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President's Message



Happy Holidays to all. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that the New Year brings you joy and contentment – the latter, immeasurably enhanced by continued glitch free computing. If you do have problems, don't forget that you can call on the selfless volunteers shown in the column on the left. They sometimes get jammed up and over-scheduled, but they will do their level best to help you as rapidly as practical and they usually do solve the problems.

With the start of a new year, a new Board of Directors takes over. The President for this year is Ken Kronen. Our new Secretary and Scribe (person responsible for the biweekly input to *Oakmont News*) is Mary Anne Roush. Welcome to all and thank you for volunteering.

Just as with death and taxes, dues for 2012 again fall due for payment. The \$10 per family per year is as modest as we can make it and still keep the club moving ahead. Dues can be paid at the General (program) Meeting each month, or by mailing to our Treasurer, Gary Goodenough, at 451 Oak Mesa Drive, or by leaving a check in the Oakmont PC Users Group folder in the standing file just as you enter the new OVA office on Oakmont Drive. We dislike nagging so don't put it off or forget.

I would like to personally thank Jack Frantz for leading the club for the past two years as President. We all express our gratitude and appreciation.

Ken Kronen, President

January Question and Answer Session

Monday, January 9 – West Recreation Center at 2:45 p.m.

If you have a computer question or problem you would like to have discussed at our Q & A Session, Bob Mandelstam is our Coordinator and M/C. If you would e-mail your questions or problems to Bob at bobmandel@psualum.com several days before the meeting he will work with our experts to determine a solution and present it at the meeting. We will continue to take questions from the floor but the e-mail requests will have priority.

We encourage our members to attend this session whether you have a question or not. There is always something to learn and sometimes even the most knowledgeable pick up something new. Our Board Meeting begins at 1:30 p.m.; the Q&A session follows at 2:45 p.m. Both are open to any members who would like to attend.

Come to the Show!

Tell Us What You Would Like covered in March

Club Programs Until Summer Recess

OCLC Update

Index Coming!

January General Meeting

Monday, January 16 – West Recreation Center at 2 p.m.

“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 offers some considerations for before-the-event planning and then how to make a slideshow which you can enjoy and also share with others. How to add titles and audio, both music and commentary will be included. The demonstrations of several free “in the cloud” services and a few “in your computer” approaches for the creation of a slideshow precede instruction on how to transfer the slideshow to CD or DVD.

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. Jack Frantz will present this program.

March Program – Beyond Basics

In Beyond Basics, Gordon Ramsey attempts to give our members information beyond the basic learning they might have received with a Basic Course. He will cover some items for which we had programs in the past. With only an hour, he cannot get into great detail on everything, but will provide links to places where more detailed information is available when necessary. Also, if anyone has some subject that they would like to have covered, please send an e-mail to Gordon Ramsey at ramsey7999@sbcglobal.net and he will do his best to cover it. We hope by covering several items that we can help make your computer experience more enjoyable.

Coming Attractions:

Between now and the summer hiatus there are a series of interesting and useful programs planned:

- January – How to Make a Slide Show of Travel or Another Event – Jack Frantz
- February – WiFi and Wireless Computing – George McKinney
- March – Beyond Basics – Gordon Ramsey
- April – Great Free Stuff – Ken Kronen
- May – Facebook – Pat Barclay

Oakmont Computer Learning Center (OCLC)

The winter schedule of classes offered by OCLC is found in the current issue of the *Oakmont News*.

Webmaster’s Report

After the dust settles from the holiday season, Jack Frantz and I will begin the task of indexing the topics of our general meetings and newsletter technical hints. This will make it easier for our members to locate information on the website that is of interest. We’ll announce the roll-out in an upcoming newsletter and/or meeting.



Technical Stuff

Does Your Computer Have a Malware Infection?

If your computer is running slower than it has been recently or if you are getting many popups or weird problems are appearing, you may have a malware infection. Here is the methodology to get rid of many of these unwanted annoyances.

1. **Boot up in *Safe Mode*.** Shut down your computer completely then turn it on again and as soon as something appears on the screen press the *F8* key repeatedly. The *Advanced Boot Options* menu will appear. From this menu select *Safe Mode with Networking*. If the normal Windows boot starts, wait until the boot is complete and then start over.
2. **Delete temporary files.** These files take up considerable space and will lengthen the scan process as you proceed. Go to *Start/ All Programs/ Accessories/ System Tools/ Disk Cleanup*. Check *Temporary Internet Files* and *Temporary Files* and click on *Clean up System files* and when complete, OK.
3. **Download the free version of *Malwarebytes* at:**
http://www.malwarebytes.org/products/malwarebytes_free
There are several short video's to help you get your bearings. After download, double click on the file to install and follow instructions.
4. **Scan your computer.** After installation, *Malwarebytes* will check on line for updates and start the program. Run the *Quick Scan*. Infections show up in red on the screen. When the scan is complete, if there are infections, click the *Scan Results* button in the lower right. The files deemed dangerous are indicated as a checkmark, so simply click the button labeled *Remove Selected* and the job is finished.

If, when you try to run the scan, ***Malwarebytes*** will not run or disappears, you probably have a more serious infection and need expert help. Some infections are only cured by complete reinstallation of Windows but many can be cured with the above procedure. Happy scanning!

Don't forget: Dues are due!!

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