



Oakmont PC Users Group

E-Mail Newsletter

March 1, 2010

Volume 4 Number 3

Officers:

President:

Jack Frantz

jack@thefrantzes.com

Vice President:

Ruth Caldwell

ruthiec@sonic.net

Secretary:

Art Nichols

annpgn@sbcglobal.net

Treasurer:

Gary Goodenough

gmgoody@pacbell.net

Communications:

Krystine Boehme

krystine_at_oakmont@yahoo.com

Programs:

Gary Caldwell

garycaldwl@sbcglobal.net

Helper Committee:

Granville DeMerritt

grandemerritt@sbcglobal.net

Help Volunteers: *If you have a problem, give one of these knowledgeable folks a call:*

Jack Feniger 538-8809

Gordon Ramsey 538-4981

Bob Rietow 537-0451

Phil Kenny 538-2075

We're on the Web!

<http://oakmontpc.com>

Webmaster:

Gary Pickering

rwp@sonic.net

President's Message

If you think about it, our club is a wonderful asset to the Oakmont Community. We help people with their computer problems, sometimes one computer at a time. We provide education through the monthly program meetings and our web page. We publish this interesting (we hope) newsletter each month and support all manner of other Oakmont activities and clubs. All this and more takes place because of the selfless dedication of a group of volunteers who pitch in to work for the club and community.

To be a member of our club you need to be a resident of Oakmont and pay annual dues of \$10/year/family. This is the last newsletter to go out to all 2009 members. Only those who have paid their dues for 2010 will be retained on the future mailing/membership list. Not everyone can cure others computer problems or write for the newsletter, but you can pay your annual dues. This saves the time of others who might be required to follow up or issue reminders. Help yourself, the club and the community – pay your dues and reap the benefits of membership!

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to our club:

Bob and Eda Crosby

Warren and Dee Fannin

Duncan Looney

Charles Martzall

John Suprock

Betz Tyler

You are encouraged to become participants and please feel free to contact any of the officers for help or assistance.

Hospitality

The February General Meeting refreshments had a Valentine's Day theme and, in the opinion of your humble scrivener, were just excellent. This year we are using a somewhat different approach to Hospitality. Each month a different person volunteers to do the hospitality duty with assurance that he/she will not be called on to repeat the process for at least a year.

Board member Arlene O'Rourke has prepared detailed instruction sheets on what to do and how to do it. January's refreshments were handled by Arlene and February's were orchestrated by **Gail Hartman**. Thanks, Gail, for a grand refreshment table.

***Inquiring Minds
Want to Know!***

March Question and Answer Session

Monday, March 8 – West Recreation Center at 2:45 p.m.

If you have a computer question or problem you would like resolved at our Q & A Session, Bob Mandelstam is our Coordinator and M/C. If you would e-mail your questions or problems to Bob at bobmandel@psualum.com several days before the meeting he will work with our experts to determine a solution, which will be addressed at the meeting. We will continue to take questions from the floor but the e-mail requests will have priority.

We encourage our members to attend this session whether you have a question or not. There is always something to learn and sometimes even the most knowledgeable pick up something new. The Q & A session follows our board meeting, which is held at 1:45 p.m. and is open to any members who would like to attend.

March General Meeting

Monday, March 15 – West Recreation Center at 2 p.m.

Gordon Ramsey will present a program on "The Power of the Right Click" and some other tips for making better and more efficient use of your computer. Many new users often ignore the "right click" of the mouse. In addition to allowing you to operate your computer in a more efficient manner, it provides a gateway to many options and much information about your system.

Exchange Table

Our club presents an Exchange Table at each General Meeting under the diligent stewardship of Gran DeMerritt. Computer hardware and software items no longer needed by a member are made available to others who might benefit from them. Currently, many members have or are contemplating the purchase of new systems or major items. We hope you will keep the club exchange table in mind.

Your Board is also considering maintaining a small store of major items such as monitors, printers or computers to be made available on short term loan in emergencies or for use by our volunteers in helping diagnose and correct problems. Your hardware and software contributions will be most helpful.

What's New on the Web Page

Check out OPCUG'S website, <http://oakmontpc.com>. There, you can see the latest announcements, current newsletters, contact members on the Board, and get help with your computer problems. Click the Board button on the navigation bar and see a picture of your favorite board member. The Help button includes help with systems and games. Navigate to Past Programs and see programs that were given by our members and guests in the 2009 – 2010 season. Our latest program was on "Income Tax Preparation Software" by Bob Stinson. All our newsletters, including the February 2010 newsletter, are available on the website by clicking on the Newsletters button.

How's Your Right Click?

Exchange Table News

Visit Our Web Page

Do You Want to Maximize?



Whether you use a desktop icon or the *Start* button and *All Programs* in **Windows XP**, **Vista** or **Windows 7** to open a program, you are usually clicking on a shortcut. You can recognize an icon as a shortcut by the curved arrow in the icon's graphic. The program can be made to always open in either the *Normal* (Default), *Minimized* or *Maximized*. If a program opens in the downsized mode and you prefer to have it open full size, do the following:

1. Right click on the shortcut and select *Properties*.
2. In *Properties* box select the *Shortcut* tab.
3. Opposite *Run* click on the downward pointing arrow and select *Maximized*.
4. Click *Apply* and *OK*.



Now, whenever you open that program, it will open in the maximized state. Over a lifetime of opening programs you will not save a huge amount of finger energy but you will have the satisfaction of making your computer respond to your wishes and not the wishes of some mysterious dark force within the computer.

OCLC News

Oakmont Computer Learning Center (OCLC) News

Watch for the Spring Session class schedule in the March 1st edition of the *Oakmont News*. There are some new and interesting classes. Copies of the Course Descriptions are available in the kiosk in the Activities Center lobby and in the lobby of the OVA office.

Digital Photo Club

Invitation to a Special Meeting on March 3

The Digital Photo Club, to which some of our members belong, has invited our club to attend their meeting on **Wednesday, March 3, at 2 p.m. at the Berger Center**. They will have a speaker from Staples Office Supply to discuss photo printing and printers available to perform that task. They also plan to have a panel of their members to share ideas and success stories about printing photos. If you're interested, attend – you'll be among friends.

To opt out of this E-Mail:

If you do not care to receive information from the club through the E-Mail Newsletter, you may opt to have us delete your name from our distribution list. You will need to let us know at:

krystine_at_oakmont@yahoo.com