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## GENERAL MEETING Oct 26 - Windows 7



Welcome to Fall – although it really doesn't feel like it yet. Anyone else miss walking on the leaves and hearing them crunch?

I know that the October schedule of classes is looking good; there are quite a few offerings for the month, so we're back in the swing of things.

Suggestions for new classes, especially if you're willing to teach them, would be welcome music to Shelia's ears.

I'm thinking of maybe a get-together of e-book users to share information with those thinking of purchasing one. That might be of interest; not really a class – just a sharing. Maybe it could even be done one evening. If you think it's a good idea, send me an email and I'll see how many are interested. My email addy, like all other board members', is on the last page. I won't respond to you

individually; if I get enough interest, Kent will send a note out to the membership with information for where and when. If nothing comes, then the interest isn't there. PLEASE, in the subject line put e-book; unfamiliar email addresses I consider spam and delete without opening.

Before I give you a few more of the Text Talk shortcuts, I need to correct a couple in last month's list. Somehow, words migrated to the Talk, so those corrections first:

BRB = Be Right Back  
BRT = Be Right There  
BSF = But Seriously Folks  
BTW = By the Way

### Now for some new ones:

CRAT = Can't Remember A Thing  
CSL = Can't Stop Laughing  
CU = See You  
CYT = See You Tomorrow  
DGT = Don't Go There  
DNC = Does Not Compute  
DQYDJ = Don't Quit Your Day Job  
DUST = Did You See That

B4N (Bye for Now)



### What is Windows 7 and Why do I care?

By Barbara Kaye

Do any of us really know what an operating system is or what it does? No, I don't mean HOW it works. No one except a computer programmer is expected to know that! An operating system runs the computer and manages the various hardware components and software programs. It manages the computer's memory, directing it to what's being used at the moment and taking it away from devices and programs that are not currently in use. An ideal operating system does its job without any thought or action from you. It allows you to run the programs, such as word processing, spreadsheet, accounting, graphics or games that you may want to use.

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By Kerry Green and Arlene Faber

Terry Kay opened the meeting of 22 participants by explaining how the SIG works and welcomed everyone back from summer vacations. He then displayed the SmartComputing Magazine web site (<http://www.smartcomputing.com>) and suggested we sign up for their free daily email notices. It has useful information on a variety of computing subjects. If you are a subscriber to the magazine, you can get one free help call per year. Subsequent calls do have a fee of \$29.95, only charged if the issue is successfully resolved.

There was a question about using Ammyy, a highly reliable and very friendly tool for remote computer access. It facilitates remote assistance, remote administration or remote teaching. It is necessary to initiate the session by phone. Then you can share screens and get help.

A new virus is going around called Security Suite which takes over your computer. It may be necessary to run in safe mode in order to access the internet and find solutions. Download and run a program like Malwarebytes Anti-Malware to get rid of it. Kerry demonstrated starting in safe mode. It is recommended that any Anti Virus program you use should be set to automatically update daily. Bleeping-computer.com may offer the help you need to solve some of

these problems. This program does not conflict with other anti-virus or spyware programs.

There was a question about enlarging fonts to assist the visually impaired. There are enlarged-font keyboards and magnifiers available. One of these special keyboards is on PC#1 in the lab as a demo. Also, the Universal Access software that comes with the operating system of every computer enables the user to zoom the display for easier reading.

There was a question about using Outlook Express and clearing email from the server when you download them to your computer. It is necessary to clear the box on your computer to allow the server to keep a copy. This setting can be found in Outlook Express by clicking Tools/Accounts...click on your account to select it, and then click Properties...click on the Advanced tab...clear the check box marked 'Leave a copy of messages on server'. If messages are not cleared off the server on a regular basis, then they will build up on the server inbox and cause the account holder to go 'over limit', which will prohibit receiving or sending any new emails. Normally, and by default, the setting to keep a copy of messages on the server is not invoked. The only reason for the end user to do so is because they have a second computer and they want to download saved copies of emails to the second computer, using Outlook Express. They must to clear the server on a regular basis using the second computer or by going to the server webmail and clearing from there.

Kerry Greene talked about the Pro version of Malwarebytes Anti-Malware, which has a one-time fee of \$24.95. The Pro version will protect your computer in real time against malicious software attacks and is well worth the cost. Panda Cloud has upgraded version available.

Secunia Personal Software Inspector ([http://secunia.com/vulnerability\\_scanning/personal/](http://secunia.com/vulnerability_scanning/personal/)) is a free program that will scan your computer for software that needs updates. File Shredder (<http://www.files shredder.org/>) is another free desktop application for shredding (destroying) unwanted files beyond recovery. Both of these will be on our agenda at future meetings of the PCISIG.

