

# The Bytes of Las Vegas

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## Election of officers for Board of Directors.

The Election Committee has submitted the following slate of 5 candidates for election:



President - Ceazar Dennis  
Vice President - Charles Frederick  
Executive Director - Lee Eastburn  
Secretary - Joanne Rush  
Treasurer - Linda DiGiovanni

Since each candidate is running unopposed, a formal election will not be necessary and all candidates will be elected by acclamation for the next fiscal year May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014.

## SIGs (Special Interest Groups) Reports

*The club requests that you email us at [info@lvpcug.org](mailto:info@lvpcug.org) when you plan to attend a SIG meeting and have specific questions or problems you would like someone to answer or work on. This will help assure that we will try to have someone there with the appropriate expertise. The email Subject Line: SIG Help.*

### Jan. 5 Helping Hands & How-to SIGs

Chuck Frederick reported that the subjects discussed and/or demonstrated were as follows: how to use Acronis backup program to clone a hard drive; how to use the program “decrapfyer” to remove bloat ware; how to use a new tablet (hardware) with Android OS; how to set up a tablet to use wifi, how to set up Firefox 64 bit version; how to swap parts from 2 computers to create a new working unit; how to stop the A drive from showing up in the task bar and how to read “Q” codes and “bar codes” with a smart phone.

### Jan. 12 Novice SIG

Topics included: How do you capture an image on your screen, for example error messages? Options include keyboard key “Prt Scr”, or use of Win7 “Snipping Tool” and/or freeware programs “Snag It” and “Screen Capture.” Do you know what a firewall and router are and do you need them?



Those attending were worried over recent tv and news warnings on **Java security threats**. This issue does not seem to be resolved yet. So this writer “Googled” “java security threat” and got TMI (too much information) but did learn a thing or two. Recommend you do the same to find if you have Java, or why you might need it, and the latest news. In the meanwhile I disabled Java until the all clear signal is released. Our club VP offered this solution from Gizmo’s Freeware, posted 16 Jan 2013, “There are dangerous exploits going around that take advantage of yet more security problems in Java. Java is installed on many PCs and is a common add-on for browsers. A quick and easy way to update Java and clean up old versions of Java, or remove it entirely, is to use the free app called **JavaRa**. Here’s how to use it:”

Click on the following URL:

<http://www.techsupportalert.com/content/how-quickly-and-easily-update-or-remove-java-windows.htm>



Another mind bender from Gizmo’s Freeware: Freeware **Game of the Week** (What happens when you combine 2D and 3D? A Mind Bending Game!), posted 15 Jan 2013. The games editor George.J says “This week’s game

is cleverly designed and is also mind bending. What might just happen if you were a 2D object trying to escape out of a 3D world? You would need to transcend between your inter-dimensional perspectives. Will you come out successful? " The games editor has received many favorable ratings. Click on the following URL:<http://www.techsupportalert.com/content/freeware-game-week-what-happens-when-you-combine-2d-and-3d-mind-bending-game.htm>



From Smart Computing Magazine, December 2012 issue (with permission).

### **How does a surge protector differ from an UPS (uninterruptible power supply)?**

A UPS features “a built-in battery that allows connected devices to continue running, giving you time to properly shut them off; a surge protector only blocks excess power, say, the result of a power spike, from reaching the devices. The time your equipment will be able to run on a UPS can vary from just a few minutes to one to two hours, depending on the UPS’s battery and on the amount of power required by the devices connected to the UPS. Some UPSes even include software that you can install on your PC so that you can manage power and receive text alerts or other notifications when there’s trouble.”

“A UPS also protects against surges in voltage and delivers interference-free power to your computer and other components. Both devices are capable of blocking power surges that can irreparably damage electrical equipment, such as excess voltage from the fluctuations of energy that occur when high-power devices on or off. (Power surges can also occur because of bad wiring, lightning strikes, or even during maintenance performed by your local utility.)” [Editor’s note: Whether you need either one can be discussed at one of our SIGs. Just ask.]



## **UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS**

*All meetings are open to the public with no admission fee. Reservations, if required , will be posted with meeting notice herein.*

### **SIGs (Special Meeting Groups)**

#### **Saturday, February 2, 10am to 4pm Helping Hands and How-to SIGs**

Location: Las Vegas JC Park - Clubhouse,  
5805 W. Harmon Ave, Las Vegas 89103.  
Parking available on both sides of clubhouse.

#### **Saturday, February 9, 1pm to 4pm Novice SIG and**

#### **Software and Product Review SIG**

Location: ITT Technical Institute, 3825 W.  
Cheyenne Ave., North Las Vegas 89032  
(between Decatur & Simmons), Theory Rm  
#2, use student entrance on east side of bldg.

#### **Board of Directors Meeting**

#### **Tuesday, February 12, 2013, 1pm**

5805 W. Harmon Ave., space 13 (Las Vegas  
JC Park), Las Vegas, NV. Note: Space will be  
limited. If you plan to attend this meeting, and  
are not a Board member, please reserve a  
place by email to [info@lvpcug.org](mailto:info@lvpcug.org). Those  
without reservations will not be admitted.



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