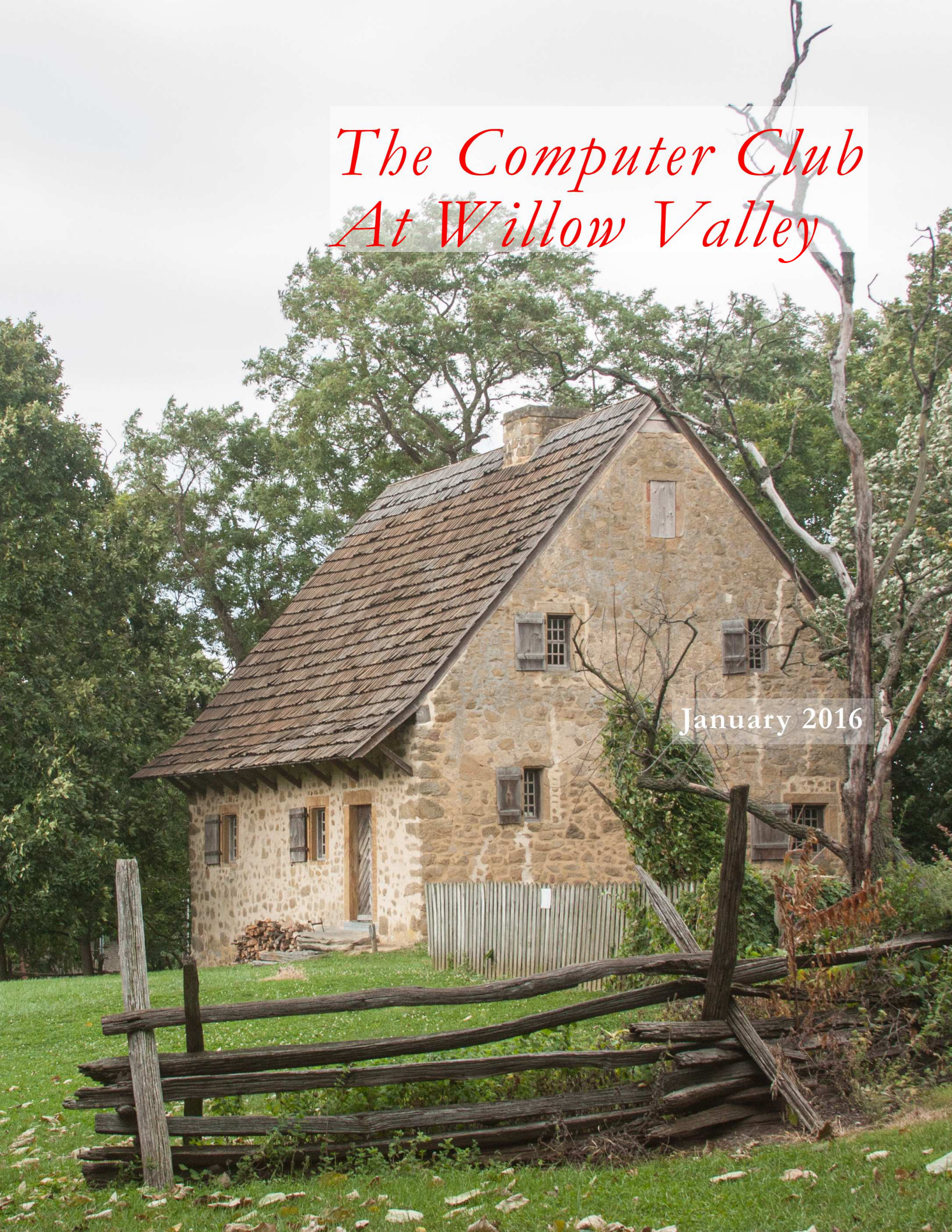


*The Computer Club  
At Willow Valley*

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## The President's Pen by Sid Paskowitz

**Membership** As of this writing, your Computer Club has 558 paid members including 303 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.

