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THIS DECADE STARTS OUR 26th YEAR

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CKCS Board votes a dues increase

By Bob Brown, President of CKCS crb7@yahoo.com

After absorbing cost increases and inflation and higher taxes for as long as possible, the CKCS Board of Directors reluctantly voted to raise dues and other fees. Long time members will remember that we have not raised our dues very often in the 25 year history of CKCS. But with costs steadily going upward (sometimes slowly, sometimes rapidly) we have had to make some adjustments.

Membership dues will become \$40 per year for an individual and \$60 for a family. Two year memberships will be \$76 for an individual and \$114 for a family. Three year dues will be \$110 and \$165, respectively. The dues increase was announced at the CKCS Christmas Party in December.

Class fees will also be increased from \$49 to \$60 per six-week course and there will be similar increases for shorter courses.



SOME GOOD NEWS -- Discounts to members

Some good news is we have decided to offer a **20% discount on class fees** to CKCS members in good standing.

All these changes go into effect on March 1, 2010. So the next round of classes starting in January will remain at the old prices of \$49. And **members can beat the price increase** by renewing their memberships for one, two or three years at the old price. New members joining before March 1 will receive the old prices.

To take advantage of the old prices, sign up for classes or renew your membership quickly before the new prices go into effect. ■

CKCS celebrated Christmas and the New Year



PARTY TIME At CKCS on December 14, members and guests had an opportunity to enjoy a light meal; sandwiches, and many types of snacks and desserts. President Bob Brown, top left photo, served as master of ceremonies and allowed each SIG leader time to review details of their workshops and talked about upcoming events. Joe Dietz, talked about his digital imaging SIG and as a special request, made a presentation about combining several photos into one, a processing call "stitching". (See the picture below).



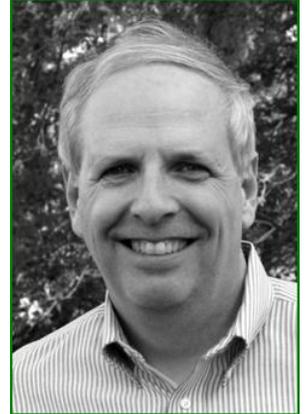
A 'STITCHED PHOTO' -Concluding the orientation session, Joe Dietz, was asked to demonstrate the use of a 'stitching' program to seamlessly combine several photos taken side by side. While some stayed around after the party ended, an amateur followed Joe's instructions and used the same auto stitching program to combined 7 separate photos to produce the above results. (The dark grey chairs in front were actually in a straight row.)

An Important message from CKCS Treasurer Jim McCormick

How are we doing?

We are just completing our review of the past year. The critical questions we asked ourselves in that review were:

- (1) did we have fun,
- (2) did we provide quality classes and activities for our members,
- (3) did we live up to our mission of "demystifying computers for our membership".



By the measure of those questions, the past year was a wonderful year for which we are very grateful. We enjoy what we do and with whom we do it. Note that not one of these questions asked, relates to financial performance. The hope is that if we consistently find that if we have good answers to these questions, the dollars take care of themselves.

Unfortunately, that is not always the case. Our funding comes from three major sources; membership dues, class fees and donations.

For the fiscal year that ended in June, 2009. Our income was \$28,109.93 with expenses of \$29,705. This left us with a net loss of \$1,595 for the year. We look to save money wherever possible, but our major expense are rent and utilities, and there is only so much you can cut there. This year is also trending for us to experience a loss of about the same amount. That brings me to the point of this message. If in 2009, each member had donated just \$5 we would have not experienced a financial loss.

While we have announced a dues increase for the upcoming year, we have also been faced with an increase in our monthly rent. We can still use your help. With year coming to an end, there is still time for you, our members to help CKCS.

Please ask yourself the questions above. If you agree that we did have fun, provided quality classes and activities and, helped you understand how to use your computer, than please take the time to make your donation. We are an IRS-501(c)3 charity and your donation is fully tax deductible. You may either send a check or donate on line. Either way, we all win.

Checks should be made to Central Kentucky Computer Society, Inc. and should be dated in the year for which you wish to claim your donation for tax purposes.

Thanks and have a wonderful new year.

Jim McCormick

CKCS office volunteers remain on a holiday schedule until January 4

Just a reminder, the CKCS Resource Center was closed for the Christmas holiday and the New Year celebration, as well. The office reopens on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 10:00 am. The answering machine is being monitored during the entire holiday season. Those calling about a class may leave a message and someone will return the call.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS. Dr. Fixit (Norm Funk) has announced that he will be traveling during the holidays and will not be available to conduct his **Dr. Fixit SIG** in January.

The Word Processing Special Interest Group will be the first SIG of the New Year. It will be held on the first Tuesday January 5, 2010. Two sessions are scheduled, 1:30 PM with a repeat at 7:00 PM. The Christmas and New Year's holiday caused the cancellation of several SIG in late December, however, most SIGs will resume their normal schedule in January. If in doubt, check the CKCS Meeting Schedule and / or contact your SIG leader. ■

SAD NEWS...

Please join me in remembering a great icon of the entertainment community. The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 71.

Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies, and Captain Crunch. The grave site was piled high with flours.

Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded. Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes. Despite being a little flaky at times, he still was a crusty old man and was considered a positive roll model for millions.

Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough, three children: John Dough, Jane Dough and Dosey Dough, plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart.

The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes. ■

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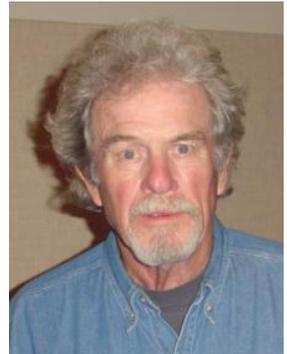
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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

By David Hight

Happy New Year! Let us hope that this is the year that the Central Kentucky Computer Society grows by “Leaps and Bounds”! We should all make a resolution to personally invite our friends and neighbors to our meetings and SIGs. Furthermore, we should make a resolution to make at least one of them a new member of Central Kentucky Computer Society.



The Central Kentucky Computer Society should be a place for computer users and enthusiasts of all ages to come together. At present our membership consists primarily of retirees and Senior Citizens. Personally I am proud to be a senior citizen, hopefully I can use my life’s experiences to help others learn and not to make the same mistakes that I did. As a senior citizen, I was very interested in the following article. The author expresses my views in better words than I can.

Nielsen: More Seniors Becoming Web Regulars

By Don Reisinger Cnet News Dec. 11, 2009

Top 10 Online Activities Performed in the Last 30 Days by People 65+ (U.S.)		
RANK	Profile Point: Internet Activities in Last 30 Days	Audience Composition Percent
1	Personal E-mail	88.6
2	Viewed or Printed Maps Online	68.6
3	Checked Weather Online	60.1
4	Paid/Viewed Bills Online	51.2
5	View/Posted Photos Online	50.1
6	Read General/Political News	49.2
7	Checked Personal Health Care Info	47.3
8	Planned Leisure Travel Trip Online	39
9	Searched Recipes/M meal Planning Suggestions	38.4
10	Read Business/Finance News	37.8

Source: The Nielsen Company, Nielsen @Plan Fall 2009 Release, Adults 18+

Although those aged 65 and older make up less than 10 percent of active Web users, a new Nielsen study has found that over the past five years, the number of seniors using the Internet regularly has increased by a 55 percent.

According to Nielsen, there were just 11.3 million seniors actively using the Web in November 2004. Five years, later, there are now more than 17.5 million seniors surfing around. Senior women have picked up the Web faster than men, outpacing men by 6 percent.

Check out where the seniors are going on the Web.



Seniors aren't just going to the Web, they're staying there. Nielsen found that the amount time seniors surf increased 11 percent in the last five years from 52 hours per month to a little more than 58 hours per month in November.

Nielsen research director Chuck Schilling said in a statement that seniors are sharing photos, social networking, and reading the news.

According to the data Nielsen culled from its study, 88.6 percent of seniors use the Web to check their personal e-mail. The study also found that 68.6 percent of respondents were viewing and printing maps online, while 60.1 percent said that they check the weather.

Nielsen said the top online destination for seniors in November was Google Search, tallying 10.3 million unique visitors. Windows Media Player was used by 8.2 million unique senior visitors, and Facebook captured the third spot with 7.9 million visitors.

Facebook is where the most growth among seniors was seen.

A year ago, Facebook was ranked 45th for the most popular senior destination--a far cry from its current third spot. That kind of growth falls in line with the dramatic increase in senior use of social networks and blogs. Nielsen said those 65 and older have increased social and blog visiting by 53 percent. They now represent 8.2 percent of all social network and blog visitors on the Web.

It is obvious from the article above that senior citizens are becoming computer users at a fast moving pace. As they become computer users, they also become very dependent on their computers. I receive calls on a daily basis from senior citizens to help them with their computer to fix it, to retrieve their e-mail, or just to get on them on the Internet. Lately I find myself spending more time working on their computers than I spend on the golf course. One cure for this is to get each of these computer users to join the Central Kentucky Computer Society. I do give each one of them an application to join us, explain the benefits of membership, show them our web page, and invite them to our meetings. Hopefully I will succeed in bringing in new members this way.

I am certain that each of you as computer users come in contact daily with potential members as well. When your friend, neighbor, or fellow worker starts talking about their computer problems or woes, introduce them to CKCS. Have membership brochures or blank application forms available, show them our web site, and invite them to a meeting. If each one of us followed this little scenario, we soon would double our membership. Yes – I said double!

Once again, Happy New Year. I hope to see each of you and your friends and neighbors at a CKCS function this coming year! ■

"I just invent, then wait until man comes around to needing what I've invented."
-- R. Buckminster Fuller

WINTER CLASS SCHEDULE

Winter is a great time to brush up on computer subjects. Some space is still available so here is your chance to sign up that CKCS class you have been thinking about. It is simple, just call the office and a friendly office worker will help you sign up (859) 373-1000.

Don't wait too long, though; some of the classes are beginning to fill up, and they have all the details. Class size is limited by the number of computers in the classroom (8). Classes are filled on a first come first serve basis. Want to know more about the class, just click on the topic.

