



Oakmont PC Users Group

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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:*

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We're on the Web!

opcugroup.googlepages.com

The President's Message

With the coming end of summer your Club resumes its traditional autumn schedule. In September we'll restart the general meetings. Over the summer the Club has purchased a new a laptop computer. It's a beautiful instrument with a 17in. diagonal screen and all the bells and whistles. It uses the new Windows Vista operating system (Ultimate Version) and will give us a feel for the usefulness of that system to our membership. We will begin using it at all of our meetings along with our older laptop so that both Windows XP and Vista will be available.

Your Board met in August for the only time over the summer and it was gratifying to see that all ten Board members were present. During the course of the meeting I asked for four volunteers to carry out a task that was not particularly pleasant and will take some time to execute. To my surprise when I asked for volunteers the entire board raised their hands. Since I am of the generation that served in World War Two, I learned in the army to never volunteer. Thank goodness our Board doesn't abide by that lesson. We are all extremely fortunate to have such a vigorous capable and knowledgeable Board working to continually improve the Club. Thank you, Board members.

Jack Frantz, President

Meetings

Monday, September 10th, West Rec. Center

The OPCUG Computer Talk Session will be held at 2:45 PM on Monday, September 10th. This question and answer period will be led by the Technical Committee. 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, September 10th, West. Rec. Center

The General Membership Meeting and Presentation will start at 2:00 PM with brief announcements. The subject will be Search Engines. Search Engines have added new dimensions to the internet. Google alone provides millions of answers. 'Cluster Engines' carry the concept a few steps further. Our presenter, Maury Chorness is one of the founders of the Oakmont Computer Learning Center and is a past-president of our Club. Maury has worked in the discipline of training for most of his career. His presentation is a portion of the Advanced Internet Course given at the Learning Center. It should be of interest to web beginners as well as more advanced users.

Door prizes and light refreshments will follow the presentation.

Thanks to Judie Coleman

At the last General Meeting before a summer recess, Judie Coleman addressed the subject of File Management. Thank you Judie. If you missed this informative meeting, copies of her handout will be available after the September 17th General Meeting. Please check with Granville DeMerritt or Charlie McBride after the meeting, near the 'Exchange Table.

Welcome New Members

Following our last Newsletter of May 1st, the following new members have joined the P.C. Club: (OPCUG).

- **Albert (Herb) Coltin, Thomas Castanera, Sarah Kelly**
- **Phyllis Kindt, Nancy Lake, Alice Marci, Jack Palm,**
- **Renee Peters, Joy Russell, Wayne Seguin**
- **Janice and Ernest Stone,**

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. We hope that you will take an active part in club activities. We do recognize that nothing is as important as your vacation, a family visit or a needed rest.

The vitality of our Club relies on the active participation of members like you. Many of our members enjoy helping the club and other members with a bit of their time. Again, welcome and we hope to hear from you.

LASERJET PRINTER AVAILABLE

The OPCUG purchased an HP LaserJet 1100A printer some years ago. As it is not needed, it is being made available to be sold to any member of OPCUG. It is a black and white laser printer with built in scanner/copier. It is noted that this printer was recently loaned out as a temporary loan for some ones out of service LaserJet. It performed well.

Included are the original 18 page Manual, 2CDs and the necessary installation CD. OPCUG is making it for sale to the highest bidder from OPCUG members. There is minimum bid of \$30.

The highest bid (over the minimum) received by September 10, 2007 will purchase the printer. If you wish to bid, have questions or wish to see the printer, contact Charlie McBride at 538-4238. His e-mail address is sailor38@sonic.net.

Burn CD's of Your Files, Music or Pictures

At the last *Question and Answer* session a question about burning CD's came up. The demonstration consisted of, going to Windows Explorer (or My Computer and click the *Folders* icon on the *Tool Bar*) and drag and drop the desired files into the DVD/CD Burner. A bubble at the bottom of the display is clicked when all desired files have been dropped and when the Wizard appears, follow the Wizard. The demo did not cover Music CD's where a Playlist would be desirable.

An excellent step by step procedure is given at: [Good Link for Burning CD's](#) Leave the link open as you go through the steps one at the time and use the *Task Bar* at the bottom of the page to go back and forth

between the instructions and your computer. The procedure is a variation of the Club Demo but is more complete.

Microsoft has a web page which contains a video of a little over two minutes which demonstrates the procedure. The page, essentially, covers making a copy of a music CD, if that is your goal. [Click Here to Get the Microsoft CD Page](#)

Blank CD's are inexpensive and are carried by the chain electronics, office supply and drug stores and are frequently on sale for about ten to twenty cents in quantities from 25 to 100. Burn Baby Burn!

Helper Committee Activities

Bill Richards, Chairman of the Help Committee, and Granville DeMerritt will again set up the 'free exchange' table for the September 17th meeting. Members are encouraged to bring recent 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.

Oakmont Computer Learning Center

The Computer Learning Center (CLC) is located at 310 White Oak Drive (next to the Fitness Center). The schedule for Fall Classes was in the August 15th Oakmont News. The CLC news article (page 26) lists September through November classes and information regarding registration

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