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The Prez Sez...

Well, Let's Compute, we set a new record for membership in 2007-2008 with 1,086 members, and we already have 457 members for the New Year. By the time you've read this paragraph, we'll probably be approaching the 500 mark as Jack had a handful of envelopes to open when he was giving me these numbers.

A few of you have inquired about the new membership cards; **Kent will send an email when they are available for you to pick up in the lab.** If you haven't renewed yet for 2008-2009, you'll want to do that soon as your old card expired at the end of June.

I hope this has been a good computing year for you, and that you're looking forward to new classes and the general meetings for this year. Quite a few of your teachers are working with new versions of programs, such as Word, Quicken, PS Elements, as well as working to develop classes on new programs. A new projector is being purchased that will be brighter and more vivid to the eye.

Tuesday, June 17, a presentation of iTunes was made by MacGallery at Speakers' Hall, with 67 people there to learn a little bit

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Microsoft Office Word 2007


By Jan Grenert

We are preparing a series of classes for Microsoft Word 2007 which we will offer on the August class schedule. The first set of four classes will be Basic Word 2007 classes for beginners. There seems to be two categories of beginners:

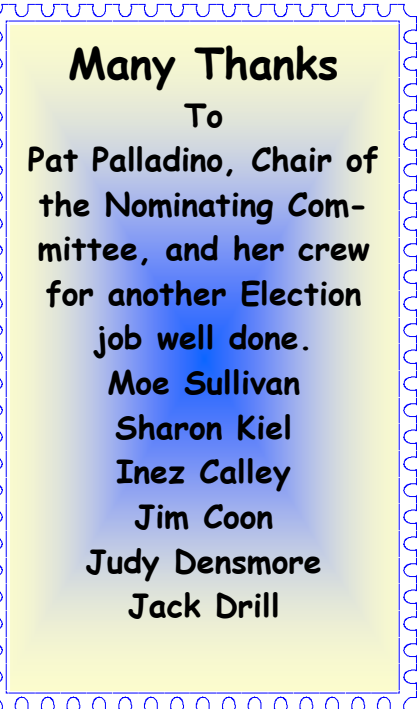
There are the Beginners, those members who want to learn Word and have Word 2007 on their computers.

Then there's another kind of Beginners, those members who are Word students and are transitioning from prior versions of Word to the new and different Word 2007.

These classes are written for the Beginner group of students. The transitioning group of students are welcome to the classes, but be aware that we may be progressing slower than you might like.

 Word 2007 is very different from the previous versions of Word. So, it will be a bit frustrating to you transitioning students when you can't find the familiar menus

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Many Thanks

To

Pat Palladino, Chair of the Nominating Committee, and her crew for another Election job well done.

Moe Sullivan

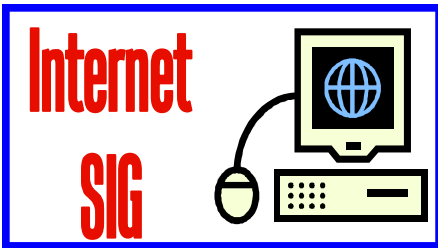
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By Kent McDonald

Despite unavoidable competition from the Laker's playoff game, there was a healthy attendance at the June ISIG meeting. The main topic for the session was Internet security, especially the recent changes that were evident at the Symantec technical presentations in San Diego at SWCC. Several club officers attended the Southwest Computer Conference last month to hear updates from leaders in the computer industry.

For many years, the primary security threat was that of virus attacks. The countermeasure was to scan your computer to detect and remove the offending virus. Often, the antivirus medicine arrived too late to prevent the virus from damaging the computer software. As the countermeasures became more effective, the virus designers created new variants which prompted redesign of the countermeasures. Most PC users needed to download daily updates of virus definitions in order to be protected.

Recently, the bad guys have moved into a new approach that enables them to make money, and it depends on the fact that users spend more time surfing web sites today. The modern web browser software requires periodic updates. When you get a notice that you need to download an update, you most likely will give your permission. Sometimes this request is actually malware that is cleverly disguised to look like something from Adobe or Micro-

soft. The latest security software has to protect you from these web browser attacks. Unprotected, your system could be infected with Trojan software that spews SPAM or personal information to outsiders without you realizing it is happening.

Symantec Internet Security 2008 is an example of the newest type of protection that addresses the browser oriented threats. It is less intrusive and more automatic than the previous forms of security software.


We are planning to have a presentation at one of the General Meetings of the computer club so you can all hear about new features first hand.

The next Internet SIG meeting will be on **July 8 at 7:00 pm.**

Word 2007 Classes

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and commands that you are used to seeing. Sure, it's different, but there are a lot of neat tools and options that you will love.....once you learn where to find them!

