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President's Message

As you will read further on in this newsletter, the club will suspend the General Meetings during the summer. This has been the usual custom and we will continue it this year. The Talk Question and Answer sessions will run through the summer. The board has approved a plan which calls for us to purchase a new laptop computer during the summer, hopefully, at a very attractive sale price. The new computer will be setup with the Windows Vista operating system and the initial use will be to permit our Help Volunteers to become familiar with the new system. So enjoy your summer, after the May meetings, knowing that during that time your Help Volunteers will be getting educated so that they can continue to give you the wonderful help that they have in the past.

From what I've read, we should not be in a hurry to convert to Vista. It will take some time for the bugs to shake out and all of the drivers for equipment that you may already have to come available. It takes a while, however, to learn all the little tricks in a new operating system and for the Help Volunteers to come up to speed, thus the early start. I know I speak for the membership when I say thank you, Help Volunteers.

Have a nice summer.

Jack Frantz, President

Meetings

Monday, May 14th, West Rec. Center

The OPCUG Computer Talk Session will be held at 2:45 PM on Monday, May 14th. This question and answer period will be led by Jack Frantz. You are requested to jot down your questions. Three by five inch cards will be available.

The OPCUG Board Meeting will meet earlier, at 1:45 PM, and all club members are welcome at our Board Meetings.

Monday, May 21st, West. Rec. Center

The General Membership Meeting and Presentation will start at 2:00 PM. Judie Coleman will address the troublesome task of File Management. She has promised some secrets of file maintenance that everyone should know.

Door prizes and light refreshments will follow the presentation.

Help Volunteers: The following is a list of individuals who have offered to help solve your computer problems. If you have a problem and before you do violence to your computer, give one of these Knowledgeable folks a call:

Jack Feniger	538-8809
Gordon Ramsey	538-9481
Bob Reitow	537-0451
Phil Kenny	538-2075
Bob Stinson	539-7684

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Thanks to Bob Stinson

In April, Bob Stinson, as always presented a much appreciated Power Point Show. His graphic illustrations of 'Digital Photo Enhancement Techniques' was of genuine interest to all. His handout provides 'before and after' photos. These include folks who were "enhanced" as well as some that were later "deleted". If you missed this meeting, copies of the handout will be available after the May 21st General Meeting. Please check with Granville DeMerritt after the meeting, near the 'Exchange Table'.

Welcome New Members

Recent new members of the P.C. Club are:

- Ann Berger - Joyce Woods
- Shel and Anne Bernstein

We hope that each of you will contact one of our officers, or a Board Member, to express your special interests and to provide your suggestions. The vitality of our Club relies on the active participation of members like you. Again, welcome.

New on the OPCUG Web Page – May 1, 2007

The newest additions are:

1. PUSH3-07, the Association for PC Users Groups latest offering of interesting articles selected from the March issue of User Group Newsletters from all over the country. Follow the instructions given on our web site.
2. Link to SeniorNet.org. One of the more interesting web sites you can visit is <http://www.seniornet.org>. By clicking on this link you will visit the home page of SeniorNet and have available a treasure trove of information and help. The web site shows you where to look and how.

To reach the web site, click on the link in the left column of this newsletter. When you are there, make it one of your favorites by clicking on *Favorites* and the *Add to Favorites*.

Helper Committee Activities

Bill Richards, Chairman of the Help Committee, and Granville DeMerritt will again set up the 'free exchange' table for the May 21st meeting. Members are encouraged to bring computer magazines and software that they no longer need to the 'Exchange Table'. Bill will have his latest listing of members who are willing to assist others with minor problems. His list includes a number of professionals serving in this area. Granville will have copies of "Handout" materials from many of our past presentations. These will include copies of Bob Stinson's April presentation.

Hospitality Committee

Thanks to Jill White, Granville DeMerritt and Lola Haran for the refreshments and the awarding of door prizes at the April Meeting. Dorrelle Aasland plans to return for the May General Meeting.

Door Prizes

Door prizes on May 21st will include a book by Addo Sturr for Seniors. We hope to see active members holding the winning tickets. To assure this (and to check our Roster for accuracy) we'll ask that you check in for your door prize stub.

Oakmont Computer Learning Center

There are two classes with space available at 'Press Time'.

These are :

- Advanced Internet, starting May 15th
- Spreadsheet, starting May 22nd

To register, call Caroline Keller at 539-7618. Information on classes and schedules is available at the OVA office and in the OVA News.

The schedule for Fall Classes will be available in August.

We wish to thank all of the teachers and helpers of the Learning Center and we will celebrate with them in June at the East Recreation Center. The Computer Classes are staffed and supported entirely by volunteers. Their many hours of hard work are truly appreciated. We again thank them and hope that many will join them for this 'Thank You' celebration on June 6th at 3:00 PM.

Oakmont Life Long Learning

Of interest to many PC Users is a special class presented in Oakmont on Digital Photography. It will be presented at Berger Center through Oakmont Life Long Learning and the Santa Rosa Junior College. The title is: Mastering Digital Photography with Derrick Story. The first of six classes will be June 6th. The fee is \$67. Enrollment forms and a detailed information sheet are available in the OVA Office.

Summertime Activities

As in past year, OPCUG will not conduct General Membership Meetings in June, July or August. The e-mail Newsletters are not planned for this months.

During the summer months, the popular Computer Talk Sessions will continue. They will be held, as usual, on the second Monday of June, July and August. You will be reminded of these sessions through Art Nichols articles in the OVA News. Reminders will also be sent to you by e-mail if we have your correct e-mail on our address list.

View Einstein in SF Chronicle

Three times a month on Mondays, David Einstein puts out a column in the *San Francisco Chronicle* titled *Computing Q&A*. To view the columns, go to the URL <http://sfgate.com> and in the left hand column click on *Columnists* which will bring you to a listing of the columnists that appear in the paper. Scroll down to *David Einstein* and click on either *Latest Column* or *Archives* to browse past columns. The format is to print a readers question and to give a concise answer. It makes interesting reading for anyone interested in computers.

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