
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 549 paid members of the Club including 297 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.

LastPass If you missed Al Williams' outstanding presentation on LastPass at the October Computer Club meeting, the charts Al used in his presentation are available on Information Central.

Windows 10 *I am still personally recommending that Willow Valley Resi-*

dents not upgrade to Windows 10 on their PCs at the present time unless you are a techie and want to be able to help other Residents. However, I have found some Windows 10 features that may offer some of the needed privacy protections I have been looking for. Before I recommend Windows 10 for non-techies, I would like to get feedback from some of our techie Resident population who are willing to install Windows 10 using upgrade procedures that I will provide. If you are willing to be a volunteer in using those procedures and will send me your feedback, please email me at wvcomputerclub@gmail.com, and I will send you the suggested procedures.

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Did You Know? by Al Williams

Did you know that a very high percentage of computer problems that you encounter can easily be fixed by *you*?

Here are the steps: First, completely turn off your computer—whether is a PC, an iPad, a tablet, or any other device. Then turn off your router and then your modem. You might have a combination router and modem—

turn it off.

Wait at least 10 seconds.

Now, follow these steps:

1. Turn on the modem. The modems lights will start flashing. The light at the top will stop flashing first and will be on constantly. Wait until all the lights on the modem are constant. On some modems the bottom

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Coming Programs

November 5

Bob Davis, WV IT
IT Update

December 3

Tony Poulos, Resident
Replacing a Computer or Device?

January 7

Sid Paskowitz, Resident
Windows 10

*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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If the feedback is favorable, I will let all Computer Club members know and I will add the procedures to Information Central and start recommending Windows 10. Some of the procedures, if favorable feedback is received, may also be beneficial for use with Windows 7 and Windows 8.1.

Windows 10 Mobile for use on smart phones is scheduled for release in December. I am hoping some of our findings from the Windows 10 upgrade on PCs will also apply to Windows 10 Mobile.

MAC SIG Steve Lynn, head of the Mac SIG group, is looking for suggestions as to how the Computer Club can support Mac users. If you have ideas that can help Steve formulate a plan for supporting Mac users, please send them to him at slynn14@wvrcresident.com. Information Central has been modified based on Steve's recommendations. In the center column of Information Central is a feature called *MAC Users Corner*. It contains information applicable to Apple computers. Let Steve know if you have suggestions for other beneficial information links that might be added to the MAC Users Corner.

Computer Club Programs Schedule The Computer Club's November 5th meeting will be in the Cultural Cen-

ter Theater and will feature the annual update on Willow Valley Information Technology and related items. Also mark your calendar for the December 3rd Computer Club meeting where Tony Poulos will talk about decisions to obtain or replace your computer or other device. That program will be followed by a Computer and Hand Held Device Expo. All meetings start at 2:00 p.m. I believe all Willow Valley Residents will benefit from attending those meetings

Recycling Ed Dahrsnin and his team are accepting working computers and components for recycling, but no CRT monitors or printers. 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 has given 130 computer systems to the Lampeter-Strasburg School District for families that cannot afford a computer for their students and two laptops to the Hand Middle School in Lancaster for their Science classroom.

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

Did You Know?

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light may flash instead of becoming constant but wait at least 3 minutes to be sure that the modem has completed its startup process.

If you have a combination modem and router, turn it on at this time.

2. Then turn on the router and wait for the lights to become constant, as described for the modem.

3. Then, turn on your printer. Doing this before turning on your computer ensures that your computer will quickly be able to print to the printer.

4. Finally, turn on your computer.

These steps fix the vast majority of problems because it causes all the devices to reset and then initialize to a working state.

If you have a laptop and the above didn't fix the problem, unplug the ac adapter, remove the battery, hold down the Power button for 1 minute, re-install the battery, plug in the ac adapter, and turn it on, and see if it works. These steps fix many stubborn laptop problems.

Try it, you can do it. •

Would you like to read about a topic? Like to write about a topic?
Contact Sid Paskowitz or Al Williams

The Equipment Corner by Ed Dahrsnin

Refurbished Systems

At this time, no computer systems are available.

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 fifth floor of 'J' building 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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