



The Bytes of Las Vegas

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The LVPCUG Board of Directors extends many thanks to Clyde Schubarth for his hard work and dedication to the club during his tenure as President. We will miss him and wish him and his family the very best in their new home in Colorado.

The Presidents Message:

I have been elected President of LVPCUG to complete Clyde Schubarth's term. He will still be advising the Board until the end of the year to make my transition more smooth. The Board is working hard to make this a educational computer club for all of you. However, your input is still needed. Our motto says "users helping users." This doesn't mean some users helping everyone else. We still have positions on the Board available. Your help can be something as simple as manning the microphone at the general meeting for questions from the audience. This way all can hear the question or input given by your fellow members. Also, if you run across any tidbit that would be of interest to our members, please submit that information to Leland Beel for The Bytes. This is another way of helping.

Currently we are running a program wherein if you bring a guest who joins, you get your membership extended by three months. This is a good deal for you and also your friend who joins and gets the benefit of what we have to offer.

Please consider attending the Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings which are held throughout the month. The leaders need your support by attending their meetings. You will learn many things that will be helpful in your everyday computing experience. Check out the calendar on our website, www.lvpcug.org, for the dates and times. If you have questions regarding a specific meeting be sure to contact the SIG leader.

Wendy Jaroslowski

Next Meeting October 7, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. See Page 6

Please contact www.lvpcug.org for the latest information.

Announcements

The Special Interest Groups (SIG) will be meeting at their regular times. Be sure to check the calendar on the website. We are looking for a new place for our General meetings and SIGs. If you have any suggestions, please email us at info@LVPCUG.org

Check the website at www.LVPCUG.org for the calendar dates and times.

Would you like to share a computer talent you have or would be interested in learning about a certain topic. We would appreciate your ideas!

RECYCLING BRINGS REWARDS

The LVPCUG is receiving rebates for recycling ink cartridges and cell phones. The Recycling Committee urges members to set aside those used ink cartridges and cell phones and bring them to the general meeting. You might also spread the word to family members and friends to save them for you too. There is no cost to the club, only your time in gathering the material and the committee members' time to package it.

If you have any questions, please see Charles Finnila at the General Meeting on Oct 7 at the West Charleston Library.

Officers and Volunteers Contact by sending an email to info@lvpcug.org

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- Howard Mark..... Down the Road Editor
- Leland Beel..... Bytes of Las Vegas Editor & Little Bytes Editor
- Charles Finnila.....Recycling Chairman

Membership Questions

If you have any questions about your membership
Please send email: Membership@lvpcug.org

Website: www.lvpcug.org

Membership

Dues are \$30 per year. Dues are collected Annually from your membership date. If you would like to join, a membership form is located at the end of the newsletter. Please complete and forward to our mailing address.

Mailing Address

Las Vegas PC Users Group, Inc.
1350 E. Flamingo Rd. #188
Las Vegas, NV 89119

Newsletter

The Bytes of Las Vegas is published on a monthly basis.

A PDF version is available to members online at the website.

Information in this newsletter was obtained from sources considered to be reliable.

Accuracy and completeness are not guaranteed.

Deadline for article submission:

15 th of each month to editor@lvpcug.org



Future of the Club Committee Report
September 17, 2009

Throughout the summer, the Board of Directors has met and discussed the problems and open positions submitted by the Future of the Club Committee (FCC). Many constructive changes have taken place, although some members continue to perform multiple positions.

In accordance with the Bylaws, the Executive Board elected an Acting President. Wendy Jaroslowski agreed to serve as President to fill the remaining term of Clyde Schubarth. Larry Burgher volunteered to be Technical Director and Webmaster. He also will chair General Meetings and handle the informative Question/Answer portion. Don Sabatine volunteered to serve as Program Chairman and SIG Coordinator. Leland Beel accepted the position of Newsletter Editor to publish the Bytes and Little Bytes. Charles Finnila agreed to serve as Recycling Chairman. The club now subscribes to Clear wireless internet service for use in the library and at SIG meetings.

These are tremendous strides by your Board of Directors. These volunteers work diligently for the betterment of the club. We still need your help. Member interest and participation will allow you to get to know other members and make this club more beneficial for all. Every month the BOD will continue to study the recommendations of the FCC to assure that the club is moving in a positive direction. Enthusiastic volunteers are the lifeline of our organization. Won't you be a part of these exciting changes by contacting any Board member to let them know you are willing to lend a helping hand?