 For you real Word 2007 beginners.....it's a piece of cake as long as you don't listen to the transitioning students' grumblings!

I would like to know how many of our members will be interested in taking the Word 7 Basic series of classes. It will help us to plan the schedule for the coming months.

Please send me an email at **JSGrenert@gmail.com** and tell me if you are interest in learning Word 2007 as beginning student or as a student transitioning to Word 2007.

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more about the program. Rick, the speaker, did an excellent job in demonstrating the program and fielding questions from the audience. One person asked if it would be possible for a presentation on Apple TV, so hopefully that will be coming one of these months.

For those of you who are not aware of the 3rd Tuesday night of the month presentations, they began as a way to fill the need for information for Mac users in our club. As we all know, our General Meetings are geared to the PC computer user. When MacGallery opened in La Quinta, there was finally an avenue for presentations on things Apple, such as iTunes, Apple TV and iPhones. They have been very well attended. When it was suggested that all Let's Compute members, not just Mac SIG, be made aware of the meetings, an announcement was sent out to the membership at large.

And a final thank you to those of you who participated in **DVD for the Troops**. You gave them a brief respite from the war, and many of you know first hand how welcome that can be.

I have a request: if you have an idea for one of the General Meetings, or one of the Tuesday night presentations, do send me an email. You'll find my email address on the last page



Sometimes we need a reminder. . .

The Declaration of Independence



In CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen
united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

The Snipping Tool

By Jan Grenert



There is a great new tool from Vista's long list of Accessories . The picture above was snipped from my desktop.

With this tool you can capture a screen shot or a snip of any object on your screen and then save it or share the image.

When the Snipping Tool is activate, a white overlay appears on your screen. The mouse pointer takes on the image of a cross arrow which you use to select what you want to 'snip.'

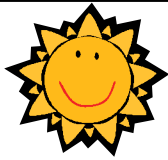
When you release the mouse the 'snipped' image is shown in the snipping tool window. You can select the Pen tool and write on the snip with your choice of color.

You may also select a free-form selection tool by clicking on the New options menu and click on 'Free-form Snip.'

I have found this tool to be very useful when I was writing the Word 2007 classes and wanted to include an illustration to go with the instructions. A picture really is worth a thousand words.

To find the Snipping Tool, go to the **Vista Start Button>All Programs>Accessories>Snipping Tool**. You can open it there or send a short cut to the desk top. I prefer to have it on my Start Menu because I use it so often.

Click on the Help button on the Snipping Tool window, a blue circle with a white questions mark, for a more information and a tutorial on the Snipping Tool.



July Class Schedule



DAY	DATE	TIME	CLASS	BOOK	TEACHER
Wed	July 2	1:00-2:50	Home Banking (PC&Mac)	15	Frank Gombos
Fri	July 4		Lab Closed Holiday		
Sat	July 5		Lab Closed Holiday		
Tues	July 8	1:00-2:50 7:00	Video Communication (PC) Internet SIG	15	Frank Gombos Lab
Sat	July 12	10 – 12	Open Lab 10:00 - Noon		
Mon	July 14	2:00 3:00	Beginning Mac 1 (of 4) Beginning Mac 2 (of 4)	1 1	Shirley Allan Shirley Allan
Wed	July 16	6:00	Presentation: Apple TV		Speaker's Hall
Thur	July 17	9:00 3 – 4:30	Board Meeting Word (PC) Word 5 part 2	2	Idyllwild Jan Grenert
Sat	July 19		Open Lab 10:00 - Noon		
Thur	July 24	3 – 4:30	Word (PC) Word Art	2	Jan Grenert
Sat	July 27		Open Lab 10:00 - Noon		
Mon	July 28	2:00 3:00	Beginning Mac 3 (of 4) Beginning Mac 4 (of 4)	1 1	Shirley Allan Shirley Allan
Thur	July 31	3 – 4:30	Word (PC) Word Draw	2	Jan Grenert

The July 16 Presentation

Apple TV? What's That?

Lyn Morse

Basically, it's a little white box that enables you to call up the latest movies as well as TV episodes you've missed and either rent or buy them. (Yes, Time Warner Cable has several movie channels, and they may be 'rented' also.) Podcasts are also available, as well as looking at all those photos you, friends and family have put on Flickr and .Mac Web Galleries.

Apple TV has a lot to offer. As I too am in the learning stages of Apple TV, I can't give you a complete listing of what you can do with this new media tool/toy, but I can say I think you'll be interested in hearing how it can become a part of your media life.

If you've heard of Apple TV even in passing, you will want to come to this presentation and see/hear what it's all about.

See you Tuesday night, July 15, in Speakers' Hall. The presentation by MacGallery will be from 6:00 to 8:00. There will be time for you to ask questions about Apple TV.

