
The Computer Club At Willow Valley

The President's Pen by Sid Paskowitz

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Membership Your Computer Club has 510 members at this writing, including 152 lifetime members.

Senior TV Senior TV channel 4 and Comcast channel 822 on weekdays at 12:30 p.m. are showing educational videos that may be of interest to all Residents. Check the Weekly Insider front page to see what's playing. Scripts used for the narration of tutorial videos prepared by the Computer Club are available in Information Central.

If you have a laptop computer and note from time to time that the cursor is jumping around the screen while you are typing, the problem may be that your arm or clothing is touching or is coming close to the touchpad. If you are not able to satisfactorily adjust the sensitivity of the touchpad, you may want to consider using an external keyboard and mouse. One of the benefits of Computer Club membership is that we may be able to provide you with the free mouse and/or keyboard that you need. Contact Ed Dahrsnin.

Monitors We urgently need Computer Room Monitors! We are experiencing too many days when the Computer Rooms are not open because no monitor signed up for those days.

Any Computer Club member with basic computer skills who is willing to spend a couple of hours each month as a Computer Room Monitor is requested to contact JoAnne Phillips at 464-6502 for the North Computer Room (M-107) or Gene Simasek at 464-4605 for the Lakes Computer Room (E-108). Let JoAnne or Gene know if you would like training to help you feel more comfortable as a Computer Room Monitor.

Printing on Club Printers 'Tis the season that many Residents send their annual letters to friends and family so it is timely that we remind everyone about Computer Club policy for use of Computer Room printers. At the March 2011 Computer Club Executive Committee meeting the topic of charging for using Computer Room printers that are bought and supported by the Computer Club was revisited. The Executive Committee approved the following:

Tax preparers use their own paper and ink on non-Computer Club printers and are not limited in their use of non-Computer-Club printers. Residents who are not Computer Club members may use Computer Club printers only for printing associated

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Coming Programs

January, 2012

Dave Marsh, Resident

Automated Bingo Caller Program

February, 2012

Al Williams, Resident

Appealing PowerPoint

March, 2012

Al Williams, Resident

How to Feed/Care Your PC

All programs are held in the Education Room at the Cultural Center on the 1st Thursday of the month at 2:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

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with Electronic Registration and Service Requests. Computer Club members may print up to 25 black and white pages or 5 color pages at no cost. They will be charged \$.10 per page for black and white and \$.25 per page for color in excess of those free pages. Non-Club members are encouraged to join the Computer Club if they want to use the Club's printers.

Monies collected by Computer Room Monitors will be turned over to Club Treasurer, Dick Dressel.

Have Program Suggestions? Dick Klahn, our Vice President and Program Committee chairperson is looking for suggestions for programs to be given at next year's Computer Club meetings. Please let Dick know your suggestions at rklahn7304@aol.com.

Information Central Information Central at <http://eventregistration.willowvalley.org/kiosk/cclub/index.asp> is updated weekly and contains helpful information on topics that are important to our quality of life at Willow Valley. If you have Senior TV, you may benefit from the entire section of Information Central that is devoted to Senior TV. Bookmark the link to Information Central or save it as a desktop icon. A link to a searchable list of topics covered in Information Central is contained under the big numeral 2 on the first display of Information Central.

Election of Officers 2012 is election year for Computer Club officers, who serve for two years. Larry

Gallagher is chairperson of the Nominating Committee. If you would like to participate in the Computer Club as an officer or suggest the name(s) of others, please let Larry know at lar-mar920@msn.com.

Office 2010 The Computer Club is installing Microsoft Office 2010 software on Computer Room computers in the Lakes Computer Room. The Office 2003 software will also be on those computers. This addition will allow users to use Office 2003 software if they are more comfortable with those products, and will also enable those who want to use or learn to use Office 2010 software to have those products available.

Computer Recycling Our computer recycling program has processed more than 250 systems that have been given to Computer Club members and community organizations such as the Lampeter-Strasburg School District for families whose students would benefit from a computer at home. I want to thank Ed Dahrsnin and his team for their continuing efforts in making those computers available to those who will most benefit from them.

Membership Renewal After the first of the year we will be sending reminder letters to members who need to renew their membership in 2012. If you are a Resident member of the Club and don't get a letter, either your membership is current or we don't have your current address.

Use Several Email Accounts I recently received a suggestion that I follow and think it is worthwhile to

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share with others: open a separate email account that you use for your non-personal Internet activity such as buying or subscription services. Keep a personal email account for your emails with friends and family, and use the other account(s) for the other activities. This can reduce the amount of spam emails in your personal account. Email ac-

counts with Yahoo!, Gmail, Hotmail, etc., are free, so other than the time and thinking it takes to handle more than one account, it doesn't cost anything.

I wish everyone a happy holiday season and a healthy new year. •

Would you like to write a computer related article for the club's newsletter? Please contact Sid Paskowitz or Al Williams

The Equipment Corner by Ed Dahrsnin

Refurbished Systems Currently, there are no available refurbished systems.

Miscellaneous We have 3 volt CR2023 batteries (suitable for motherboards to keep the system clock running) and a variety of CD-ROM's, floppy disk drives, keyboards, 2-button mice, various power supplies, and assorted cables. Please contact Ed Dahrsnin at 464-6591.

Donations We currently accept used, *working*, laptop computers (with power units and batteries) from club members along with all software CDs. Used printer cartridges also accepted. You may deliver them to the North's Computer Resource room on the first floor of M building after 1 pm on Monday through Friday. No Macs or Mac parts, see Lee Wermuth or Bob Handler for additional information. •

The Mission

The Mission of the Willow Valley Computer Club is to:

- Provide the means to educate beginners or interested non-users on how to use a computer.
- Arrange for speakers to talk to the Club about subjects that would be of interest to those with some background and experience in computer use.
- Provide a forum for interchange of computer information among members.

For more information about the Club, contact Sid Paskowitz at 464-2127 or wvrccc@Yahoo.com

The Leadership

Officers

President: Sid Paskowitz

Vice President: Dick Klahn

Secretary: Joan Burks

Treasurer: Dick Dressel

Community Representatives

Manor: Larry Gallagher

Lakes: Gene Simasek

Committee Chairpersons

Program: Dick Klahn

Training: Bob McRobbie

Equipment: Ed Dahrsnin

Technical Support: Tony Poulos

Website: Sid Paskowitz

Publicity: Wally Gordon

Newsletter: Al Williams

Mac Interest Group: Lee Wermuth

Computer Room Coordinators:
JoAnne Phillips, Gene Simasek

Microsoft Liaison: Ed Dahrsnin

Past Presidents

Larry Gallagher

Reviewer Acknowledgment

The following individual kindly reviewed this issue:

Sid Paskowitz

Thank you,

Al Williams

Interested in reviewing the Computer Club newsletter before it goes to press, or providing advice about the content? Please contact:

Al Williams at atwms@comcast.net

Key Willow Valley Web Sites

These are URL links to key Willow Valley web sites. Please copy the URL to your browser's URL space, open the site, and then add them to Favorites/Bookmarks or create desktop icons.

Information Central: <http://eventregistration.willowvalley.org/kiosk/cclub/index.aspx>

Kiosk Home Page: <http://eventregistration.willowvalley.org/kiosk/default.aspx>

Resident Phone Directory: <http://eventregistration.willowvalley.org/kiosk/cris%20files/phonesearch.aspx>

Service Request: <http://eventregistration.willowvalley.org/kiosk/ServiceRequest.aspx>

Computer Club Newsletters: <http://eventregistration.willowvalley.org/kiosk/cclub/p/Newsletter.pdf>