Kerry distributed CDs with a Windows 7 Tutorial in a PDF file. It has an index to help you get directly to the material you want and covers a broad range of topics. Some older software programs may not run on Windows 7.

You can find information about your computer by clicking on Start, right click on Computer, and left click on properties. The screen will tell you if you have a 32 or 64 bit computer. Most new computers are now shipped with 64 bit systems.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 and we all left having learned something new. **The next meeting will be in the lab on Tuesday, October 12th at 7 p.m.**

Many thanks from all of us go to Arlene Faber for taking outstanding notes at every one of our meetings.



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Programs look the same on any operating system, which works mostly in the background.

Windows XP, that many of you still have on your home computers is fine, and Vista is better than its reputation, but Windows 7 is significantly better than both. Windows 7 will make our PCs boot faster, transfer data faster, open files faster and transfer large files faster over the network. In addition, the PCs will be more secure, with fewer interruptions from system messages. Windows 7 is less likely to be damaged by malware, which will make our PCs easier to maintain. They will have better graphics and sound quality for games, and be compatible with more software and devices. For all of these reasons, we will be upgrading to Windows 7 on the PCs in the lab.



## Smartphones

By Marc Kashinsky

Smartphones seem to be all the rage. Do you have one? Have you been considering one? If you have questions about smartphones (basically the iPhone or the Android phones); if you have learned some information about smartphones that you can share; if you have one and can share your experience with it let us/me know.

We would like to have a general discussion and information sharing session to discuss smartphones, how we (seniors) actually use them, differences in rates and data plans, etc.

Send me an email expressing your interest and, especially, if you are able to answer questions. Put "Smartphones" in the subject line and send it to [mkscpd@gmail.com](mailto:mkscpd@gmail.com)

# What's NEW in Oct?



# Facebook

## By Chuck Hellman

You will learn how to:

- Navigate the world of social networking
- Put your best face forward online.

Social networking applications have caused an online revolution and Facebook is one of the best social networking sites. Since it's also one of the most popular and fastest growing, there is a good chance that people you want to connect with are already Facebook members. In this training, you will find out how to create your personal profile, set privacy rules and control the sharing of information, locate friends and organize them into specific groups.

You will learn how to post photos, videos, images and comments for your friends to see. You will be shown how to extend the power of Facebook with Add-On Applications. Finally, you'll learn many tips about Facebook security, privacy and etiquette. So hurry and sign-up for Facebook Basic Training.

The series of four classes are on Oct. 4, 5, 6 & 7 starting at 9:00 a.m.

### Encyclopedia: Smartphone

Smartphones, also called Web-enabled phones, are cellular telephones that connect to the Internet via a wireless data connection. Smartphones generally come bundled with a wireless modem, a miniature Web browser, and email software. Other software, which the user installs or comes bundled with the device, includes PIM (personal information management) applications, fax software, and handwriting recognition similar to what a PDA (personal digital assistant) uses. Smartphones also have the ability to transfer data between the phone and a computer. Most new smartphones can handle color or graphics even on small screens.