CKCS CLASSES – WINTER 2010 SESSION						
Click on class title for description						
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MORN 10-12		Beg. Dig. Imaging Jan 26 - Mar 2 Joe Dietz Larry Cox	Adv. Dig. Imaging Jan 27 - Mar 3 Joe Dietz Larry Cox	Mac OS X (10) Basics Jan 28 - Mar 4 Frankie Harvener FULL	Movie Maker Jan 29 - Mar 5 Fred Kendig Brooke Thomas	Mac Beyond Basics Jan 30 - Mar 6 Kurt Jefferson Joe Settles
AFT 1-3	Beyond Basics Jan 25-Mar 1 Mike Seiler Harold Washburn	Creative Graphics Jan 26 - Mar 2 Marci Miller Lilly Crawley	Digital Imaging Independent Work Jan 27 - Mar 3 Joe Dietz Larry Cox	Computer Basics Jan 28 - Mar 4 Myra Engle Nancy Dawson	Computer Basics Jan 29 - Mar 5 Cathy Anderson Nancy Alverson	
AFT 4:30-6:30	Word Jan 25-Mar 1 Larry Parker Adrienne Saffell			Mac Beyond Basics Jan 28 - Mar 4 Kurt Jefferson Joe Settles		
EVENING 7:00-9:00	Photoshop Elem. Jan 25 - Mar 1 Ilse Newbery Susan Umberger		Advanced Photoshop Elements Jan 27 - Mar 3 Ilse Newbery Kay Kass			

Do you own 2 or more computers?

You may need a Windows Home Server

By Matthew Snoddy, CKCS Board member



As a CKCS member, you probably fall into a category of computer users that has come about in recent years: the home networker. The proliferation of cheap computers has been a boon for everyone, especially those who embrace technology. Where a few years ago, computers were so expensive that many didn't even have one, now most houses have 2, 3 or even more.

A problem many such tech-savvy people (such as CKCS members) have had for a while is, how do you easily share files or manage multiple computers on the same network? How can you easily get photos, music, videos from one computer to another, without the "sneakernet" of putting files on a USB drive (used to be floppies) and physically walking them to each computer? And while we're at it, what if you'd like to access your files while you're at a friend's house for the weekend, or with family on vacation? What about managing your antivirus across all your computers? And perhaps most important of all, wouldn't it be great to have all your computers back up, automatically, without you needing to do anything?

This seems like a strange concept to many people, but businesses have been doing all the above for years, with servers.

A couple of years back, Microsoft hit on the idea that servers don't necessarily have to be large, complex, scary machines only for business. At its heart, a server really isn't anything more than something that "serves" other computers or devices. Most of the complex technology (and cost) in servers is for optimization or redundancy for specific networks or software, but really about any computer can be a server of one sort or another.

For a home network where pretty much everything is the same from home to home, tech-wise, it should be pretty easy to make a server that could work pretty much out of the box. Microsoft has done just that with a product that's not gotten much attention, even though it's been around for at least two years now: Windows Home Server.

Windows Home Server (WHS) is pretty much what it sounds like: it's a server that goes in your home. It's easy to manage, can run without a monitor, keyboard, or mouse attached, and can sit in a corner and quietly manage every computer on your network without you needing to do much at all. It's cheap. Under the hood, it's Windows Server 2003, stripped down a little bit, which means it can do a whole lot of other stuff if you want to get into it. It can store all your files in a central location for access by any other computer on your network. It's secure and uses passwords to protect everything, but doesn't use all the complexity of



Microsoft's enterprise-grade Active Directory security scheme. And yet, no one seems to have heard of it or use it unless they're a Microsoft partner of some sort.

WHS is available as an operating system for PC builders or, more commonly, from PC vendors like HP as a hardware/software solution with preconfigured and tested hardware.

I was introduced to WHS back when it was launched and immediately dismissed it. Network-attached hard drives can do the same thing, I scoffed, and are already cheap and easy to manage.

WHS brings something else to the table, though. Sure, it can do file storage, but it can also do redundancy. Build your own WHS and you can slap in about any hard drive you have laying around to add more storage. You don't have to worry about RAID redundancy, or drive sizes or speeds. WHS handles all that for you. Buy a WHS from a vendor such as HP, and you can easily have well into multi-terabyte storage capacity.

The bigger selling point is not just storage, though. A small piece of client software on each PC on your network gives you access to the real features of WHS. With a username and password (each of which can be assigned security levels or privileges), you can give access to files, allow access remotely across the internet (yes, it handles its own custom and free domain name for you!), and set up automatic backup that you never have to worry about.

Many vendors have jumped on the WHS bandwagon and now offer even more "add-ins" that allow you to do anything from manage your antivirus centrally, do Bittorrent downloads, and even let you stream videos, pictures and music stored on it to your Xbox or on a TiVO!

WHS has proven itself to be a smart, powerful PC that any home with more than one computer could benefit from. Has its time finally arrived? I think so. Check it out for yourself and see what you think.

Resources for more information on WHS:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/products/winfamily/windowshomeserver>

<http://www.wegoterved.com/>

<http://www.hp.com/united-states/campaigns/mediasmart-server/>

Matthew Snoddy is a member of the CKCS Board of Directors and owns Network Therapists. (www.network-therapists.com) ■

Be on the cutting edge of technology

By Joe Isaac joeisaac@insightbb.com

Whether you using Windows XP, Vista, or 7, you can download and use the latest and greatest of Microsoft's new free applications, **Windows Live Mail**, **Photo Gallery**, **Movie Maker**. We will demo these new products and I hope you download and use them.



