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October 20th Membership Meeting

October Annual Meeting Month

So...it's that time again...October is our Annual Membership Meeting time. A time when we elect our NEW Board of Directors that will run our Computer Club for the next year.

And, in order to do that (elect a Board) we will need a quorum of our membership to be present at that meeting.

This election is a necessity and you are encouraged to please attend our October 20th meeting and let's have that quorum to elect a Board.

Will you do your part? Come on that Thursday for our meeting. We have scheduled our usual Q & A session which is our opportunity to ask that question, find out that answer and in general it's a time for us all to be on the program and help us each to better understand our Computers.

See you there, Bronson Hall, room 310, at 7 PM...but come early for refreshments from 6 to 7... Thursday, October 20th...LSU-S.

OH... COME AND SHOULD YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WANT TO RUN FOR THE OFFICE ON THE BOARD...PLEASE MAKE A NOMINATION...WE NEED YOU.

October Membership Meeting

As usual, October is the month that we have our Q & A format as our program for that meeting.

It's always a very popular gathering and one that give us an opportunity to ask anything and (believe me) we have members in our Club who know the answer.

No question to menial...or to detail that our gathering will not be able to answer. So, if you need to know, come, and let this group help with your needs. They know the answer and you'll be given the answer.

And, it's also our Annual Meeting and you'll be there with some other of our members...it will be like old 'home week'.

It's at Bronson Hall, room 310, at 7 PM...with refreshments served from 6 to 7 . Come and be a part of a quorum...let's vote for a New Board of Directors, as well....October 20th, 2011.

SEE YOU THERE



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Review of the September 2011 Membership Meeting by Bob Pierce

Our guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Philip Dossey, the “Deputy of Counter Intelligence” who is over all of the Geek Squad services at Best Buy’s Shreveport store. Philip has been with Best Buy for five years, and this store is the third one he has worked in. The others are in Texas and Arkansas. He was recently promoted to be over all of the Geek Squads. He has a BBA Degree in Management from Texas A & M University.

Philip spoke to us about the iPad and told us everything we wanted to know about the system and a few things we probably won’t remember. The iPad is a very versatile piece of electronic gear. The keyboard is a touch keyboard on-screen. A blue-ray external keyboard is available through the “app store”, the on-line store for all accessories, products, books, software, games, and all apps. iTunes are also available in the form of music, videos, TV shows, and audio books. Magazines will be available in the future. Some of these are free, but some cost anywhere from a 99 cents on up. Other features of the iPad are that it can operate in either the horizontal or vertical. It has a built-in calendar function and can be presented in a date, day, week, or month format. You can store your appointments with or without an alarm/reminder. There is capability to store your contacts along with all needed info, address, e-mail, address, etc.

Another couple of items that were of interest to those present included the GPS feature and the games. The GPS app allows the user to get a map showing the present location and how to get to another location you program in. Philip demonstrated the map feature on his iPad. The map he produced on a local trip was easy to follow. There are some free games and others that you can buy from the app store. The screen is well suited for the action games.

Safari is the default web browser for internet use. Facebook is available via Safari. There is no app for Facebook. You can use Safari to handle your email once you set it up. The iPad will work on AT&T or Verizon or another model will work on wi-fi. While on the internet, you may want to use the built-in camera for a video call to another Apple user or someone on Skype. Apps for other systems are being developed. One other app that bears mentioning is the office app. This app includes a word processor, a spreadsheet, and a presentation package very similar to Microsoft’s Power Point. All of the iPad’s files can be backed up on iTunes. Should you lose your data or something goes wrong with the iPad, your data is safe and can be reloaded to your new iPad in as little as 30 minutes.

The leading competitor for the iPad is the Android Operating System but more are coming out. Microsoft is not in the running yet, but some of the features of Windows 8 are very compatible with a tablet format, including its ability to work with touch screens. Tablets are replacing a lot of other technology because of their size and the large number of apps that are available. The leading eReader now is Kindle by Amazon.com, but the Nook by Barnes and Noble is running a close second. There are many accessories on the market for all of these tablet devices (cases, clip-on reading lights, charging cords, lap desks, etc.). Though not as powerful yet as a good desktop computer, the tablet is catching up. All we say now is “stay tuned and try to keep up”.

The drawing for the \$60 door prize produced the name of Paula Ward as this month’s winner. Unfortunately, Paula was not present. The door prize next month will be \$70, so please try to be with us for the next meeting.

The task of selecting a speaker for our Computer Club Meetings each month, is a chore for one person...and it is then only that one idea. This has been the case forever, I think.

So....will you help us in forming a committee to do that task?...it won’t be time consuming but it needs NEW BLOOD and your ideas.

Please help...and let’s start a better job in selections of a speaker.

Contact me or any Board Member and let’s give help where help is really needed....those Board Members are: Pat Joyner...John Hardin...Bob Franklin... Lee Sepulvado...Jack Barnett.... Bob Pierce....or Robert Saucier.

