
The Computer Club At Willow Valley

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The President's Pen by Sid Paskowitz

Membership As of this writing, your Computer Club has 555 paid members of the Club including 268 who have signed up as Lifetime members. Please make sure your email address is correct on Club records so we can send you important emails. *Those emails only go to Computer Club members for whom we have a good email address.* Please let our Treasurer, Charlie Trumbo, know if your email address has changed or if you don't get a future Newsletter.

Computer Labs and Changes In Helping

Due to lack of utilization of the Computer Labs, the Computer Club is no longer providing Computer Lab Monitors to answer questions or provide assistance to drop-in visitors at the Computer Labs at Lakes Manor or Manor North. Instead, we are trying a different approach to helping Residents with issues related to Macs, PCs and portable electronic devices. We have added two prominent links

at the top of [Information Central](http://resident.willowvalley.org/kiosk/cclub/index.aspx) (<http://resident.willowvalley.org/kiosk/cclub/index.aspx>). One link provides information about help from [Residents](http://resident.willowvalley.org/kiosk/cclub/expertise.aspx) (<http://resident.willowvalley.org/kiosk/cclub/expertise.aspx>) and the other link provides information about help from [non-Residents](http://resident.willowvalley.org/kiosk/cclub/p/tech.pdf) (<http://resident.willowvalley.org/kiosk/cclub/p/tech.pdf>), and is set up for Residents who want to help themselves or seek outside professional help.

The biggest change in our approach to helping Residents is that we want to provide information to Residents who have questions or issues about specific hardware (computers or devices) or software (programs, applications or services), so they will be able to go to the people they may

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An Attack on the Sands Casinos and Hotels by Al Williams

It isn't often that one has an opportunity to read about a major attack where the author is writing for the layman. The attack on the Sands Casinos and Hotels early in 2014 is also intriguing for those who are technically inclined. The article is available at this URL: bit.ly/sands-

attack It may also be found by googling these terms: **Businessweek December 11 Sands Casino**

I highly recommend this fascinating article. •

Coming Programs

January 8, 2015

Tony Poulos

Time to obtain/replace your PC?

February 5, 2015 3:30pm

Alex Breitreutz, Guest

3D Printing

March 5, 2015

Sid Paskowitz

Speech Recognition

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

President

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know or who live close by, and get the help they want. The list about help from [other Residents](#) at <http://resident.willowvalley.org/kiosk/cclub/expertise.aspx> is indexed by topic and within topic, lists those Residents who have indicated they may be able to help with that topic. To facilitate your finding a nearby neighbor who might be able to help you, within each topic the volunteers are listed by Community and apartment number. That way you may be able to get a quick answer to your problem by contacting a neighbor.

Some other changes may be forthcoming. The current list of Residents who are willing to help other Residents is several years old. Many current topics did not exist the last time we did a survey and asked Residents to indicate if they were willing to help other Residents. We have put together a new list of topics that more closely represent issues that today's Residents face. The draft of that [list and the updated survey](#) we may use can be found at <http://resident.willowvalley.org/kiosk/cclub/p/expertisesurvey.pdf>.

If you have suggestions about the help listings or the survey form and its contents, please send me an email at wvcomputerclub@gmail.com. Based on the feedback we get and the utilization of the [Resident Help listing](#) at <http://resident.willowvalley.org/kiosk/cclub/expertise.aspx>, the Computer Club Executive Committee will decide whether we will conduct a

new survey, update the help listing, or pursue other approaches. Your feedback will make a difference!

Exploring the Cloud The screen displays from Al William's excellent presentation about Exploring the Cloud at the December Computer Club meeting are available on Information Central. If you missed the meeting or want to revisit the information he presented, go to [Information Central](#) (<http://resident.willowvalley.org/kiosk/cclub/index.aspx>)

Soap Box I have stopped getting on my soapbox on topics such as shortcuts and protecting your computer. I have covered those topics many times in past Newsletters. You can access an archive of Newsletters and an [index to topics](#) in those Newsletters at <http://resident.willowvalley.org/kiosk/cclub/p/Newsletter.pdf>. The Newsletter index page is also available by left-clicking on Newsletter in the left column in Information Central (the Computer Club icon on the Kiosk Home Page). If you think you remember a topic covered in an earlier Newsletter article and you want to review that article, or you want to see if an earlier Newsletter discussed a topic of interest, check out the Newsletter subject index link on the Newsletter page in Information Central. Another benefit of the Newsletter archive is that if you are a Club member and decide not to have an email address but want to read the Club Newsletters, you can still read them online by visiting Information Central and clicking on the Newsletter link. Let me know if you want me to continue

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President's Pen

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to cover those topics or other topics in President's Pen columns in future Newsletters.

Zap2it At the April Computer Club meeting we showed a video tutorial about Zap2it, the online TV guide that displays the WVComTV (Willow Valley Communities TV) channel lineup. The video is available on the Computer Club's external Website at www.wvrccc.com. Be advised that the video was recorded prior to Tribune Media making a major change to Zap2it. As of the writing of this Presidents Pen, Zap2it is still not taking new registrations. On the other hand more selections (Genres) such as movies or sports can be highlighted in the listing. Stay tuned.

Recycling Ed Dahrnsin and his team are accepting working computers and components for recycling. Let Ed know if you would like to help recycle computers. Ed and his team meet on Monday afternoons at Manor North. Working in the recycling effort may also help you deal with your own computer when you have problems. Thanks to Ed and his team, the Computer Club passed the 118 mark of computer systems given to the Lampeter-Strasburg School District for families that cannot afford a

computer for their students.

Windows 10 I have been working with an evaluation version of Windows 10 for the past two months and have found that some of the suggestions I have made have been included in their updates; however, a number of key features such as Cortana (the female artificial intelligence digital assistant) has not yet been incorporated. My best current information on where Windows 10 is headed is that Microsoft will stop taking input from users such as me sometime before the end of February 2015 and will release the final version of Windows 10 sometime in the Fall of 2015 (supposedly before schools start). Statements have also been made that computers with Windows 8.1 will be allowed to upgrade to Windows 10 at no cost. We still have months to go before final release, and anything is possible between now and then. I will try to keep you informed. Stay tuned...

Thank You My thanks to all of you who volunteer your time and knowledge to help other Residents. We need more volunteers! •

Communicating with Edward Snowden by Al Williams

In the October issue of *The Intercept*, Micah Lee describes his reaction when the then unknown Edward Snowden contacted him to help set up secure communications with Laura Poitras and Glenn Grenwald. He went on to help set up those secure communications and to develop a website for Snowden. The story describes real people struggling to deal with serious issues in a secure way. Highly recom-

mended reading. The story may be found by googling these terms: Intercept Micah Lee Snowden Smuggle Secrets •

The Equipment Corner by Ed Dahrsnin

Refurbished Systems

#380 Dell Dimension 8400-G4DDX51 Win 7 SP1

#388 Kehtron White Box Win 7 SP1

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 continue to accept printer cartridges and laptop computers with power adapters. Bring the items to Manor North's recycle closet on the fourth floor of 'M' building (MM403) on Monday only, from 1pm to 1:30pm. •

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 wvcomputerclub@gmail.com •

The Leadership

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The following individual kindly reviewed this issue:

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Thank you,

Al Williams

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