With **Windows Live Mail** comes a perpetual calendar, fill the month in once and every year it will repeat with the right days and dates. A real time saver. A fantastic way to send photos, you can send them with text (no trouble at all) put a frame around them, send them as singles, doubles, 4's, etc.

View of THE NEW WINDOWS LIVE MAIL PROGRAM

The screenshot shows the Windows Live Mail interface. The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Go, Tools, Actions, and Help. Below the menu bar are buttons for New, Reply, Reply all, and Forward. A search box labeled "Find a message" is present. The email list shows the following entries:

From	Subject	Date	Size
Joe Isaac	Photos of Windows Class:	12/21/2009 11:00 AM	199KB
God's Pantry Food...	Mr. and Mrs. Isaac, Your Help is Ne...	12/21/2009 10:56 AM	15KB
Joe Isaac	Windows Class	12/21/2009 10:53 AM	199KB
Joe Isaac	Brunellos Have More Fun	12/21/2009 10:46 AM	162KB
portdot	FW:	12/21/2009 10:07 AM	10KB

The selected email is titled "Photos of Windows Class:" and contains a photo of a group of people. The photo is framed and shows a group of about ten people, mostly women, sitting together in what appears to be a classroom or meeting room. A green arrow points downwards from the bottom right corner of the photo frame.

Image of THE NEW WINDOWS LIVE PHOTO GALLERY

Windows Live Photo Gallery

File Fix Info Publish E-mail Print Make Slide show Extras

Links
 My Documents
 My Music
 My Pictures
 # 4000 Isaac Photos
 # Computer Class photos
 1 8 08 Class
 1 9 01 Class
 1 9 07 Class
 1 27 01 Class
 3 13 07 Vista Class
 3 14 06 35 class Photos
 4 8 08 Class
 4 10 07 class
 4 11 06 Class
 6 6 02 ckcs picnic
 7 8 08 Class
 7 11 06 Vista Class
 7 14 09 Class
 9 11 07 IND Class
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 10 12 09 KET
 11 1 2007 Class
 2007 Vista class
 Gen Meet 7 8 02
 Gen Meet 9 10 01
 Movie Maker Class
 # joe jr family
 # 2003 photos
 # 2005-06
 # 2007
 # 2008
 # 2008 christmas
 # 2009 photos
 # AA
 # alberta
 # boggs photos

Arrange by auto Ascending

Filter by ☆☆☆☆☆ and higher Find a photo

7 14 09 Class (23 items, 1 selected)



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 7/14/2009 7:23 PM
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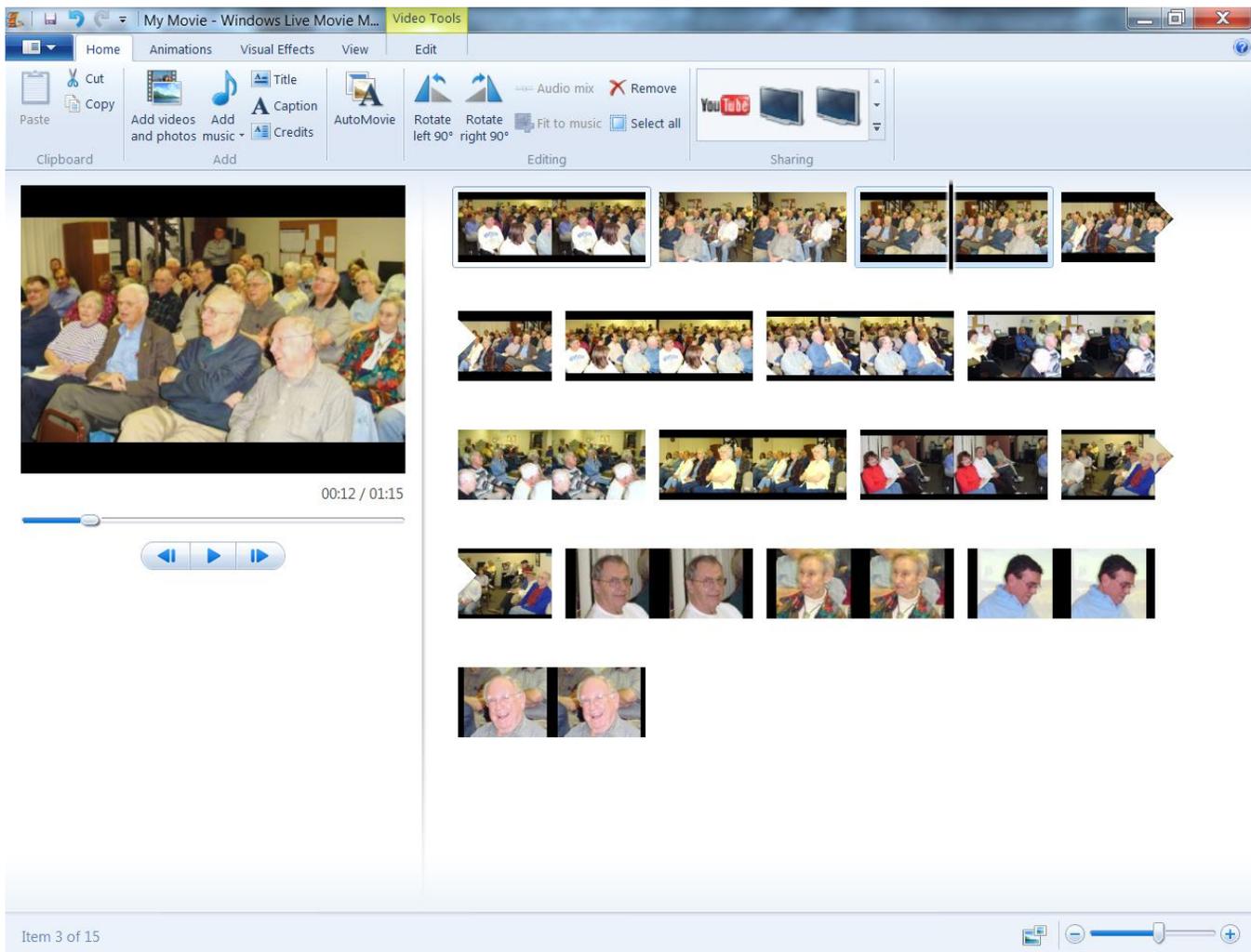
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View of WINDOWS LIVE MOVIE MAKER