Letter from the outgoing President, Clyde Schubarth

We have been real busy this last while. The group has made amazing strides to fulfill the objectives of the "Future of the Club Committee" and to make sure that we as a Board are able to conduct the business of the LVPCUG.

Several individuals have stepped forward and volunteered to take on the jobs that had become vacant. It is gratifying because the people who have stepped forward want to help make a difference. They are making the Users Group a success and to helping us to keep it going forward. We have been making some strides and have solved many of the problems we have had, but we still need you as a member to take a stand and get involved, help where you can and make a difference to the Group and yourselves.

It is amazing to me things I was able to when I only wanted to help, but you elected me to be your President. We have come a ways and have done some things we never thought we would be able to do. We need you to get involved with The APCUG live meetings and see what is happening in othe parts of the country, We are all in this together.

We on the Board are committed to seeing the Group continue to grow. We need help in getting info out to the community at large so that we can interst new people in joining with us and making the Group stronger and more active. If you can help or if you know someone who can, please come forward or let us know so we can get the help we need. Let's make the Users Group the best it canbe and in turn it will help us to know different ways to use the Personal Computers we have paid money for and want to use.

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Sometime we forget that as an individual, we can make a difference in other people's lives. By volunteering and caring, we can change our world. We all share a love of computers and the great things available to us because of the computer development.

The first proposal for the World Wide Web (WWW) was made at CERN by Tim Berners-Lee in 1989, and further refined by him and Robert Caillian in 1990. By the end of the year, prototype software for a basic system was all ready being demonstrated. To encourage its adoption, an interface to CERN Computer Centre's documentation, to the 'help service' and also to the familiar Usenet newsgroups was provided. If Tim and Robert had not let people know of their ideas and shared with other, we could still be typing on typewriters.

Make a difference--share a few hours with the group and some of your ideas. Be willing to write an article for the newsletter, attend a SIG meeting, and meet other members. Your life will be made richer by sharing and making a difference.

Come to the meeting and be a winner

The winners of the two \$25 Best Buy gift cards at the September meeting were Bill Seuling and Jerry Stoken.

Interested in Windows 7

The LVPCUG has a link to a video called "Windows 7 for Consumers, video is by Jay Ferron. Jay Ferron is the President of the APCUG. The link is found at <http://www.lvpcug.org/ComputerNewsAndInfo/index.html>.

More information also appears on the LVPVUG.org website.

Check it out and see what is instore for Windows 7 the new O S that will be here soon.

ITEMS TO SHARE

If your have any web sites or other items you would like to share with the LVPVUG members, send them to the Editor@LVPCUG.org and I will try to include them in a future issue of the Bytes.

Thank you, Editor



If you are a member of LVPCUG that means you are a member of APCUG and you have a great opportunity to use the resources that they provide. Such as the calendar that members may log in and view a meeting of a different club or SIG and see what they are doing. Please go to www.apcug.org and create a users account in the APCUG SharePoint Site so that you can enjoy some of the benefits of membership in the LVPCUG and its shared portals.



Directory of SIG Groups as of July 2009

Helping Hands, 1st Saturday, Wengert Room, 10am to 4 pm, Linda DiGiovanni

Windows Developers, 2nd Thursday, West Sahara Library, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Richard Rosenheim

Genealogy, 2nd Saturday, Family History Center, 10:15 am to 11:15 am, Sam Giordano

Office Applications, 2nd Saturday, Wengert Room, 1 pm to 3 pm, Wendy Jaroslowski

Software and Product Review, 2nd Saturday, Wengert Room, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm, Linda DiGiovanni

Digital Images Techniques 2nd Sunday, Wengert Room, 12 pm to 2 pm, Howard Mark

Linux/Open Source Applications, 3rd Sunday, Wengert Room, 1 pm to 3 pm, Don Sabatine

Novice(new users) and Internet, 3rd Sunday, Wengert Room, 4 pm to 6 pm, Charles Frederick

How-To-Workshop, 4th Saturday, Paseo Verde Library, 9:15 am to 2:30 pm, Dennis Kemper

Wi-Fi, 4th Saturday, Paseo Verde Library, 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm, Harold Rosinski

all meetings are subject to cancellation by SIG leader or Property Owner. The Calendar page of the LVPCUG web site is kept as current as possible.

Print this page only and cut out for a handy reference of the SIG's and the meeting dates.

OFFICE APPLICATION SIG

Our October 10th meeting will concentrate on using Microsoft Word to create a web page document. Plus, there will be plenty of time for questions and answers on any office application you use such as e-mail, spreadsheets, word processing, and accounting. One of our future topics will to construct a simple database using Microsoft Access. We also look at what Open Office has to offer. If there is enough interest in Corel's office suite that can be included in our discussions.


