



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:*

Gary Caldwell	538-4153
Jack Feniger	538-8809
Gordon Ramsey	538-4981
Bob Rietow	537-0451
Phil Kenny	538-2075
Bob Stinson	539-7684

We're on the Web!

<http://opcuqgroup.googlepages.com/>

President's Message

As usual, there will be no membership, question and answer, or board meetings during December. Let's all enjoy the holidays!

We'll be back in business in January (see the Oakmont News for details) under new management:

President Gordon Ramsey, previously VP and always a helpful expert to phone when your computer is acting up.

Vice President Ruth Caldwell, who has served so well for many years as our Secretary.

Treasurer Gary Goodenough, repeating in the position he has handled for many years.

Secretary Art Nichols, previously President and continuing also as Oakmont News columnist.

Sincere thanks to all incoming and outgoing officers. It's been great being associated with you all!

Art Nichols, President

Question & Answer Session – Something New

There will be no Q & A session in December. **However, starting with our January 12 Q & A session, we will try something new to provide more and better information to our members. Rather than filling out a card with your question or problem at the session, we ask that (prior to the session) you email ramsey7999@sbcglobal.net outlining your problem. Then our technical group will have time to come up with an answer which will be presented at the Q & A session.**

We hope this will provide better information and will also help to educate other attendees as well. The more time you give our tech group, the better information we should be able to provide. We will also continue to take questions from the floor but encourage everyone to email us first so we can give more time and thought to your problems.

Welcome, Jean!

Welcome New Member

We would like to welcome **Jean Dietz** as a new member of our club this month. We encourage our members to get involved. Please feel free to contact Gordon Ramsey or any of the officers listed in our newsletter for help or assistance.

***Handouts and
Other Good Stuff***

The Help Committee and Exchange Table

We continue to have our exchange table which has items that members have donated as well as a list of handouts for previous programs. If you let Gran DeMerritt know the handouts in which you are interested, he can make available copies of handouts of previous programs presented. If any member has computer magazines, extra ink or other computer related items, feel free to bring those to our monthly meeting for donations to the exchange table.

Many Thanks!

Hospitality Committee

Thanks to Dorrelle Aasland and Evelyn Hubbs for their efforts in providing a nice table complete with Turkey for the season. We also thank Evelyn Hubbs, Caroline Keller, Ray Roe and Hank Richmond for their delicious contributions to the table fare. We are always looking for additional help and all those willing please call Dorrelle at 537-1518.

Time to Pay Up!

Dues Reminder

Dues for our club are due in January 2009 for the year. Annual dues are \$10 for a family and must be paid no later than the February meeting or the member will be dropped from the club roster. Checks made out to **OPCUG** may be turned in at the meeting or mailed to our treasurer, Gary Goodenough, at 451 Oak Mesa Drive.

Check This Out

Is there Interest in Interesting Web Pages?

Our new President and Vice President feel that (although we can have only one President at a time and until January 1, 2008, that is Art Nichols!), it would be worthwhile to initiate an effort to collect and make available to club members web site addresses that are of special interest to you.

If you think of or run across a web site that might be of interest, e-mail the address (URL) to: jack@thefrantzes.com. To be sure that you send an error free address, left click anywhere in the address of the web page to select it and right click on the selection and choose "Copy." Then "Paste" the address in the body of the e-mail and add a few words to give a clue as to what it is about. For example, one *Favorite* to watch is *Saturday Night Live* at: <http://www.hulu.com/>. Other "after the fact" TV shows are available also.

The addresses Jack receives will be demonstrated at the beginning of the monthly Question & Answer session beginning in January and if there appears to be interest, a section in the club's web page will be devoted to collecting these. Let us hear from you!

Web Page Updates

What's New on the Web Page

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

1. The October 1, 2008, Newsletter was added to the Archive and the November 1, 2008, Newsletter was mounted in the masthead.
2. **Skype for Free or Economical Communications** - This was the main item on the November 17, 2008, program. A copy of the slides and a reference for purchase of an economical Webcam/Microphone combination is included.
3. **CrossLoop to Make Getting Help Easier** - At the November 17, 2008, General Meeting a handy little program to permit a helper to remotely access the computer of a person requesting help, was demonstrated. The link to the web page for viewing a video and obtaining the free download was provided.
4. **Using the Internet to Make Life Easy** is the title of a presentation sponsored by the Oakmont Computer Learning Center on the evening of November 5, 2008, and given by our own Guru Bob Stinson. Links to the slides used are given in both PowerPoint format and pdf.

Technical Stuff

In the bottom row of keys of most Windows PC's, to the left, is the Windows Logo Key. It is sometimes labeled *Start* and depressing it will display the *Start* menu. When used in conjunction with other keys, it provides a number of useful shortcuts. The following are a number of useful combinations (the letters can be upper or lower case):

Useful Shortcuts

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| Windows + D | Minimize or restore all windows (to see the desktop) |
| Windows + E | Display <i>Windows Explorer</i> |
| Windows + F | Display <i>Search</i> for files |
| Windows + F1 | Display <i>Help and Support Center</i> |
| Windows + R | Display <i>Run</i> dialog box |
| Windows + Break | Display <i>System Properties</i> dialog box with much information about your computer. |
| Windows + U | Open <i>Utility Manager</i> which contains <i>Magnifier</i> to place an adjustable magnified image above the normal screen, <i>Narrator</i> to vocalize the text and <i>On Screen Keyboard</i> to type without using the keyboard. |

Not a combination, but separate key strokes in Windows XP is:

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| Windows then U then U | To shut down your computer without using the Mouse. |
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