloaded from the internet to your computer. It is a perfectly adequate program; you just need the patience and practice to learn how to make it work for you. Jim Calvert and I will try to help with that.

There are a couple of features of LibreOffice (LO for short) that I especially like. The program can open existing Word documents into LO and can be edited. A document created in LO can be saved as Word .doc document and/or emailed as a Word.doc document. So there is compatibility between the programs.

Barbara Kaye will be loading the program on the PCs in the lab for our lessons.

I will be teaching basic lessons on the Text Document portion of the program. In the Fall, Jim Calvert will teach the Spreadsheet portion.

Please keep in mind that these are not Beginning PC classes. Students must know how to use the mouse and the keyboard.

We will be interested in members' response to these lessons. The response will determine if we continue to teach LO.

Check it out: libreoffice.com

July General Club Information Meeting Schedule



BOARD MEETING July 21 9:00 AM
No General Meetings in June, July or August

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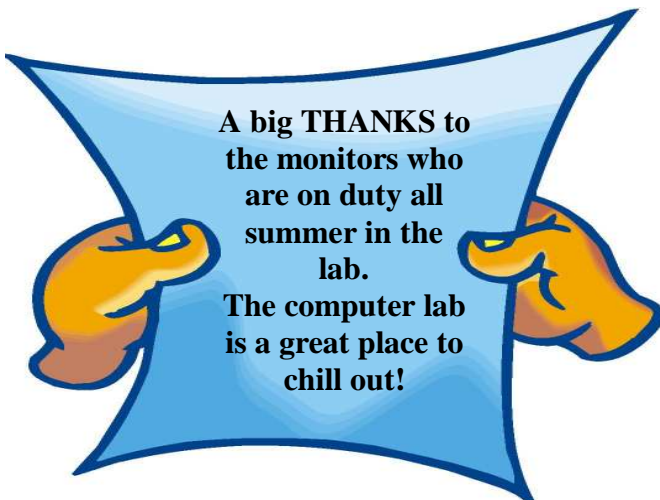
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