The Windows Live Essentials (Mail, Movie Maker, Photo Gallery, etc.) may be found here:
<http://download.live.com/>

These programs are NOT included in Windows 7 and may be downloaded to 7 or Windows XP or Windows Vista. ■

Note to newsletter readers:

If you find an interesting story, picture, video, etc which might be included in the next newsletter, please send it to the newsletter editor at

j.heaton@insightbb.com

In order to include a videos or powerpoint presentation in the newsletter we have to have a link (like www.xxxxxxxx.com) for our readers to access it.

DEBBY BARNETT TO ASSIST AS THE

Genealogy SIG explores use of .PDF files

By Phyllis Vannoy Spiker pspiker27@aol.com

Join us 19 January 2010 at 7:00 p.m. as we share our finds since our last meeting ... A new ancestor, an exciting database or that confusing record which you need help with. So you can share and we all can discuss the find, please, bring a copy on a flash drive, preferred or approximately, 20 copies.

We have been fortunate to have a relatively new CKSC member, very apt computer user and budding genealogist attending the CKCS Genealogy SIG meetings. I always look forward to new attendees who can contribute what this minimally apt computer user (Me) but capable genealogist cannot.

We will welcome **Debby Barnett** to the desk for an education on the basics of .pdf files and answer questions such as: Is Adobe the only software in this game? Why can't I always fill out online .pdf membership and conference registration forms I receive ; then, return them online. What benefit can .pdf files be to genealogists. What is the use and limitation of online .pdf books.

I am looking for someone to show us the differences in the social networking AKA web 2 sites and those with access by invitation only. ■

Welcome New Members

The Central Kentucky Computer Society welcomes one new member in December:

MICHAEL HICKS

We thank the following members for renewing their membership this month:

BARNETT, LAURIE
BONO, EDWARD
CLARK, MARY RUTH
DUVALL, STERLING
ERWIN, BEULAH
FAIN, ROBERT M
GARDONE, JO
HERMAN, ART
JACOBS, EVA J
KELLY, SYLVIA
KETCHAM-SCHRICK, LAURIE
KLOBEKE, BRUCE
LAMPKIN, BETTY

MARKESBERY, BARBARA
MAYFIELD, HOWARD
MCSPADDEN, CHARLES
MELLINGER, TED
MURPHY, J B
NICHOLS, CAROLYN
OLSON, CRAIG
SLEET, PAT
SPIKER, PHYLLIS
ZAHALKA, STUART

Information provided by CKCS Secretary Ben Rice
■

Meet Susan Black

Joe Dietz Digital Imaging SIG Leader joedietz@aol.com



This month we have a guest speaker, Susan Black from Lancaster. Susan is an unheralded photographer, fairly recently jumping head first into the field after dabbling in it for a long time. One of our CKCS members, B.W. Blanton “found” Susan at an art exhibit and thought she had a good message to send to aspiring photographers. So – we invited her to talk to the CKCS Digital Imaging Special Interest Group. I asked Susan for a few comments to put in the newsletter and here they are.

*“I have **always** loved photography and actually had the dream of being a photo journalist from a young age, but as we all know - life sometimes takes us down a different path.*



Joe Dietz
Digital Imaging
SIG Leader

*I remember anxiously awaiting for the delivery of my parents **Life** magazine so I could page thru the photographs or my Grandfather's **National Geographic** and I would tear out the pictures and place them in my room.*

When my son & daughter were still young I had enrolled in a photography class at the University of Kentucky but didn't have the right type of camera so could not stay for the class; I could not afford to buy a different camera at the time so again my "photograph" dreams were put on hold for a few years longer.

Apparently, my children remembered this and years later my daughter saved up her money and bought me a camera and then my son gave me a camera for Christmas one year and they both instructed me to "use" them. Both my children were older and either in college or graduated so I now had some time. It wasn't until my husband's brother, who is a graphic design artist saw some of my pictures on our walls at home and encouraged me to enter some contests that I seriously gave it a thought and then my encouraging husband went out and bought me a laptop and printer so I could actually start storing and printing off the photos. ”

As you can see from the pictures above Susan likes to shoot a variety of different topics. Please join us as Susan tells us how she has pursued her dream of photography. Susan will also talk about how



she mats and presents her photography, how she stores her images, and the equipment that she uses.