SOON....SOON....SOON.... PLEASE

Photos taken at the September 2011 Membership Meeting By Glenda Conradi



Philip Dossey



**Philip Dossey Shows
What Is Available**



**Margaret McGilvray
Draws For Door Prize**



The membership

Door Prize...at our Meetings

Oh....Oh....at last months meeting the name of our member Paula Ward was drawn...sorry Paula, but you were not there to take home the CASH.

So, for our October Meeting it's (the Pot) up to \$70.00 bucks, but you got'a be present to win.

And, we need a quorum for this meeting, and need you here to help, and you just may win the loot.

See you there.

Corel Graphics/Photo SIG, September 2011

by Glenda Conradi



In September we had a lot of participation from the members that attended. It turned out to be a lot of fun and we all learned something.

We started out with the first item on the tip sheet, which happened to be working with text and how there are different ways that the programs we use give us to add text to a page. The most common

are typing text in a text box verses typing text directly on page. Some require that you type in a box then move the words to the page and some programs let you type directly onto the page. When you get a newer version of a program they may have changed from typing in a box to typing directly on a page. With both methods you can usually adjust the text and add effects to it on the page.

Another little tip I ran across, and we talked about, deals with an “empty” ink cartridge that keeps you from printing a page. If the printer reports that an ink cartridge is out of ink and will not print you may be able to print a few more pages if you shake the cartridge, be sure and cover the place where the ink comes out, then put the cartridge back in the printer and try printing again. If you have a laser printer or copy machine you can almost always get several more pages printed from an “empty cartridge” or one that is leaving a lot of white bands on the page, which is an indication that you are about out of toner. Remove the laser cartridge and **gently** roll it back and forth, and side to side. You may be able to repeat this several times to get more pages. Just be sure to print one page at a time rather than multiple copies so you can see when the white streaks start appearing again. Shaking or rolling may not always work, but it is worth a try and you may get a few more pages before you have to replace the ink cartridge.

Next on the tip sheet was changing a photo’s file format and renaming files. You may have a photo that was originally saved as a TIF and you want to change the format to a JPG, which should make the file size smaller. When you save the file click on the Save As Type box and choose a file type. When renaming files it is important to

always save your original photos with their original “out of the camera file name.” When you edit the photo always use the Save as feature and never save it over the original file name. When you save the edited

photo it is a good idea to keep the original file name and add a short description to it, which will give it a different name..

Have you saved something and now you cannot find the file? You can usually use the search feature and find it if you remember the name of the file, but that is not always the case. A quick way to locate the file, if you have worked on it recently, and saved it, is to open the program you used to work on the file and saved it from. Click on the File menu and at the bottom of the drop down menu there should be a list of the most recently worked on and saved files, there may be a little arrow you can click on to display more files and you may be able to adjust the number of files it will show. You can click on one of the file names to open the file. When the file is open click on File menu again, click on Save As and then in the Save Drawing box that comes up click on the down arrow beside the Save in box that has the file name in it. The drop down menu will show you the drives on your computer and you can navigate back to see where the file is saved.

How do you pronounce “GIF?” There can be a lot of controversy about the pronunciation of the file called GIF. The creator tells how it is supposed to be pronounced but some disagree. Check out the www.olsenhome.com/gif/ URL

We also looked at some quick and effective one step fixes that some photo editing programs offer. They may be all you need to adjust and fix your photo with just a click or

We hope you will be able to make the next Corel Graphics/Photo SIG on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. at Podnuh’s Bar-B-Q, located at 1146 Shreveport-Barksdale Hwy. The room in the back is reserved starting at 6:00 p.m. for those of us who would like to eat and want to do it before the meeting starts. Of course it is fine to eat during the meeting, too. Everyone is welcome, bring a friend. Please let me know if you have questions, or suggestions, that can be used in our SIG meetings for part of the program. If there is something you would like to see covered at one of our meetings you can email me at glenda@conradi.com

Windows SIG September 2011

by Bernie Conradi



We again as always reminded all in attendance of the necessity of keeping your Windows Operating System and anti-virus programs up to date. This past Windows updates, there were 15 updates that were necessary to insure that your computer stays safe from

intruders. Some items to be aware of is the messages you get suggesting you can get NFL football games free on the Internet. This is not the case; these messages contain virus and malware that can invade your computer space. Also, be sure not to do a search for such items as that is also the way to get an intruder that you do not want. A freeware program we look at this month was Open With Enhanced. This program makes it easier to change the file association for a file you want to open with a specific program you have on your computer. The URL is: <http://extensions.frieger.com/owdesc.php>. There was a discussion about the latest changes to Facebook accounts and how we do or do not like the sudden changes that occurred. We also talked about Google+ now being available to all that want to join. You no longer have to be recommended by another member. We then viewed a web document that told us how to disable error reporting if you choose to. We then looked at a Power Point describing the Win-