Wendy Jaroslowski, Office Applications SIG Leader

O'Reilly Books and News

O'Reilly is a publisher of computer books and others. The LVPCUG is a member of their User Group program, to see their offers contact: <http://oreilly.com> and check out their web site.

"The adventure of the sun is the great natural drama by which we live, and not to have joy in it and awe of it, not to share in it, is to close a full door on nature's sustaining and poetic spirit."

Henry Beston (1888-1968), American writer and naturalist, "Midwinter," "The Outermost House" (1928)



The Guest Speaker for the October meeting will be:

Gregory Smith
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Bio:

Gregory Smith is Chief of Investigations for the Nevada Office of Attorney General. He oversees a staff of investigators, forensic computer examiners and investigative assistants located in Carson, Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada. The staff investigates crimes in the fraud units of Bureau of Consumer Protection, Insurance, Medicaid, Missing Children, Mortgage, Public Integrity, Tobacco Compliance and Workers' Compensation.

Gregory has worked in the Office of the Attorney General for approximately 16 years. He has earned a Bachelor and Master degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Nevada Las Vegas. In addition to his formal education, Gregory has earned "Instructor Development," "Management" and "Executive" Certificates from the Nevada Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission. He has been an instructor at various police academies for the past nine years and enjoys teaching "Interview and Interrogation Techniques", "Report Writing" and "Courtroom Testimony."

Presentation:

How to protect yourself from being a victim of identity theft
The Attorney General's Identity Theft Program
How to protect yourself from internet crimes

Come join us at the meeting for a timely subject.

BRING A GUEST TO OCTOBER MEETING

If you bring a guest to the meeting and if the guest signs up for membership you will have 3 months added to your membership and help to build a stronger club. More information is available at the checkin desk at the meeting on October 7, At the West Charleston Library starting at 6:15 pm.



Google's New Web Browser -- Chrome

Google has developed a new Web Browser for us to try. Many of us are familiar with Internet Explorer and Firefox. We now have CHROME.

You can download a beta version of Chrome at www.google.com/chrome. It is free and installs in seconds. It has been designed with Windows Vista and XP in mind. Google is also working on a Mac and Linux version.

Chrome is still in its beta version and is an 'open source' browser. The browser window has been streamlined and kept simple. Every time you open a new tab, you can decide what websites you want to see. You will see the most recent websites you have visited, the search engines you have used, and the most recently bookmarked pages and closed tabs. You control the layout on the tab page.

An incognito Mode has also been built in. If you want to visit websites but not have a history recorded on the visit or cookies installed, you can use this new stealth mode. When you turn the Incognito off, all cookies and history will be erased from your computer.

This is fun to watch a new browser being developed. I hope all of you at least look at this new browser and see what it can do for you.

Linda Schubarth

Thanks Linda Schubarth

Advance Notice for the November LVPCUG Meeting on 4th

The LVPCUG meeting on November the 4th 2009 will be held in a new place (this time only).

Place: Sunrise Library located at 5400 Harris Av, Las Vegas at 6:15 pm.

The location is East of Nellis Blvd just south of Washington Ave.

We could use some help if you come before the meeting starts, as we need to set up the chairs for the meeting.

Tips and tricks

Belarc Advisor Reveals Your PC's Secrets

The free Belarc Advisor is one of the handiest programs going, especially for IT types. This program creates an HTML report that not only tells you everything you could possibly want to know about the hardware on your system, but also what you need to know about the software that's installed.

<http://Im.pcworld.com/t/64652/5488822/14662/0/>.

- Jon L. Jacobi, PC World

Thanks to Harold Rozinski



Las Vegas PC Users Group, Inc.

Membership Application

New Members or Renewal with Information Changes

To join the Las Vegas PC User Group, please complete the information below. The form can be mailed with a check or brought to the General Meeting. Dues are \$30 per year per family. More information about the Club can be obtained from www.LVPCUG.org

Date _____ New _____ Renewal _____

(Please Print)

Name(1): _____ Name(2): _____

Email (1) _____ Email (2) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Fax: _____

It is LVPCUG policy to keep your information confidential.

Supplemental Information (optional, but helpful):

How did you hear about the LVPCUG? _____

Areas of Interest: _____

Send check for \$30 to:

Las Vegas PC Users Group, Inc.
Membership Director
1350 E. Flamingo Rd #188
Las Vegas, NV 89119-5270

Club Use only: Memb, No. _____ Rec'd _____

Amount _____ Method _____