Our photo contest this month is on “**Festivals**”. Search your files or get out and take some new pictures of a “festival”. Knowing this group of photographers, it will be interesting in seeing what they think the word festival” means. E-mail your picture to Joe no later than January 25.

Join us on January 26, 2010 at 7 PM at CKCS. ■

*The Digital Imaging SIG meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month.
Check the “MEETING SCHEDULE” on the CKCS home page for more information.*



VIDEO'S / SHOWS TO WATCH

To watch some of shows, you must have a PowerPoint program on your computer. If you don't have that, you may download a free **PowerPoint viewer** from this Microsoft link:

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=048DC840-14E1-467D-8DCA-19D2A8FD7485&displaylang=en>

I never heard Johnny Carson sing before – a trip down memory lane

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=VPH0-g25Vl8

Furnished by CKCS member Carl Peter

A guy with more guts than brains

<http://www.gamaniak.com/video/3625>

Furnished by CKCS member Carl Peter

You may have seen a Barbershop Chorus before but not one like this 2009 Champion.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QmDGntpZC3I>

I suggest you increase the volume some on this one.

WORKING WITH WORD(s)

Now is the time -- maybe

By Jerry Heaton, Word Processing SIG leader j.heaton@insightbb.com

A recent show of hands indicated that about 40% of my classmates are now using Microsoft's latest word processing program, WORD 2007. I purchased the 2007 version early on and during my word processing SIGS at CKCS I have occasionally mentioned that we need to start using the 2007 version for our demos. Maybe, now is the time.

For the first few months of this new year, I will continue to demo using Word 2003, but we will use a part of each SIG to introduce some of the features Microsoft Word 2007. This might serve as a refresher for those who already have the latest 2007 version and allow all those who are on the fence, trying to decide whether now is the time to upgrade – they may see how some of the new features might help them.

This will be possible because, as December 22, the laptop I use at CKCS now has installed both Microsoft word processing programs on it; Word 2003 and Word 2007. It will be possible for us to explore both programs and learn some of the differences.

If you are still using Microsoft Word 97, you really have let the word processing world pass you by. Microsoft has long since discontinued the support of this 12 year old program. Now is truly the time for you to be thinking upgrade. If you are still using a Word 2003 program, I certainly would consider moving to Word 2010 once it is offered.



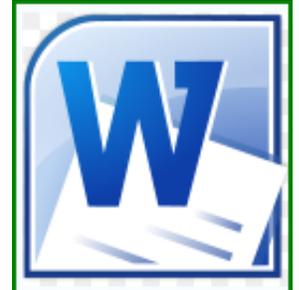
Word 97



Word 2003



Word 2007



Word 2010

With each new program introduced, there is always a learning curve because the location of things and the capabilities of the program are most always different. Most of us don't remember the time it took us to learn the differences between Word 97 and Word 2003. Oh I do recall that after all the fussing was done, virtually everyone was happy they made the change. So, don't let the learning curve discourage you from upgrading to Word 2010 when it is available. ■

*The Word Processing SIG meets on the first Tuesday of each month.
Check the "MEETING SCHEDULE" on the CKCS home page for more information.*

List of Web Sites is a 'holiday gift'



Kurt Jefferson

By Kurt Jefferson Macintosh SIG Leader *lextown2@gmail.com*

Here's my holiday gift to you—Web sites that I wish I could deliver under your tree.

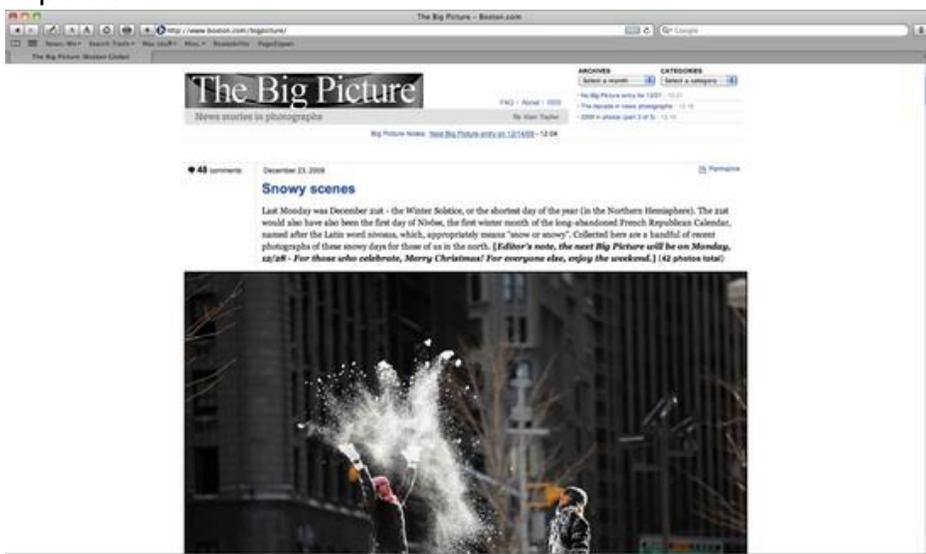
Some deal with Mac, others deal with non-computer issues.

