



Oakmont PC Users Group

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We're on the Web!

<http://opcugroup.googlepages.com>

President's Message

This is the last President's Message that I will prepare. Starting in January 2008 your new President, Art Nichols, will take over. It has been an exciting and a fun year for me, and I hope you feel that I have helped make our Club exciting and fun for you. Being President of our Club is made much easier because of the highly capable and active Board of Directors. Your Board is pure joy with whom to work. Everything is open and on the table, as any of you who have sat in on our meetings can attest.

Members are encouraged to sit in on the board meetings which last one hour and are held immediately before the Question and Answer Session on the second Monday of each month. However, there will be no board meeting in December.

It is important to the continuing vitality of our Club that we have members who are aware of the Board's functions and phase into more active participation. Similarly, it is desirable that a new leader take over after the President's one year term of office. The new leader in this case, Art Nichols, is a long time club and Board member. Art has also been a long serving leader in the Oakmont Community Church. Please give Art your enthusiastic support.

Jack Frantz, President

Welcome to Eight New Members

This month we are happy to welcome eight new members. Recently joining the PC Club (OPCUG) are: **Yvonne Alexander, Sue Davidson, Beverly Harris, Lynda and Harold Hungerford, Robert Mandelstam, Pat Schabel and Una Skelly.** 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 of your questions and to express your special interests. Please remember that you are welcome to meetings of our Board. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for January.

"Hats Off" to Mike Noble

Many thanks to **Mike Noble** for his presentation at the General Meeting on November 19. Mike's talk addressed primarily computer security. There was a major turnout for this meeting which was well received. Many questions and answers followed the talk. Gran DeMerritt will have copies of the "Handout" at the General Meeting on January 21. Again, our thanks to Mike Noble.

OPCUG Meetings

December Meetings

There is no Board Meeting, Question & Answer Meeting or General Membership meeting in December, contrary to what is published in the *Oakmont News* of December 1.

January Meetings

The usual meetings will be held on the second and the third Mondays of January.

On **January 14** there will be both a Board Meeting (1:45 p.m.) and a "Question and Answer Session" starting at 2:45 p.m.

Looking ahead to the next General Membership Meeting, it will be held as usual on the third Monday, **January 21**. Starting at 2 p.m. Dutch Lichliter, assisted by Jack Frantz, will provide a presentation covering "How to make a Slide Show or Movie." If you have a digital camera or a camcorder, you will have a special interest in this subject. Material will be based on the use of "Windows Movie Maker" that comes with Microsoft Windows. The speakers will take you through the downloading of data from your camera or camcorder through editing and the addition of sound to produce a disk that can be played on any home DVD player.

Computer Learning Center

Oakmont Computer Learning Center (OCLC) Opportunities

One of the outstanding amenities offered by the Oakmont Village Association is the OCLC. It is located across from the Fitness Center and contains 6 Macintosh and 6 PC computer stations. An instructor's console and projector complete the equipment. Thus class size is a maximum of six and some classes have an assistant to help the students complete the "hands on" exercises. The PC classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays and most consist of four sessions of two hours each. The schedule for the January/March quarter is available on the club's web site: <http://opcugroup.googlepages.com/>

The Center would like to broaden the use of assistants and is looking to our club for volunteers to sit in on specified classes and, after sufficient familiarity is achieved, assist students in doing the exercises called for in the text or handouts. You do not need to be an expert to fill these positions and you will learn from the experience and enhance your skills. If you are interested, please call Bob Stinson at 539-7684 or e-mail at rlstinson@comcast.net. Bob is the club's board member charged with OCLC Liaison. He is also on the board of the Learning Center.

Available!

Gateway 2000 Computer Available

An Oakmont resident has asked that we find someone who could pickup and make use of a working Gateway 2000 P.C. It has a tower that is fairly heavy. If you know anyone interested, they may contact her through Charlie Mc Bride at 538-4238 or sailor38@sonic.net.

Groceries On-line

Grocery Shopping

We frequently hear of yet another way to have the internet help us. A recent experience saved a trip to the grocery and the unloading of bags from my car to the kitchen. A Safeway Club Card number is required. <http://shop.safeway.com/> allows shopping in any or all of these three methods:

1. Shopping with "My Favorites." This is a list of items you've purchased at Safeway stores or ordered online that Safeway provides. (Yes, they do know what you bought.)
2. Express Shopper. Quickly locate items by typing them into the virtual notepad.
3. "Shop by Aisle" to view products by group, like condiments or baby food.

The groceries were delivered just at the end of the "two hour" period for delivery. At times there are "specials" which include "No Delivery Charge." Tips are not accepted. Safeway has a Customer Service phone at 1-877-505-4040.

This labor saving method of shopping may be welcomed by many in Oakmont.

San Francisco Bus Trip

Bus to San Francisco on January 16

The OakMUG Computer Club is planning a Bus trip to take Members and friends to the Moscone Center in San Francisco on Wednesday, January 16. While this is a "MacWorld" event, many of the exhibitors will feature printers, software etc. which are used also with P.C. Computers. Information was listed on page 26 of the *Oakmont News* dated Nov. 15 and Judy Burness has told us that PC Users were welcome. As noted in the *Oakmont News*, there are fees for both the Bus and for a pass to the exhibits. Call Judy at 833-5552.

Web Page Update

What's New on the Web Page?

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

1. **The January/March Quarter Schedule for the Oakmont Computer Learning Center** has been added.
2. **Latest newsletter.** In the header of the web page is a link to display the latest Newsletter. The Newsletter posted is the November 1 edition. The October 1 Newsletter was added to the Archive.

To opt out of this E-Mail:

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