



The Bytes of Las Vegas

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The Presidents Message:

It's hard to believe that Halloween is almost here and Thanksgiving is around the corner. Also, Windows 7 is now in the stores. Windows 7 has been rated to be more stable and a great improvement on Vista. Be sure to use the link on our webpage to get a consumers point of view on using the new operating system.

Our Board of Directors has been busy working on ways to make our club better to serve you. We are resurrecting the Helping Hands – users who are willing to help you with specific topics. If you have an interest in helping others, please contact me so that we can put your information in The Bytes and on our webpage. Also, we have plans to begin a daytime General Meeting. It will be held at the Paseo Verde Library in Henderson on the 4th Saturday of the month after the How-To Workshop. We hope to have the first meeting in January. This meeting will be in addition to our General Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the West Charleston Library. The tentative topic is “Now that you have a new Windows 7 computer, how do you use it?” If the attendance for this meeting is satisfactory, we will continue to offer a daytime meeting.

Have you checked out any of the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) lately? These SIGs are there for you to get specialized knowledge on a specific topic. Most of them are held in the Wengert Room at NV Energy on the weekend. Please see the calendar elsewhere in this newsletter and see which ones fit into your schedule. If you see one that might be of interest, contact the SIG leader for specifics.

Wendy Jaroslowski

President

Las Vegas PC Users Group www.lvpcug.org 702-339-3812

**Next Meeting November 4, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. New Place
see page 3 for more info on the place and presenter
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 Finnilla at the General Meeting on Nov 4 at the Sunrise Library.

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

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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



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.

The Las Vegas PC Users Group is awaiting November 4th, 2009. Jaime Link will present to users group members on behalf of Sandhills Publishing.

The presentation, aiming to educate attendees about Sandhills Publishing's magazines and the Smart Computing User Group Program, will step members through an issue of Smart Computing, convey the value of SmartComputing.com through a live demonstration, and introduce attendees to Smart Computing's sister publications - PC Today, First Glimpse, Reference Series, and Computer Power User. Jaime will also share with us how we can receive unlimited computer support from Smart Computing. Each attendee will receive a packet of Smart Computing goodies and be eligible to win other Smart Computing merchandise. We invite anyone interested in expanding their computer knowledge to attend the Las Vegas PC Users Group meeting.

HERE IS A LINK TO A WINDOWS 7 ARTICLE YOU MAY LIKE TO READ

<http://windowssecrets.com/links/tnv5qubb8w6md/dc80b6h/>
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Here is another link by the same place that talks about how malware can get on your computer.
<http://windowssecrets.com/2009/10/08/01-Sponsored-search-results-lead-to-malware>
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This company has some special software that can be found no where else that I know of.

The name of the company is called Blue Squirrel located in the town of Sandy UT. To find out what they have, here is the link to get a free subscriprion to the Blue Squirrel News, please go to <http://www.bluesquirrel.com/news>

I know the name is unusual but check it out and see what they have that you can use in your computing tasks.



BRING A GUEST TO NOVEMBER 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 November 4, At the Sunrise Library starting at 6:15 pm.

We are Looking for a space to conduct a information demo about LVPCUG
If you know of any place that is available to conduct a information demo about the club Please contact Judy Ruff or send email to info@lvpcug.org. Needed are a table space some chairs and an electrical outlet to plug in a laptop computer.

Come to the meeting and be a winner

The winners of the two \$25 gift cards at the October meeting were Evelyn Schiff and Edward Keller.

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 is here.

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.



SIG CALENDAR

SIG Name	Meeting Date	Place	Time of meeting	SIG Leader
HelpingHands	1 st Saturday	Wengert Room	10 AM to 4 PM	Linda DiGiovanni 395-6676
Windows Developers	2 nd Thursday	Sahara West Library	6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Richard Rosenheim 897-1117
Genealogy Starting up again	2 nd Saturday January 2010	Family History Center	10:15 AM to 11:15 AM	Sam Giordano 452-4037
Office Applications	2 nd Saturday	Wengert Room	1 PM to 3 PM	Wendy Jaroslowski 339-3812
Software and Product Review	2 nd Saturday	Wengert Room	3:30 PM to 5:30 PM	Linda DiGiovanni 395-6676
Digital Imaging Techniques	2 nd Sunday	Wengert Room	12 PM to 2 PM	Howard Mark 262-3662
Linux/Open Source Applications	3 rd Sunday	Wengert Room	1 PM to 3 PM	Don Sabatine 451-6805
Novice(new users) and Internet)	3 rd Sunday	Wengert Room	4 PM to 6 PM	Chuck Frederick 452-9440
How-To-Workshop	4 th Saturday	Paseo Verde Library	9:15 AM to 2:30 PM	Dennis Kemper

Places are:

Wengert Room is located in the Back of the NV Energy building just west of Jones on W. Sahara

Family History Center is located at 509 S. 9th Street in Las Vegas.

Paseo Verde Library is located in Henderson at 280 S. Green Valley Parkway.

Sahara West Library is located just west of Fort Apache on Sahara Av West.

All meetings are subject to cancellation by the SIG Leader or the Property Owner. The Calendar Page of the LVPCUG website is keep as current as possible.