But the goal is to provide a list that you'll print from this newsletter and keep near your computer.

Better yet, comb through the list and find the pages you want to bookmark in your favorite Mac browser.

If you're like me, you'll find yourself going back to these sites over and over again.

Web sites you'll want to bookmark



2. Amazon's Best-Selling Desktop Computers

<http://tinyurl.com/ya3wkek>

Apple desktop sales are red hot this holiday season and Amazon.com sells a huge number of Macs. Check out this page and watch the holiday sales of iMacs and Mac minis.

3. Macworld

<http://www.macworld.com>

The magazine for folks who use a really great computer, a great music player, or a great smartphone.

4. Macworld's iPhone Central Page

<http://www.macworld.com/weblogs/iphoncentral.html>

Got an iPhone? Check out Macworld's coverage. From reading this Web site, I learned that Apple's iPhone is now the second most popular smartphone, just behind Research in Motion's Blackberry phones.

5. iFixit Do-It-Yourself-Repair

<http://www.ifixit.com/Guide/>

Are you the type of person who likes to fix his or her own Mac or iPhone or iPod? Here's the Web for you to check out.



6. dealmac

<http://dealmac.com/>

Who doesn't like to save money? dealmac provides bargains galore with deals on all kinds of merchandise targeted toward Mac users.

7. Trackballworld

<http://www.trackballworld.com/>

If you're like me and you prefer using a trackball instead of a mouse, here's a Web site to visit. I fell in love with a trackball after a C.K.C.S. member loaned me hers for a week. I thought to myself, "Wow, why have I used a mouse all these years?"

8. Google Mac Developer Playground

<http://code.google.com/mac/>

Where's the Playground Susie? That 1969 hit by Glen Campbell has nothing to do with Google's Mac site, but I've been waiting for a moment to use that song title. Seriously, if you're a techie and you like to follow Google's software development, this page will put a smile on your face. It shows Google's Mac software efforts, which are extensive.

9. ars Technica Review of Snow Leopard

<http://arstechnica.com/apple/reviews/2009/08/mac-os-x-10-6.ars>

Wow. This is the mother of all reviews. Apple's latest Snow Leopard goes under the microscope and ars technica describes what it sees.

10. MacFixit: Cleaning and disinfecting Your Macs

http://reviews.cnet.com/8301-13727_7-10413223-263.html?tag=mncol;txt

Believe it or not, there is a right way to clean your Mac. This page from cnet provides an overview of how you should clean the screen, the case, and the keyboard.

11. MacSurfer's Headline News

<http://www.macsurfer.com/>

If you want a Web site that delivers Apple Mac related news, this is the best of the best.

12. Apple Support

<http://www.apple.com/support/>

Troubleshooting tips and support for dozens of Mac products can be found here. I find the discussion groups especially helpful (click on the blu icons under "Communities.")

13. kernelthread: A History of Apple's Operating Systems

<http://www.kernelthread.com/publications/appleoshistory/>

Remember System 7? Go back into time and revisit Apple's old operating systems.

14. Mac Prices: Nothing But (Mac) Prices

<http://www.pcprices.net/>

If you're like me. you like to get the best price on Apple products. Check out this site before you buy.

15. MacFixit

<http://www.macfixit.com/>

This site is now operated by cnet and provides Mac users with plenty of troubleshooting tips and recommendations. Every time I visit the Web site I discover a new fact.



16. The Mac Corner

<http://www.ckcs.org/sigs/mac/mac.htm>

This is the CKCS Mac page with dozens of links to all things Mac. Some folks have told me that they're amazed there are so many links on one page.

17. PageZipper

<http://www.printwhatyoulike.com/pagezipper>

If you've ever visited a photo gallery on the Web, it can be maddening. Often, every single picture is located on a different Web page. So after reading the current page, you click NEXT, then NEXT, then NEXT...

You get the picture. Enter PageZipper.

In the photo gallery example, this ingenious little ditty allows a Web user to scroll down and view all photos rather than having to hit NEXT, NEXT, NEXT...

18. Wikitravel

<http://www.wikitravel.com>

This site keeps an updated database of 20,000 destinations. Travelers describe Wikitravel as "great," "invaluable," and a "must-see."

19. TinyURL

<http://www.tinyurl.com>

Could you repeat that really long Web address again? Don't repeat it. Instead, copy and paste the address into the blank on TinyURL's Web site. The lengthy, hard to remember Web address will be transformed into one that has fewer than 20 characters and never expires. Some call this magic because it works so well.

20. Zeer

<http://www.zeer.com>

Just how nutritious is that packaged food you're eating? Check it out on Zeer, the Web site providing nutritional labels for all kinds of packaged foods. Visitors then rate and comment on their favorite items.

21. Rate My Professors

<http://www.ratemyprofessors.com>

Students anonymously grade their professors on everything from how clear they were in that recent lecture to how difficult they really are.

22. Geni

<http://www.geni.com>

This free site provides basic tools to create your family tree. You may eventually want to move on to more powerful Web sites, but Geni can get you started.

