



Oakmont PC Users Group

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President's Message

This is the last time I write this portion of the newsletter. On January 1 a new regime takes over. Rotation of officers is healthy for our club in that it brings in new ideas and a renewal of energy into the club activities. We have two new officers, President **Ken Kronen** and Secretary/Scribe **Mary Anne Roush**. Ken has been a member of the club for a little over a year. He has lived in Oakmont for several years, but retired at the end of 2010 from the Veterans Administration where he worked in Information Technology Management. Mary Anne has been a club member for some years and in a prior life was with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Contra Costa County.

In the near future we hope to expand the Board of Directors to include more "youngsters" to freshen up the club management. We encourage anyone with interest in helping manage the club to contact any of the Board Members shown in the left column. Don't wait for us to call you; do call us.

Also, this is my last opportunity to remind you that dues of \$10 per household for the exciting upcoming year 2012 are due and payable starting now. You can pay at a General Meeting as you enter, but in order to avoid a traffic jam, mail your check to Gary Goodenough, 451 Oak Mesa Drive or drop the check in the PC Club folder in the Oakmont Club's file drawer as you enter the OVA office.

And, lastly, I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and help rendered during my term as your President. It makes the job far more interesting and easier to do. I'll still be around helping in some of the ways I most enjoy. As the kids say, "See ya!"

Jack Frantz, President

Officers for the Year 2012

President:	Ken Kronen
Vice President:	Ruth Caldwell
Treasurer/Membership	Gary Goodenough
Secretary:	Mary Anne Roush

There will be no club meetings in December.

New Members

We welcome the following new members to our Club:

Robert Bissiri	Phil Langley
Betty Fromberg	Eva McGinn

All new members are encouraged to become participants and please feel free to contact any of the officers for help or assistance.

John Excels

**Relive Memorable
Events**

School Days

**Krystine Masters
The Web**

Thank you, John Renwick

Thank you, John, for presenting the November program on Spreadsheets. Even those of us who have some familiarity with spreadsheets enjoyed the session. For those interested in learning more, John teaches the *Excel* class in the Learning Center.

January 16, 2012, Program

“Share Your Travel Photo’s with a Slideshow and CD/DVD”

When you travel or participate in any other memorable experience, take lots of pictures with a digital camera so that you can relive the events. The presentation will offer some considerations for before-the-event planning and then how to make a slideshow which you can enjoy and also share with others. Adding titles and audio, both music and commentary, will be included. Following planning, a demonstration of several “in the cloud” free services and several “in your computer” approaches will be provided. After completion of a slideshow, a CD or DVD of the show will be made.

Step-by-step instructions will be available in the handout and after a few days will appear on the club web site to provide a reference for future use when that big event happens.

Oakmont Computer Learning Center Open House and Technology Forum

On Tuesday, December 6, at 4:00 p.m. The Oakmont Computer Learning Center will conduct an **Open House**. The instructors for the courses in the winter cycle that begins in January will be on hand to answer questions. Class sign-ups can be accomplished at this time.

To see the schedule go to: http://oakmontlearning.org/About_Us.html and on that page, click on “OCLCSched.pdf.”

At 4:30 p.m. the Technical Forum will begin. The subject will be “iPads, Tablets and Apps.” This will be followed by a brief session on eReaders including the *Kindle Fire* and the *Barnes & Noble Tablet*.

The meeting will be held in the East Recreation Center and promises to be most interesting.

Webmaster’s Report

By the time you receive this newsletter, the November program handouts will be available on the “Past Programs” tab of our OPCUG Website at <http://oakmontpc.com>. Also, a relatively new item on the Home page is a club application form. It is an editable electronic form, so the applicant can enter the data on his/her computer and print it out. The new member completes the process by submitting the hard copy (along with a membership check) either by mail, at the OVA Office, or in-person at a Club meeting. We are exploring possible enhancements for the future.

I’m still trying to get the hang of this webmaster thing and have lots of support from the former webmaster, Gary Pickering, and from Jack Frantz, our soon to be Immediate Past President. Thanks to you both for your assistance!

Block E-mail Annoyances



Technical Stuff

In the course of helping Oakmont residents with computer problems I sometimes hear complaints about e-mail senders who send commercial messages at frequent intervals, necessitating regular manual deletions, because their Internet Service Provider does not seem to filter out these messages. Most e-mail systems, both client systems such as *Windows Live Mail*, *Outlook Express* and *Thunderbird* and web mail such as *Gmail*, *Yahoo* and *Comcast mail*, have ways to block a specific sender. The client systems are a bit simpler to add a block but the following will address most systems in use:

Windows Live Mail –

- Highlight a message from the sender you wish to block. Make sure you are in the “Home” tab on the top ribbon and click on the downward pointing arrow of the “Junk” icon.
- Click on “Add sender to blocked sender list.”

Outlook Express –

- Highlight a message from the sender you wish to block.
- In the top Menu bar click on “Message.” And select “Block sender.”
- Click “Yes” to have all existing messages from that sender deleted.

Thunderbird –

- Display Inbox and in the top Menu bar click on “Tools” then “Message filters” then “New.”
- In the “Filter rules” screen, give it a name, choose “Checking Mail or Manually Run”, “Match all of the following”, “From”, “contains” and then type or paste the address to be blocked.
- Under “Perform these actions” select “Delete Message” and click “OK”.

Gmail –

- Click on the “Create a filter” link near the search buttons at the top.
- In the “From” box, type or paste the address to be blocked and click “Next step.”
- Check the box for “Delete it” and click “Create filter.”

Web Mail in general –

- Each provider is slightly different but in the “Inbox” usually at the top look for a “Settings” or “Options” link and click.
- Look for an option that allows you to “Create a filter.”
- The approach is usually similar to Gmail above.

There is a certain satisfaction to blocking an annoyance; happy blocking.

To opt out of this E-Mail:

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