



# Oakmont PC Users Group

## E-Mail Newsletter

January 1, 2011

Volume 5 Number 1

### Officers:

#### President:

Jack Frantz

[jack@thefrantzes.com](mailto:jack@thefrantzes.com)

#### Vice President:

Ruth Caldwell

[ruthiec@sonic.net](mailto:ruthiec@sonic.net)

#### Secretary:

Roger White

[codger65@att.net](mailto:codger65@att.net)

#### Treasurer:

Gary Goodenough

[gmgoody@pacbell.net](mailto:gmgoody@pacbell.net)

#### Communications:

Krystine Boehme

[krystine\\_at\\_oakmont@yahoo.com](mailto:krystine_at_oakmont@yahoo.com)

#### Programs:

Gary Caldwell

[garycaldwl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:garycaldwl@sbcglobal.net)

#### Helper Committee:

Gordon Ramsey

[Ramsey7999@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Ramsey7999@sbcglobal.net)

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

Jack Frantz 539-4232

Phil Kenny 538-2075

Bob Mandelstam 537-8724

Gordon Ramsey 538-4981

### We're on the Web!

<http://oakmontpc.com>

#### Webmaster:

Gary Pickering

[rwp@sonic.net](mailto:rwp@sonic.net)

### President's Message

Happy Holidays to all. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that the New Year brings you joy and contentment. The latter is immeasurably enhanced by continued glitch free computing. If you do have problems, don't forget that you can call on the selfless volunteers shown in the column on the left. They sometimes get jammed up and over-scheduled, but they will do their level best to help you as rapidly as practical and they usually do solve the problems.

With the start of a new year, a new Board of Directors takes over. The President for this year is again Jack Frantz. Although I believe it is healthier for the club to get a new face each year in that job, it has worked out that I will be serving for a second consecutive year. I will work hard to be the President you would like to have leading this great organization.

Our club Secretary and Scribe (responsible for the biweekly input to *Oakmont News*) is **Roger White**. Welcome aboard, Roger, and thank you for volunteering. We look forward to working with you.

Just as with death and taxes, dues for 2011 again fall due for payment. The \$10 per family per year is as modest as we can make it and still keep the club moving ahead. Dues can be paid at the General (program) Meeting each month, or by mailing to our Treasurer, Gary Goodenough, at 451 Oak Mesa Drive, or by leaving a check in the Oakmont PC Users Group folder in the standing file just as you enter the new OVA office on Oakmont Drive. We dislike nagging so don't put it off or forget.

**Jack Frantz, President**

### January Question and Answer Session

**Monday, January 10 – West Recreation Center at 2:45 p.m.**

If you have a computer question or problem you would like to have discussed 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](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 1:45 p.m. and is open to any members who would like to attend.

**Spend, Pay  
And Save On-line**

**Just Like Gift Exchange!**

**Glad You Could Come**



## January General Meeting

**Monday, January 17, 2011 – West Recreation Center at 2 p.m.**

**On-line Shopping and Banking.** Each year, on-line shopping becomes an ever larger part of the total consumer shopping experience. The selection available from your favorite “Big Box” store is far larger on line than in the store. Costco, Best Buy, Wal-Mart, Sears, JCPenney: they all have everything on line that their stores carry plus much, much more. But there are pitfalls of which we need to be aware.

Then, to pay for all your purchases you can use on-line banking. This adds a new level of convenience and budget oversight capability. It will all be laid out for you in the January program under the guidance of **Bob Stinson**, long-time member and technical expert.

## Exchange Table

At each General Program Meeting we have an Exchange Table that contains computer related items donated by members that are available free to any and all. Items include books, magazines, ink, programs etc. If you have any items that you wish to donate, bring them to the General Program Meeting. If you have something you wish to donate and cannot attend, please call Gordon Ramsey (538-4981) and he will gladly pick it up.

We also maintain a list of professional computer people who can help with serious computer problems that cannot be handled by our volunteer helpers.

Gran DeMerritt has handled this activity in an excellent way for a number of years, but Gran has retired and Gordon Ramsey is filling this position.

## New Members

We welcome the following new members to our Club:

**Barbara Blei-Leigh**  
**Joe and Babe Matchaza**  
**Joyce Revis**

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

## No Filer Frog!!

“Technical Stuff” in the December Newsletter extolled the virtues of a *Windows Explorer* add-on to provide many additional commands to the right click displayed menu for any file in *Windows Explorer* or *Computer/My* computer. The program was recommended by PCWorld magazine and does indeed deliver as promised.

Unfortunately, one of the club’s technical guru’s and I experienced unfortunate side effects. On occasion, *Windows Explorer* would lock up. This occurs normally on rare occasions when the program is heavily exercised but after the installation of **Filer Frog**, the lock up became an almost daily occurrence. Uninstalling the program cured the problem. If you installed **Filer Frog** and experience frequent lock ups, we recommend uninstalling the program and please accept our apologies.

**New Year's Resolution:  
Learn Something New**

**More Learning**

**Checking the  
Club Website**

**Free Tutorials**

Microsoft offers a large number of Audio Visual tutorials for all parts of the last three versions of Office starting with 2003. Those who have *Microsoft Word* obtained through *Microsoft Works* can use the closest year.

Microsoft Office

<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/support/training-FX101782702.aspx>

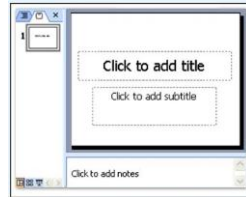
Covers Office programs for the individual parts of Office 2003, 2007 and 2010. Starting from here you can navigate to basic courses or more complex features. For example for:



Word 2003 <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/word-help/CH010224758.aspx> will give you a huge selection of Word courses, typically around one hour long. The most basic is: *Get to know Word – Create your First Document.*

Excel 2003

<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/excel-help/audio-course-get-to-know-excel-create-your-first-workbook-RZ001200571.aspx> *Create Your First Workbook*



PowerPoint 2003 <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/powerpoint-help/create-your-first-presentation-RZ001129842.aspx> *Create your First Presentation*

There are many courses for all parts of Office and they are free. All it takes is a bit of “self-starting” to enter a new world of understanding what you are doing.

HP has an extensive array of more formal tutorials at the HP Learning Center. Go to:

[http://h30187.www3.hp.com/?jumpid=ex\\_R295/go/learningcenter&mcID=go](http://h30187.www3.hp.com/?jumpid=ex_R295/go/learningcenter&mcID=go) for lists of classes and registration. HP requires registration and there are exercises to complete. The classes are more in depth than the Microsoft classes listed above but they offer a great way to learn Windows 7 or Photo editing or ??? Give it a try.

**OCLC News**

The Oakmont Computer Learning Center (OCLC) resumes classes this month. The schedule of classes for the winter session is published in the current *Oakmont News* and is also available in the OVA office. Be sure to check out these classes.

**What's New on the Website**

The club website has been brought up to date with the mounting of the December Newsletter and the addition of material from the November General Meeting.

**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