



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!

<http://opcugroup.googlepages.com/home>

Presidents Message

For anyone who is interested in computers or thinks they might want to explore the possibilities which derive from computing, Oakmont offers a rich menu of opportunities. There are, of course, our own PC Users Group and the MAC Users Group but in addition there is the Oakmont Computer Learning Center (OCLC).

The OCLC was established by the Oakmont Village Board in 1998 following several years of investigation and planning by a number of computing practicing residents. The facility was initially in the McBride Realty building and after a few years the current facility across from the Fitness Center was established. If the Central Complex Expansion is implemented, the OCLC will have a fine new home.

The unique characteristic of the OCLC classes, because of the class size of six students and sometimes two instructors, is highly individualized hands on instruction. Sometimes, the students benefit by taking a course more than once. Most of the classes run for four sessions of two hours each so that the student is not tied down for an extended period. The courses run in a cycle, three times a year. Information is published in the *Oakmont News* and is posted on the bulletin board outside the OCLC. The cost is \$5.00 per session since the instructors are volunteers and the OVA provides the facility.

Beginners can learn the fundamentals which sometimes more experienced users learn the slow, hard, scattershot way. More knowledgeable folks can learn application programs. So take a look at the offerings of the OCLC.

To those already skilled in one or more applications, the OCLC needs auxiliary instructors to help in the classes. Volunteering in this capacity will increase your knowledge and help your fellow Oakmonters. Any of our club officers will be happy to discuss opportunities and ease your way to a rewarding path.

Jack Frantz, President

Thanks to Gary Caldwell

We wish to express our thanks to **Gary Caldwell** for his presentation for our General Meeting on October 15. His history, evolution and use of "Craig's List" was interesting and timely. If you missed this meeting, copies of Gary's handout paper will be available after the November 19 General Meeting. Again, Thank You, Gary!

OPCUG Meetings

Welcome!

Your Helper Committee

November Meetings

Monday, November 12 – Computer Talk Session, West Recreation Center

The OPCUG computer talk session will be held at 2:45 p.m. on Monday, November 12. This question and answer period will be led by the technical committee. You will be asked to jot down your questions. Three by five cards will be available. The OPCUG Board Meeting will be held earlier at 1:45 pm. All members are welcome at our Board Meetings.

Monday, November 19 – General Membership Meeting & Elections

The General Membership Meeting will also be held at the West Recreation Center on Monday, November 19.

At 2 p.m., following announcements and the report of the Nominating Committee, the election of OPCUG Officers for the Year 2008 will be held.

The presentation concerning Computer Security will be directed by Mike Noble and Bob Stinson. Both are Board Members of the Oakmont Computer Learning Center. They will discuss both computer security and maintenance. Items addressed will include: firewalls, anti-virus protection, spyware, password protection, E-mail security and phishing. They will also relate the benefits of removing obsolete files and optimizing your computer. It truly appears to be a “Must Hear” presentation.

Welcome New Members

This month we wish to welcome five new members. Joining the PC Club (OPCUG) are: **John Bugbee, Gwen and Roland Janson, Barbara and Robert Ritter.**

The vitality of our club relies on the active participation of our members. We invite each of you to contact one of our officers or a Board member to answer any questions and to express your special interests. Please remember that you are welcome to meetings of our Board.

Helper Committee Activity

After the General Meeting on November 19, Bill Richards will have copies of his latest list of members who are willing to assist others with minor computer problems. Also listed are a number of computer professionals who serve in this area.

Bill and Gran DeMerritt will also set out items on the Free Exchange table. Members are encouraged to bring recent computer magazines and software which they no longer need to the “Exchange Table.” Gran will have copies of handouts from recent OPCUG presentations that you may have missed. He will also have handouts from Gary Caldwell’s discussions in October concerning “Craig’s List.”

Refreshments and Door Prizes

Web Page Update

Some Technical Stuff

Hospitality

We wish to thank **Dorrelle Aasland**, chair of the Hospitality Committee, and also both **Trish Diviney** and **Jill White** for the refreshments at the October General Meeting. Light refreshments and door prizes are planned again for the General Meeting on November 19.

What's new on the web page?

The club's web page, <http://opcugroup.googlepages.com/home> has been updated with the following:

1. **Removed Push 3 and Push 4.** The compilations of articles from the *Association of PC Users Groups*, Push 3 and Push 4, were deleted to make room for new material.
2. **Latest newsletter.** In the header of the web page is a link to display the latest Newsletter. The Newsletter posted is the October 1 edition. An archive of past newsletters was added.
3. **Google Pack.** This item was extracted from last month's newsletter and placed in the main body of the page. Anyone who does not have *Microsoft Office* on their computer should get the *Sun Office* part of Google Pack. If you have problems or need help in downloading, call one of the Help Volunteers.

Free Language Translation

Sometimes, especially in E-Mail correspondence with foreign folks, it is desirable to translate from one language to another. Here are some free programs:

PROMPT-on line <http://translation2.paralink.com/> Has 500 character limits on free translation. Sells software to do translation.

Babel Fish <http://babel.altavista.com/> Will do 150 words at a time.

These were selected from the first page of a Google Search for "free language translation." To visit one simply clicks on the blue phrase.

To do translation, type a document. Then go to **Edit/Select All** and click. With the cursor somewhere in the highlighted area, **Right Click** and select **Copy**.

Then go to the translation web site and place the cursor in the **Translate** box, **Right Click** and select **Paste**. Select the proper languages and push the **Translation** button.

To E-Mail, highlight the translation and **Right Click/Copy** the translation. Set up your E-Mail and with the cursor in the text area **Right Click/Paste** the translation into the E-Mail.

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