Source:SmartComputing

# October Class Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME	CLASS	OS	BOOK	TEACHER
Sat	Oct. 2	10 - 12	<b>Open Lab 10:00 am to Noon</b>			
Mon	Oct. 4	9:00 1 - 2:50	Facebook for Beginners (1/4) Fonts, Accents, Characters	PC Mac	15 1	Chuck Hellman Shirley Allan
Tues	Oct. 5	9:00 2 - 5	Facebook for Beginner (2/4) PhotoShop Elements: Organizing & Basic Editing	PC Mac	15 1	Chuck Hellman Lyn Morse
Wed	Oct. 6	9:00	Facebook for Beginner (3/4)	PC	15	Chuck Hellman
Thur	Oct. 7	9:00 1 - 2:50 3 - 4:30	Facebook for Beginner (4/4) iWork '09 - Pages 1 of 2 Word 2007: Images	PC Mac PC	15 1 2	Chuck Hellman Shirley Allan Jan Grenert
Sat	Oct. 9	10 - 12	<b>Open Lab 10:00 am to Noon</b>			
Mon	Oct. 11	8:30 - 10 1 - 2:50 3 - 4:50	PC for Beginners (1/5) Series 1 iWork '09 - Pages 2 of 2 PrintShop Labels & Business cards	PC Mac PC	3 1 4	Jim Calvert Shirley Allan Arlene Faber
Tues	Oct. 12	8:30 - 10 2:00 3 - 5 7:00	PC for Beginners (2/5) Series 1 Photos to Cosco iPhoto basics PCI SIG	PC Mac Mac	3 1 1	Jim Calvert Lyn Morse Lyn Morse
Wed	Oct. 13	9:00 1:00 2 - 3:30	Files and Folders Intro. To Firefox PC for Beginners (1/5) Series 2	PC PC/Mac PC	12 7 3	Charlie Voelker Al Sabsevitz Jim Calvert
Thur	Oct. 14	8:30 - 10 1 - 2:50 3 - 4:30	PC for Beginners (3/5) Series 1 Calling Cards in iWork Word 2007: Tabs	PC Mac PC	3 1 2	Jim Calvert Shirley Allan Jan Grenert
Fri	Oct. 15	9:00 1 - 2:30	<b>Mac SIG</b> PC for Beginners (2/5) Series 2	PC	3	Jim Calvert
Sat	Oct. 16	10 - 12	<b>Open Lab 10:00 am to Noon</b>			
Mon	Oct. 18	8:30 - 10 1 - 2:50 3:00	PC for Beginners (4/5) Series 1 Art in iWork - Bird Comic Life (1/2)	PC Mac PC	3 1 15	Jim Calvert Shirley Allan Grenert/Alpert
Tues	Oct. 19	8:30 - 10 1 - 2:30 3 - 5	PC for Beginners (5/5) Series 1 PC for Beginners (3/5) Series 2 iTunes - Burning Playlist	PC PC Mac	3 3 1	Jim Calvert Jim Calvert Lyn Morse
Wed	Oct. 20	1 - 2:30	PC for Beginners (4/5) Series 2	PC	3	Jim Calvert
Thur	Oct. 21	9:00 1 - 2:50 3 - 4:30	<b>Board Meeting</b> Holiday cards in iWork Word 2007: Tables	Mac PC	1 2	Idyllwild Shirley Allan Jan Grenert
Fri	Oct. 22	1 - 2:30	PC for Beginners (5/5) Series 2	PC	3	Jim Calvert
Sat	Oct. 23	10 - 12	<b>Open Lab 10:00 am to Noon</b>			
Mon	Oct. 25	8:30 - 10 1 - 2:50 3:00	Photoshop Elements 6 (1/3) Holiday Newsletter in iWork Comic Life (2/2)	PC Mac PC	14 1 15	Jim Calvert Shirley Allan Grenert/Alpert
Tues	Oct. 26	8:30 - 10 2:00	Photoshop Elements 6 (2/3) <b>GENERAL MEETING: Win 7</b>	PC	14	Jim Calvert Speaker's Hall
Wed	Oct. 27	8:30 - 10	Photoshop Elements 6 (3/3)	PC	14	Jim Calvert
Thur	Oct. 28	8 - 10 1 - 2:50 3 - 4:30	Picasa 3.8 Images & Ink Word 2007: Mail Merge	PC/Mac Mac PC	16 1 2	Bob Osborn Shirley Allan Jan Grenert
Fri	Oct. 29	3:00	Quicken2010: Basic	PC	8	Dave Rosenthal
Sat	Oct. 30	10 - 12	<b>Open Lab 10:00 am to Noon</b>			

# October Classes Listed Alphabetically BY OS

## MAC Classes

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Fonts, Accents, Characters	10- 4	1:00	PhotoShop Elements:		
iWork '09 – Pages 1 of 2	10- 7	1:00	Organizing & Basic Editing	10- 5	2:00
iWork '09 – Pages 2 of 2	10- 11	1:00	Photos to Costco	10- 12	2:00
Calling Cards in iWork	10- 13	1:00	iPhoto Basics	10- 12	3:00
Art in iWork - Bird	10- 18	1:00	iTunes – Burning Playlist	10- 19	3:00
Holiday cards in iWork	10- 21	1:00			
Holiday Newsletter in iWork	10- 25	1:00	Intro. To Firefox PC/Mac	10- 13	1:00
Images & Ink	10- 28	1:00	Picasa 3.8 PC/Mac	10- 28	8:00

