

# Oakmont PC Users Group

## E-Mail Newsletter

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### We're on the Web!

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### President's Message

At our General Meeting on November 15 we will hold the elections for new officers for the year 2011. A slate of candidates will be presented by the Nominating Committee. Nominations will be accepted from the floor, but the nominator must have assurance from the nominee as to his or her willingness to serve. The Board of Directors for the coming year will also be announced.

Payment of dues for the coming year has commenced and payments will be credited to 2011. Bring your checks or cash to the meeting or mail to: Gary Goodenough, OPCUG Treasurer, 451 Oak Mesa Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409.

**Jack Frantz, President**

### November Question and Answer Session

#### **Monday, November 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 MC. If you would e-mail your questions or problems to Bob at [bobmandel@psualum.com](mailto: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 1:30 p.m. and is open to any members who would like to attend.

### November General Meeting

#### **Monday, November 15 – West Recreation Center at 2 p.m.**

George McKinney will present the program entitled **Successful Internet Searches**. This presentation will focus on two related topics, both designed to improve your internet search skills. The first task in successful internet searching is **building your internet reference library**. Many of us fail to take advantage of the first rule of good searching: decide where to search. 20 years ago we all had a small reference library of books, and it was important to decide which books to buy and where to look up information that was needed. Today we often search in an almost random manner without thinking about where to search. We'll discuss how to build your library of Bookmarks and search efficiently within it.

## ***Recycle Computer Items***

***Hello!!***

## ***Check the Web***

***Hello SRJC***

The second task is **constructing the right search questions**. A common problem is that we don't know the vocabulary the indexers have used (think the Yellow Pages: are there more dietitians or more nutritionists?). Another common problem is you want to search information on a product, but the search only turns up websites that want to sell you the product, not any with useful information about the product. We'll go over some general rules about constructing searches and then invite examples from those attending to see how those rules may (or may not) help in finding the target information.

### **Exchange Table**

An Exchange Table is maintained by the club to facilitate the process of making computer related items that are no longer needed by a member available to other members. The Table is laid out before, during and after General Meetings on the third Monday of meeting months.

Software, books, cables and smaller items are easily handled, but larger items such as computers, displays and printers present some problems. On the other hand, members occasionally have use for such items or know someone who would like to try computers without making a monetary investment. If you have one or more of the larger items or need such items, we ask that you call Bob Mandelstam, 537-8724. If the club has no one desiring the items you can dispose of them easily by calling 586-1478 for curbside pickup.

### **New Members**

We welcome **Sandra** and **Patrick Scull** to our club. All new members are encouraged to become participants and please feel free to contact any of the officers for help or assistance.

### **News from the Webmaster**

The announcement for our November General Meeting for George McKinney's talk on "Successful Internet Searches" has been added to home page. George is very experienced with making searches on the computer due to his long time interest in genealogy and he's also a great speaker!

A topic was added to the home page called "Would you like to join our club?" There's a link to an OPCUG application form that new potential members can print out and bring to one of our meetings or mail to our Treasurer as indicated on the form.

The October presentation by Jack Frantz on "All You Ever Wanted to Know about E-mail" is on the "Past Programs" web page. The slides are available as a PDF file so it can be printed out for your convenience.

The October Newsletter has also been added.

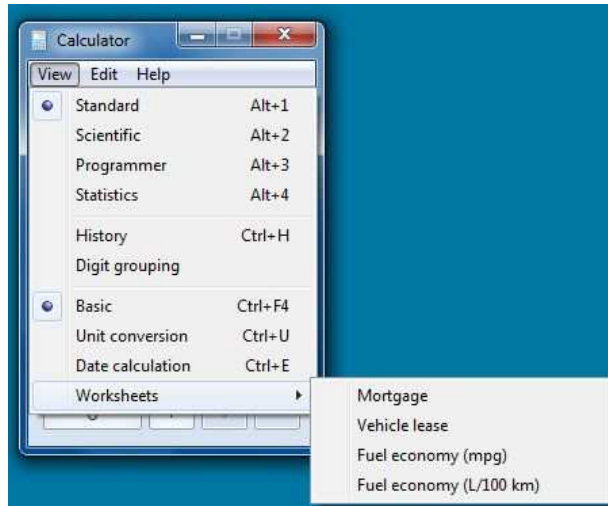
### **Santa Rosa Junior College comes to Oakmont**

On Saturday, November 20, from 2 until 3 p.m. in the Berger Center, Walt Chesbro, a faculty member, will give a presentation entitled, "Come Learn How to Take ONLINE Classes from SRJC." The college offers many types of online classes. You can learn how to determine which type of classes are best for you, how to register and how to successfully complete an online class. A demonstration of SRJC's new live, online Help System will be presented. The presentation is jointly sponsored by the Mac Club and the PC Club and refreshments start at 1:30 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity.

**Go Figure!**

**The Windows 7 Calculator**

Windows operating systems have had a calculator beginning with Windows 1. It has been improved over the years with the Windows 7 version showing a major enhancement.

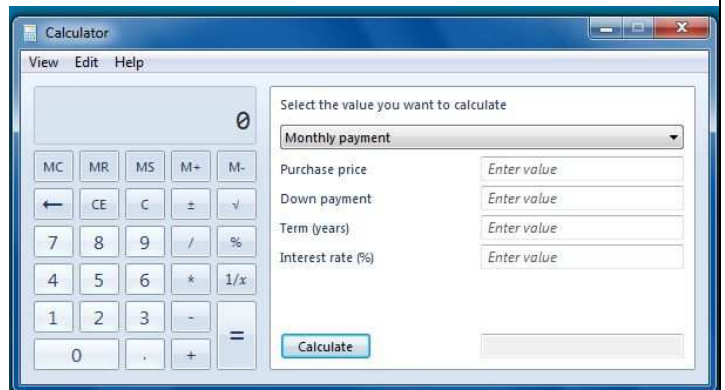


If you go to *Start* then type in *calculator* and click on the Calculator program. It will open with the *Standard* unless the calculator was used in some other mode in the past. If you then click on *View* you will see all the selections available. The *Standard* is the typical four function calculator with memory. After

using if you press Ctrl+H all the calculations made during this session will be displayed.

The *Scientific* permits use of trigonometric functions, roots and powers. The *Programmer* calculator handles hexadecimal calculations and *Statistics* does the average of the values or average of the square of the values, sum of the values, sum of the square of the values, standard deviation, standard deviation of population. Also, various unit conversions and date calculations can be accomplished.

Of special interest are the *Mortgage* and *Vehicle Worksheets*. Type in the four values and press *Calculate* to find the monthly payment for a mortgage or for the *Vehicle Lease* worksheet, the monthly payment of the lease. Explore the various views. If any of the worksheets remain on the return to *Standard*, click *View/Basic* to close it.



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