dows 7 Diagnostic Report which showed how to use it and what it looks like. We next learned about the Windows 7 Backup and Restore function and some of the specific functions of how it works and how to use it. It was recommended that you have some backup plan in place in case of a hard drive failure or the loss of a file. Another backup solution would to use Acronis if you do not want to use the Windows 7 back up function. The Windows 7 Backup and Restore function now allows you to make an image of your hard drive. This was not possible in previous versions of Windows. To close out the program we got a quick glance at the new Windows 8, and a brief demonstration of some of the functions that are different. One of the new features is the Metro UI which is the container for applications, which in my opinion is an overlay or add on to the Windows desktop. We hope to learn a little more about this new operation system so we can tell a little more about it as we learn about it. Please join us at 7:00 PM on October 27, 2011, at Podnuh's Bar-B-Q on Shreveport-Barksdale Highway. Everyone is invited to attend. I am looking forward to suggestions for upcoming programs, as I want to present subjects of interest for all in the group. Let me hear from you. You can email me at bernie@conradi.com.

Bernie Conradi, Windows SIG Leader



NWLAPCUG's **S**pecial **I**nterest **G**roup Leaders




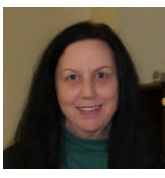


Our SIG leaders are in the heart of NWLAPCUG's monthly activities. See the chart on the last page of this newsletter for the monthly schedule of their meetings. Every member is welcome to attend any or all of their meetings and for as many times as they wish. All of this with *no extra fees* involved.

SIG leaders are dedicated to sharing their expertise in their particular programs. Their meetings include presentations, demonstrations and

cover questions and answers. In some cases, handouts may be furnished.

Following the SIG meeting, a number of the SIG leaders will submit an article, reporting on the activities of their meeting, for publication in the next month's newsletter.

Members are encouraged to take a tour of these SIGs and determine which one or more appeals to their liking.

 <p>J.C. Barnett Word SIG</p>	 <p>Pat Joyner Saturday SIG</p>	 <p>Bernie Conradi Windows SIG</p>	 <p>Glenda Conradi Corel Graphics/Photo SIG</p>
 <p>Bill & Cisly Morgan Digital Photography SIG</p>	 <p>Bob Pierce Beginner's SIG</p>		

Members Furnishing Newsletter Articles

Computer related newsletter articles are welcomed from our members who are other than SIG leaders. We appreciate as few as one article a year. Or as many (not to exceed one per month) as you would like to generate. The range of topics is virtually

unlimited. To name a few, your experience/opinion with certain software programs, the entertainment and educational value in computer use, How To's, Tips, etc. etc. Your participation may surface one of your great hidden talents.

 <p>Bob Franklin</p>	 <p>Carolyn Franklin</p>	 <p>Phil Sanders</p>	 <p>Bob Pierce</p>	
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MONTHLY CLUB ACTIVITIES

PLEASE NOTE THAT SIG TIMES, DATES AND LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION CONTACT , VIA E-MAIL, THE RESPECTIVE SIG LEADER AS LISTED BELOW.



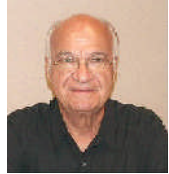




Corel Graphics/Photo SIG	First Tuesday Podnuh's Bar-B-Q	7:00 P.M.	Glenda Conradi	glenda@conradi.com
Digital Photography SIG	First Thursday Room 310, Bronson Hall	7:00 P.M.	Bill and Cisly Morgan	cisly@shreve.net
MS Word SIG	Second Thursday 2:00 P.M. Broadmoor Library		J C Barnett	jc Barnett875@suddenlink.net
Board of Directors Meeting	6:30 PM Before the Membership Meeting		Pat Joyner	patbj@bellsouth.net
General Meeting	Third Thursday Bronson Hall, Room 310	7:00 P.M.	Pat Joyner	patbj@bellsouth.net
Windows SIG	Fourth Thursday Podnuh's Bar-B-Q	7:00 P.M.	Bernie Conradi	bernie@conradi.com
Saturday SIG	Fourth Saturday Broadmoor Library	2:00 P.M.	Pat Joyner	patbj@bellsouth.net
Getting Started SIG	Third Monday Hamilton/South Caddo Library	9:30 A.M.	Bob Pierce	bobpierce1942@bellsouth.net

IF YOU NEED INFORMATION ABOUT THE SIG'S SUBJECT, MEETING PLACE OR TIME, PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSONS LISTED ABOVE

Meeting Places

Podnuh's Bar-B-Q - 1146 Shreveport-Barksdale Hwy (Corel Graphics/Photo SIG; Windows SIG)
 Room 310, Bronson Hall LSUS-Northside of campus (General Meeting, Digital Photography SIG)
 Broadmoor Library- 1212 Captain Shreve Drive - (MS Word SIG; Saturday SIG)
 Getting Started SIG Hamilton/South Caddo Library, 2111 Bert Kouns

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