**Replacing a Computer?** Thanks to Tony Poulos for his excellent presentation at the December Computer Club meeting and thanks to Bob Scala for his exceptional work in setting up the program and the expo after the meeting. The charts Tony used in his presentation are available on Information Central. The meeting and expo were so well received that we plan to have a similar meeting and expo in December 2016.

As a follow-up to Tony's presentation, PC owners are reminded that they can receive the best help if they use software that is familiar to other Residents who volunteer to provide technical assistance. Recommended applications are CCleaner, Malwarebytes, Defraggler and Windows Defender (or Windows Security Essentials). We recognize there are alternatives; however, problems are more quickly diagnosed and repaired when the applications running on the PC are familiar to the helper.

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## TiVo Alert by Tony Poulos

The new TiVo model, the Bolt, does not work with our Sr. TV signals. Sr. TV is working with TiVo to resolve the issue. The timing for the solution isn't clear but is probably several months.

The previous model, the Roamio, works well with our Sr. TV signals but has been discontinued. However, the TiVo website shows some Roamio models are still available. In addition, we've been advised that the Roamio OTA model will work with our current system. It's currently available from the Best Buy website.

Please contact Tony Poulos, 464-4626, if you have questions. •

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## Coming Programs

<b>January 7</b> Sid Paskowitz <i>Windows 10</i>	<b>February 4</b> Dr. John Scala, PhD CCM <i>The Challenge of Contemporary Weather Forecasting</i>	<b>March 3</b> William Aspire <i>Artificial Intelligence &amp; Machine Learning</i>
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*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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**Windows 10** *I am still personally recommending that Willow Valley Residents 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, that recommendation may change and will be presented at the January 7th Computer Club meeting. Some of the computers in the Lakes Computer Lab have been upgraded to Windows 10 and are being evaluated to determine recommendations for upgrading to Windows 10 and settings for Windows 10. Those findings will be presented at the January Computer Club meeting.

Microsoft is doing some interesting things with Windows 10 Mobile for use on smart phones. They are being selective on which devices are getting the first release of Windows 10 Mobile and they are bypassing phone service providers in sending the upgrade directly to devices. If Microsoft continues with that approach, updates to mobile devices will become similar to updates for PCs. That approach also confirms that Microsoft can identify and target individual devices for receiving software updates.

**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](mailto: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.

**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! •

## The Current Issue by Al Williams

The current issue is an experiment. This newsletter, and any other publication, needs to be fresh, current, and easily read to be of interest to the reader. The most important consideration in achieving these three goals is whitespace. To achieve better use of whitespace, this issue moves from a strict newsletter format to a magazine format.

The chosen magazine format is approximately 3/4 the width of a page. In addition to supporting whitespace considerations, the format and the width also allow the reader that is using a relatively small screen device to read from the top down without having to read one column and then scrolling back up to read the second. This format and width also readily allows side-bars.

The cover was added to create an interesting introduction to the newsletter and is in keeping with a magazine format. The cover was created using Scribus, a free full featured desktop publishing software package. Microsoft Publisher has been and is currently being used to create the rest of the newsletter. Publisher would have been used to create the cover but it does not have the capability to create a cover page with no border because it has limited features.

Those are the reasons for the changes. Please feel free to comment. •

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Would you like to read or write about a topic?

Contact Sid Paskowitz or Al Williams

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## The Equipment Corner by Ed Dahrsnin

### Refurbished Systems

System 430: Dell Inspiron 545-322LPL1, Windows 7

System 431: Dell Inspiron One 2020-76YMPV1

**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. We no longer accept printers. 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](mailto:wvcomputerclub@gmail.com) •

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## The Leadership

### Officers

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Microsoft Liaison: Ed Dahrsnin

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## **Reviewer Acknowledgment**

The following individual kindly reviewed this issue:

Sid Paskowitz

Tony Poulos

Thank you,

Al Williams

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

Al Williams at [atwilliams136@gmail.com](mailto:atwilliams136@gmail.com)