If you have a question other than about Apple TV, please have it written and give it to the person at the door as you come in. If there is time, there will be a Q and A from those.

Many teachers have taken **The Liberty** to take some time away from teaching. Enjoy! You certainly deserve a break!



July Monitor and Open Lab Schedule

DAY	DATE	10-12	12-1
Tues	1-Jul	J. Manion	S. Cronin
Wed	2-Jul	C. Voelker	D. Feign
Thu	3-Jul	B. Osborn	E. Lynch
Fri	4-Jul	Happy	Fourth
Sat	5-Jul	CLOSED	
Mon	7-Jul	C. Chu	B. Crowley
Tue	8-Jul	J. Manion	S. Cronin
Wed	9-Jul	C. Voelker	D. Feign
Thu	10-Jul	B. Osborn	E. Lynch
Fri	11-Jul	Bea & Charlie Kaczorowski	F. Lieb
Sat	12-Jul	L. Rowe	CLOSED
Mon	14-Jul	C. Chu	B. Crowley
Tue	15-Jul	J. Manion	S. Cronin
Wed	16-Jul	C. Voelker	D. Feign
Thu	17-Jul	B. Osborn	G. Hans
Fri	18-Jul	R. McCarthy	P. Palladino
Sat	19-Jul	K. Gibbons	CLOSED
Mon	21-Jul	C. Chu	B. Crowley
Tue	22-Jul	J. Manion	S. Cronin
Wed	23-Jul	C. Voelker	D. Feign
Thu	24-Jul	B. Osborn	O. Apodaca
Fri	25-Jul	Bea & Charlie Kaczorowski	F. Diaz
Sat	26-Jul	K. Gibbons	CLOSED
Mon	28-Jul	C. Chu	B. Crowley
Tue	29-Jul	J. Manion	S. Cronin
Wed	30-Jul	C. Voelker	D. Feign
Thu	31-Jul	B. Osborn	G. Hans

May's General Meeting

Lyn Morse

Denise Welch of Computerworks lived up to the expectations of those who know her as the person who shares both websites of interest and the latest information on new 'toys' for us to play with. Denise introduced us to a video camera, Flip 4, which fits in the palm of your hand. After telling us how it worked, she gave it to us to pass around and play with! Incidentally, the camera plugs into a USB port to download the video.

A video demonstration of Surface Computing was really an eye opener – imagine your menu at your favorite restaurant being a part of the surface of the table, and your being able to brush your finger across the image to turn the page and then touching the item you want to order. No more waitress or waiter – just deliverers. And there is already a restaurant here in California using that technology.

Another topic of interest was the information on the new iPhone that will be released sometime this year; rumor is that Steve Jobs may have the price down to around \$200.* The iPhone led to questions about cell vs. regular phones, and some interesting information came out of that discussion. A demonstration of video conferencing between Denise and her brother via Skype led to many questions and the thought that this was one of those 'waves of the future.'

It was almost two hours of new ideas and technology coming our way; it might be fair to say that everyone went away with at least one thing to explore further.

If you missed the meeting, take heart. Denise will be back for the November general meeting, undoubtedly with more new information and things to share with us.

***NOTE:** This article was written in May. The rumor was true! The new iPhone was released at \$199.00

Denise really does keep on top of information in the world of computing.

GPS Device Offers Safe Directions



It's a comedy staple: a lost driver so engrossed in a map that the next time he looks up, he has a great view of the oncoming trees. But what makes you laugh when it's on-screen isn't one bit funny in real life.

Leave the map to your trip's planning stages. While you're en route, an in-car GPS device can get you where you're going with both hands on the wheel and your eyes on the road. Secure it to your dashboard or upper windshield, input your destination before you leave, and it will verbally guide you through every turn. Because GPS navigators pinpoint your location relative to communications satellites, they're almost always in range of a working signal, whether you're in an unfamiliar part of town or cruising coast-to-coast.

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July General Club Information

Meeting Schedule

INTERNET SIG	July 12	7:00 PM
PRESENTATION	July 16	6:00 PM
BOARD MEETING	July 17	9:00 AM

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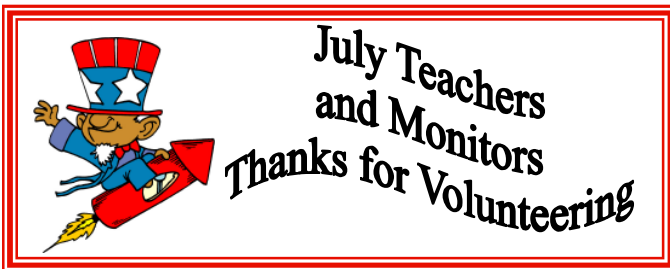
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