"The world which credits what is done, is cold to all that might have been."
Lord Alford Tennyson (1809-1892), English poet, "In Memoriam A. H. H." (1850)

Bylaws of the Las Vegas PC Users Group

Revised October 4, 2000

I. The Las Vegas PC Users Group is a nonprofit, public benefit corporation organized to accomplish the following objectives:

- A. To provide a forum in the greater Las Vegas community for the exchange of ideas and information on personal computers.
- B. To provide assistance in solving hardware and software problems encountered during the use of these computers.
- C. To provide access to software in the public domain.
- D. To further the common good by fostering the development of computer related skills.
- E. To encourage the formation, development and support of special interest groups (SIGs) and chapters within the parent organization.
- F. To provide a medium for communication with other users groups.
- G. To help facilitate the development of a formal problem solving liaison with computer product manufacturers.

These objectives can best be realized by encouraging an active membership, publishing a widely-disseminated newsletter, maintaining a public-domain and shareware software library, maintaining an active Bulletin Board System, and regular general meetings that appeal to a wide spectrum of those persons who own, use, or are interested in personal computers.

II. The Las Vegas PC Users Group shall be structured as follows:

A. The elected officers will also function as the Board of Trustees of the corporation and their duties shall be:

1. **PRESIDENT:** The president is the chief executive officer of the corporation; the president prepares agendas, presides over the membership and Board of Directors meetings, and serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors.
2. **VICE PRESIDENT:** Presides over meetings in the absence of the President; performs administrative duties as assigned by the President.
3. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR;** Presides over meetings in the absence of the President and Vice President; performs administrative duties as assigned by the President.
4. **TREASURER:** Administers the corporate accounts, books, and financial records and is responsible for all the transactions related thereto; makes the financial records available for an independent annual audit.
5. **SECRETARY:** Administers the corporate records, including the proceedings of all meetings, which will be published in the newsletter.

B. The elected officers of the corporation shall be members in good standing and shall be elected for a one year term, commencing May first, by a plurality of the voting members in attendance at the March general meeting or by a mail-in ballot to be received at the LVPCUG mailing address at least one week prior to the meeting. An election committee of at least three members will be selected from among the membership at the November general meeting. The election committee will solicit and accept nominations for elected office from among the general membership and will provide the nominations to the Newsletter chair in time for a ballot to be published in the February newsletter. Mail-in ballots must be sealed in an unmarked inner envelope. The mailing envelope which must include return name, address and membership number will be opened by a board member and the inner envelope given to the nominating committee to be opened and the ballot counted with the ballots submitted at the March general meeting.

C. The elected officers shall appoint a minimum of five additional members as are necessary to accomplish the objectives of the corporation. The elected officers and the appointed members shall together comprise the Board of Directors of the corporation.

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The elected officers and the appointed members shall together comprise the Board of Directors of the corporation. The appointed members shall serve a term coincident with the terms of the elected officers, and may be removed by a vote of two-thirds of the board. All board members must be members in good standing. The Board of Directors shall manage the general business of the corporation, and shall control its current affairs.

D. Fifty percent of the Board of Directors, including three elected officers, constitutes a quorum of the Board of Directors; a quorum is required to conduct the business of the corporation. Decisions of the Board of Directors shall be by simple majority vote of members present and are binding on the elected officers.

E. In the event of a dispute concerning the Administration of the corporation, the presiding officer may invoke the procedures contained in Roberts Rules of Order.

F. Vacancies in offices other than the Presidency shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Board. In the event of a vacancy in the Presidency, the Vice President shall become the President. Should the Vice President be unwilling or unable to assume the Presidency, the Executive Directory shall become the President. Should the Executive Director be unwilling or unable to assume the Presidency, the Executive Board shall elect an Acting President, who shall serve as President for the remaining term. Three consecutive unexcused absences by a member of the Board of Directors, or four in a six-month period, may be cause for dismissal.

III. Membership in the Las Vegas PC Users Group shall be open to anyone regardless of race, creed, sex, marital status, sexual orientation or national origin.

IV. A member in good standing shall be defined as one whose dues are current. Only members in good standing are eligible to vote; one vote per paid membership.

V. Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by any member in good standing, in writing, to the Board of Directors. Such proposed amendments should be considered at the next meeting of the Board of Directors. If the Board of Directors concurs, such proposed amendment shall be published in the next regular edition of the Las Vegas PC Users Group newsletter; it may then be adopted by a simple majority of the voting membership present at the next general meeting, following the publication of the newsletter containing the proposed amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being the current Board of Trustees of the Las Vegas PC Users Group Inc, have adopted these revised bylaws on this 4th day of October 2000.

VOLUNTEERES NEEDED FOR ELECTION COMMITTEE

At least 3 members are needed by the November meeting to serve on the committee to help get ready for the election results at the March 2010 meeting. For info contact info@lvpcug.org or any of the board members.

"Quick Tips" Secrets for Succeeding in Common Tasks By Stephen J. Bigelow

"Question: I want to make labels for my CDs and DVD, but don't want to damage the discs?"

Answer: It's certainly important to label your CDs and DVDs, but careless labeling carried potential problems. The chemicals in some permanent marker inks can eventually leach through the disc plastics and damage the data layer, ruining the disc. The adhesives used on some disc labels can be equally problematic, but it is more common for larger labels' mass to throw off the spindle balance, causing a slight wobble that results in read errors for today's high-speed (24X and higher) drives.

Use permanent markers or labels that are specially designed for use with optical media. If you want to create professional-looking discs, consider investing in a LightScribe drive that can etch monochrome images onto the label surface of corresponding LightScribe discs." Reprinted with permission from Smart Computing. Visit www.SmartComputing.com/groups to learn what Smart Computing can do for you and your user group.



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

Amount _____ Method _____