## PC Classes

<u>CLASS for PC</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CLASS for PC</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Comic Life (1/2)	10- 18	3:00	<u>PC for Beginners Series 2</u>		
Comic Life (2/2)	10- 25	3:00	(1/5) Series 2	10- 13	2:00
			(2/5) Series 2	10- 15	1:00
Facebook for Beginners (1/4)	10- 4	9:00	(3/5) Series 2	10- 19	1:00
Facebook for Beginner (2/4)	10- 5	9:00	(4/5) Series 2	10- 20	1:00
Facebook for Beginner (3/4)	10- 6	9:00	(5/5) Series 2	10- 22	1:00
Facebook for Beginner (4/4)	10- 7	9:00	<u>Photoshop Elements 6</u>		
			(1/3)	10- 25	8:30
Files and Folders	10- 13	9:00	(2/3)	10- 26	8:30
Intro. To Firefox PC/Mac	10- 13	1:00	(3/3)	10- 27	8:30
<u>PC for Beginners Series 1</u>			Picasa 3.8 PC/Mac	10- 28	8:00
(1/5) Series 1	10- 11	8:30	PrintShop Labels & Bus. Cards	10- 11	3:00
(2/5) Series 1	10- 12	8:30			
(3/5) Series 1	10- 14	8:30	Quicken2010: Basic	10- 29	3:00
(4/5) Series 1	10- 18	8:30			
(5/5) Series 1	10- 19	8:30	<u>Word 2007- Advanced Classes</u>		
			Images	10- 7	3:00
			Tabs	10- 14	3:00
			Tables	10- 21	3:00
			Mail Merge	10- 28	3:00

# Newsletters

This is an excerpt for a email newsletter that I receive each week. The newsletter is published by Don Edrington and Mary J. Hanson.

I found the information especially helpful as I had received a email similar to the one featured in this article.

Jan Grenert

**Computer Tutor Team Newsletter** September 20, 2010  
Don Edrington & Mary J Hanson  
Don's web page can be found at [pcdon.com](http://pcdon.com)

## Quoting from the newsletter:

We recently received the following email message:

Dear Email Client

We have detected multiple in-correct login attempts, Kindly Re-login below

<http://gmail.com>

Google Team

Well, this looked suspicious for several reasons\*\*\*, but they asked us to click on an actual Gmail URL (<http://gmail.com>) so it must be OK - right?

## **Wrong.**

Any clickable URL (universal resource locator, ie; web address) seen in an email or on a webpage always has an underlying **true URL**, which may or may not be the same as what you're seeing. The **real URL** in this case was: <http://pp2.wielun.pl/pp2/log.htm>, which is somewhere in Poland.


**Q.** So how do we know that the "[gmail.com](http://gmail.com)" is just a façade and that the Polish URL is the real web address?

**A.** Using **Internet Explorer**, I *right*-clicked on <http://gmail.com> and chose **Copy Shortcut** from a menu that popped up. Then I used **Ctrl+V** to paste what I copied onto a text-editing page. This is what got pasted: <http://pp2.wielun.pl/pp2/log.html>.

Had I been using **Mozilla Firefox**, I would have chosen: **Copy Link Location**.

Had I been using **Google Chrome**, I would have chosen: **Copy Link Address**.

The above also holds true for determining the URL of a clickable image. Before clicking on an image, check it out with the **right-click** and **Copy** thing.

For example, right-click and copy the happy face's URL  and you'll see that our home page is the underlying web address. (Left-clicking the happy face will take you to the home page.)

\*\*\*Why the phony Gmail message looked suspicious....

1. Messages we receive from Google are **never** addressed to *Email Client*.
2. Google would have said **incorrect** instead of **in-correct**. And they would have used **login** rather than **Re-login**.
3. And they would have used a period after "attempts" rather than a comma.

Also, their correct mail URL is <http://mail.google.com>.

# October Monitor and OPEN Lab SCHEDULE

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

## Lets' Compute Computer Club Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

### CATEGORY

Inflows:	940 members
Total Income	\$23,500
Outflows	
Flexible Expenses	
Education & Training	800
Hardware	2000
Internet Connections	1500
Recognition & Prizes	3000
Repairs	1500
Reproductions	2000
Software	3500
Subscriptions	500
Supplies	4600
Transfer to Equip Acct	4100
Total Outflows	\$23,500
Net Inflows/Outflows	0



# October General Club Information

## Meeting Schedule

PC SIG .....	Oct. 12.....	7:00 PM
MAC SIG .....	Oct. 15.....	9:00 AM
BOARD MEETING .....	Oct. 21.....	9:00 AM
GENERAL MEETING .....	Oct. 26.....	2:00 PM

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### Volunteer Coordinators

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Monitor Coordinator	Moe Sullivan.....	772-4416

### October Lab Monitors

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Richard Beymer	David Feign	R Pearson
Celia Chu	John Manion	Leonette Rowe
Herb Cook	Bob Osborn	Charlie Volker

### 35 MM Scanner Monitors

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