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President's Message

This month I would like to use this space to talk about and ask for your help on a "gut" issue; namely, refreshments after the program meeting. The club provides refreshments to encourage members to linger a bit after the meeting in order to enjoy contact with other members, have informal discussions, inspect the Exchange Table and generally add a dessert to the program meal.

The Board member in charge of nominations for the year 2011 advises that he is having difficulty filling the job of Hospitality Chairman. This is the title given to the person with the responsibility for overseeing the task of providing refreshments after each of the eight program meetings held during the year.

I had the nominations task last year and encountered a similar problem. The solution was not entirely satisfactory. It consisted of the de facto chairman preparing detailed instructions on what to do and when. At the first and second program meeting of the year we circulated a signup sheet for volunteers to do the job for one month. The response was quite gratifying and the refreshments turned out better than we had hoped. We propose to continue with the signup sheet for the year 2011.

The difficulty is that we really need someone to step forward, coordinate with the volunteer for the monthly assignment and accept the overall responsibility of providing the refreshments. The club, of course, reimburses expenditures.

So how about it, OPCUG? Can't we have someone take on the job of Hospitality Chairman? Call Gordon Ramsey (538-4981) or send an e-mail to him at gordonr947@gmail.com with any questions or to volunteer. If the phone is busy, you may assume that it is not because so many members are all trying to step forward at the same time. Please try again. Also, remember that this being the 21st century, the job is gender neutral.

Jack Frantz, President

Board Member Volunteers

Several of our board members will be leaving us at the end of the current year. We are looking for interested volunteers who would also be willing to serve our club in future years as President and in other offices. The current officers and board members have served many years and we need some new blood and ideas to keep our club as a vital organization. If you are interested, please contact Jack Frantz, our President, or any of our current officers whose names appear in our monthly newsletter.

Rich – Thanks!

Thank You, Rich Irwin

On September 20 Rich Irwin provided a remarkable demonstration of how a visually handicapped person can use, benefit from and enjoy a computer. The tools found in all Windows systems, *Magnifier* and *Narrator*, were employed. The handouts, detailing a very large number of keyboard shortcuts, are posted on: <http://oakmontpc.com/>. Thank you Rich. You gave us much with which to experiment and learn.

Al Thomas – Thanks!

Hospitality

Thank you, **Al Thomas**, for the grand refreshments at the September General Meeting. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and attention to this enjoyable aspect of our meetings.

Answers Without Questions

Questions Without Answers

October Question and Answer Session

Monday, October 11 – West Recreation Center at 2:45 p.m.

Our Q & A meeting format has changed slightly. We will continue to answer questions but, in addition, at each meeting we hope to add a tip or two of hints that should help you enjoy your computer more.

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 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.

You've Got Mail!

October General Meeting

Monday, October 18, 2010 – West Recreation Center at 2 p.m.

All you Ever Wanted to Know about E-mail. This program will demonstrate Web Mail and four e-mail Client systems: *Outlook Express*, *Windows Mail*, *Windows Live Mail* and *Thunderbird*. Instruction and demonstration on how to use each will be provided. In addition, the details for setting up each of the four client systems will be covered along with reference material on the settings to be used for the major Internet Service Providers. Jack Frantz will conduct the program.

Latest on the Web

News From the Webmaster

The announcement for our October General Meeting for Jack Frantz's talk on "All You Ever Wanted to Know About E-Mail" has been added to our home page. I'm looking forward to his presentation on e-mail programs.

September's presentation by Rich Irwin on "Using the Accessibility Features of Windows" is on the "Past Programs" web page. The three handouts (*Magnifier*, *Narrator*, and *Keyboard Shortcuts*) are available here as PDF files so they can be printed out for your convenience.

**Think You're Infected?
Try Online Scanning**

Technical Stuff

Free On Line Scanners to Detect and Remove Malware: There are a number of free scanners that are available to check if you suspect that you may be infected. These are usually quick and because they come through the internet are more up to date than scanners dependent on updates aimed at large numbers of computers.

TrendMicro recently released *HouseCall version 7.1*, which will run on most browsers, including Internet Explorer and Firefox, and on any Windows system with at least *Windows XP* installed. *HouseCall* now has versions explicitly for 64 bit systems running *Windows 7-64* or *Vista-64*. When using *HouseCall*, the user needs to select by clicking on "Download HouseCall 7.1 (32-bit)" or "Download HouseCall 7.1 (64-bit)." *HouseCall* will download and install a small web based launcher (1.4 mb) that is a stand-alone, browser-independent implementation. The user can select a quick scan which utilizes a "targeted scanning" of critical system areas and active threats, reducing scan times to a few minutes. It can be downloaded at: <http://housecall.trendmicro.com/> .

HouseCall - Free Online Virus Scan



ESET, a well-known security company, has a very complete scanner and malware remover at: <http://www.eset.com/online-scanner>. It is browser based and will run on Microsoft Internet Explorer, Firefox and others and is implemented with a single mouse click. The ESET Online Scanner will run on Microsoft *Windows 7, Vista, XP, 2000, and NT*, and supports both 32 bit and 64 bit platforms. It handles hidden root kits, a form of malware that is especially difficult to remove and performs a deep scan which looks at zipped files as well as uncompressed files. ESET does not require registration so the user remains anonymous.



ESET Online Scanner

ESET Online Scanner is a user friendly, free and powerful tool which you can use to remove malware from any PC utilizing only your web browser without having to install anti-virus software. ESET Online Scanner uses the same ThreatSense® technology and signatures as ESET Smart Security/ESET NOD32 Antivirus, and is always up-to-date.

IMPORTANT: Administrator privileges are required to run ESET Online Scanner

[ESET Online Scanner](#)

Fix specific PC issues

Use the full service scan to check everything. To help fix particular problems on your PC, turn to the individual scanners below.



Protection



Clean up



Tune up

Full Service Scan

Microsoft provides Protection, Clean up and Tune up at: <http://onecare.live.com/site/en-us/default.htm> By clicking on any of the three icons shown on “Fix specific issues” you obtain that function. Clicking on the “Full Service Scan” button you obtain all three.

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