23. Readability

<http://lab.arc90.com/experiments/readability/>



This is one of my favorites. I hate Web sites with flashing ads lining the margins, ads in the middle of pages, graphics galore, and pages that literally choke my browser. Enter Readability. You drag the Readability icon to your browser's bookmark toolbar (I'm using it Safari, Firefox, Opera, and Chrome (Google's beta Mac browser) and it works fine). Readability strips out all the junk and gives you plain, large text that's very easy to read. This is heaven for folks overwhelmed by cluttered Web sites.

24. MapJack

<http://www.mapjack.com>

An alternative to Google's Street View and Microsoft's Live Search Maps, many feel that MapJack has better photos, better maps, and leads the way to the future of online mapping.

25. Cylinder Preservation and Digitization Project

<http://cylinders.library.ucsb.edu/index.php>

Like old music? No, I don't mean oldies from the 50's, 60s, and 70s. How about 1902? The University of California at Santa Barbara has a unique project going that allows Web users to actually hear music preserved on wax and metal cylinders—the predecessor to vinyl records.

26. FFFFFound

<http://fffffound.com/>

Unique photos that are always changing. That's what you'll find on FFFFFound.com. You may not care for all of the photos shown on a particular day, but they're never boring.

27. Lookybook

<http://www.lookybook.com>

If you've ever tried buying a children's book for a son, granddaughter, great-granddaughter or other relative, good luck. Lookybook comes to the rescue. It provides contents of hundreds of children's books online so you get to see if what you're buying is really appropriate for that seven-year-old or twelve-year-old for that matter.

28. carbonrally

<http://www.carbonrally.com/>

Carbonrally challenges you to make your carbon footprint smaller. Reducing energy and global warming are the goals of this interesting site.

29. The Animal Rescue Site

<http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com>

I visit this site every time I'm on my Mac. I click on the purple button reading, "Click Here to Give—it's FREE!" That way, I give food to rescued dogs, cats and other animals in the U.S. Animals have brought me much joy in my life and here's a very small way that I can try and give back.

30. Free Rice

<http://www.freerice.com>

Okay, this one's a bit tougher than Animal Rescue Site. When I visit Free Rice, I'm greeted with a quiz. If I answer questions properly, Free Rice will donate rice through the U.N. World Food Program.



31. Petfinder

<http://petfinder.com>

This is the world's largest pet adoption site. I was able to use Petfinder when I adopted two cats back in 2006. I got to read a short summary about them and see photos. Animal lovers and folks interested in adopting should check it out.

32. WikiSky

<http://wikisky.org>

Back when I was in junior high, my grandfather got me a telescope for Christmas. From then on, I've been bitten by the space bug. I remember the frigid Illinois nights searching the winter skies, looking for Mars, Saturn, Jupiter, and the moon. WikiSky allows you to view the sky without leaving the warmth of your home or the glow of your Mac's screen.

33. The Big Picture from the Boston Globe

<http://www.boston.com/bigpicture/>

I saved the best for last. For those of you who stuck with it and scrolled all the way to the bottom of this list, I want to reward you with one of my all-time favorite Web sites. A *Boston Globe* employee uses photos from many different wire services and other sources that the newspaper doesn't have room for in its pages. He puts them on the Web in beautiful color, in a size that doesn't make me squint, and in a format that is made to be viewed over and over again.

Enjoy. And I hope all of you have a fantastic 2010!

To view even more Web sites, check out *TIME Magazine's* "**50 Best Websites 2008.**"

<http://tinyurl.com/3jnewpml>

If you're interested in technology (who isn't), check out *TIME Magazine's* "**Tech Pioneers Who Will Change Your Life.**"

<http://tinyurl.com/yzur7z5>

As 2009 comes to a close, you might want to check out *TIME Magazine's* "**The Top Ten of Everything 2009**" pages.

<http://tinyurl.com/yzrb8ej>



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Check the "MEETING SCHEDULE" on the CKCS home page for more information.*

Twenty Random Thoughts for the Day:

1. I think part of a best friend's job should be to immediately clear your computer history if you die.
2. Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.
3. I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.
4. There is great need for a sarcasm font.
5. How the hell are you supposed to fold a fitted sheet?
6. Was learning cursive really necessary?
7. Map Quest really needs to start their directions on #5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood.
8. Obituaries would be a lot more interesting if they told you how the person died.
9. I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind of tired.
10. Bad decisions make good stories.
11. You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you know that you just aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of the day.
12. Can we all just agree to ignore whatever comes after Blue Ray? I don't want to have to restart my collection...again.
13. I'm always slightly terrified when I exit out of Word and it asks me if I want to save any changes - to my ten-page research paper that I swear I did not make any changes to.
14. "Do not machine wash or tumble dry" means I will never wash this thing I have-- ever.
15. I hate when I just miss a call by the last ring (Hello? Hello? Damn it!), but when I immediately call back, it rings nine times and goes to voicemail. What'd you do after I didn't answer? Drop the phone and run away?
16. I hate leaving my house confident and looking good and then not seeing anyone of importance the entire day. What a waste.
17. I keep some people's phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.
18. My 4-year old son asked me in the car the other day "What would happen if you ran over a ninja?" How the hell do I respond to that?
19. I think the freezer deserves a light as well..
20. I disagree with Kay Jewelers. I would bet, on any given Friday or Saturday night, more kisses begin with Bud Light than with a Kay jewelry product.