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Alan's December 2nd, 2007 General Windows SIG by Alan Raul

Windows Vista Alternate Media - The Vista retail package product ships on DVD with 32-bit edition software, but two forms of alternate media are available to help meet your specific requirements.
http://www.microsoft.com/windowsvista/1033/ordermedia/default.mspx

Techbargains – is a site dedicated to helping you save money on all your technology product purchases. They search the Internet and physical stores for the best deal on the best products. Techbargains helps you find hot deals on the latest Tech products as well as great prices for ANY product via their Low Price Search Engine.
http://www.techbargains.com/

Devsdeals – is an easy to read interface where users can check the latest deals in a quick scan of the home page, and also have search and comment functions.
http://www.devsdeals.com/

Microsoft Professional Photography – a Microsoft web site dedicated to professional photography.
http://www.microsoft.com/prophoto/default.aspx
This is the download section of the above mentioned web site.
http://www.microsoft.com/prophoto/downloads/default.aspx

IE7Pro - is a must have add-on for Internet Explorer, which includes a lot of features and tweaks to make your IE friendlier, more useful, secure and customizable. IE7Pro includes Tabbed Browsing Management, Spell Check, Inline Search, Super Drag Drop, Crash Recovery, Proxy Switcher, Mouse Gesture, Tab History Browser, Web Accelerator, User Agent Switcher, Webpage Capturer, AD Blocker, Flash Block, Greasemonkey like User Scripts platform, User Plug-ins and many more power packed features. You can customize not just Internet Explorer, but even your favorite website according to your need and taste using IE7Pro. I will demo this fully at a future meeting.
http://www.ie7pro.com/

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December 2nd, 2007 Main Meeting Review by Alan Raul

The general meeting started with Alan Raul moderating a Q & A Windows SIG in the main hall and Ben Hansen leading a beginner's Windows SIG in the dining room.

We had our customary cookie and coffee break with some special Christmas selections, hosted by Nancy Vrooman. This allowed time for the perspective gift winners to peruse the wide selection of raffle prizes which were on display in the main hall.

Kaye Raul, filling in for Ray Miklas, began the meeting by turning it over to Ralph Sutter for the annual Board of Directors voting.

Elected to the 2008 Board of Directors:

   Ray Miklas - President (HardCopy Editor)
   Kaye Raul - Vice President (Programs Chair/Publicity)
   Robert Mires - Treasurer (Membership/Publishing)
   Ralph Sutter Secretary (Webmaster/HTML-Internet SIG)

The different SIG announcements were made. Then Santa arrived, complete in red with white sleeves, collar and belt. Under the brightly colored outfit was none-other than Ralph Sutter! Santa called out names and each person stepped to the front to choose the prize of their liking. Santa moderated the gift procedure. A few people wanted to sit on Santa's lap, but were politely refused.

All 62 members present at our meeting received a fine gift. It was the end of a great SLO Bytes year. We're looking forward to more fun in computing come 2008.

Kaye Raul's Programming Schedule *by Kaye Raul*

File Organization will be the main topic at the January 6th meeting of the SLO Bytes PC Users Group presented by **Russell Foster**, one of our SLO Bytes members. Russ will show us how to organize our hard disk, folders, and files. He will share tips on creating new folders along with sorting and naming tricks.

You will discover how to use the Windows file tree to figure out where you are and where you want to go. Finally, get your computer in top shape by moving, copying, renaming and deleting - REALLY - deleting files.

Start the New Year off on the right track with this informative presentation.

Prior to the main presentation**, Alan Raul** will moderate his Q & A session from 12:45 PM to 2:00 PM

Additionally, a second SIG for beginners will run concurrently in another room, offering advice and answering questions on Windows operating systems. This is a small group environment specially suited for the novice user.

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December 17th Digital Photography SIG Review *by Don Jones*

We started the meeting with a discussion of possible topics and plans for a special joint SLO Bytes and Computerooters sponsored photography related meeting with an invited guest speaker. He is an acknowledged expert involved with Microsoft's expanding photography efforts and his own publishing efforts that include 13 books. His book subjects include **PhotoShop** and **Lightroom**. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday evening, March 15 at the IOOF Hall on Dana Street where SLO Bytes monthly meetings are held. Save this date!

Bob Styerwalt led us through a discussion and demonstration of his Canon Rebel XTi menus and showed some beautiful examples from his work. This was our first discussion of the SLR cameras that are, of course, the most powerful available to most of us. Very informative and worthwhile!

Don Jones then gave a short follow-up on the holiday card subject from November.

We ended with great goodies and coffee, thanks to Bonnie!

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President's Message

At our 6 January, 2008 meeting:
At 12:45 PM, Alan will be moderating the Question and Answer session
At 12:45 PM, Ben Hansen, Eugene Rheingans and Fred Cook will run the Windows SIG for Beginners in the dining room
At 2:00 PM, Our speaker, **Russell Foster** will give his presentation
Go to http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/0108/index.html to see the **15 great PUSH Articles and reviews for January 2008.** They came to me from **Judy Taylour of APCUG,** Editorial PUSH Committee Chair. Our Webmaster, Ralph Sutter uploaded these articles to our website. The PUSH Archive articles can be found at http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/index.html

Take a look at http://oldsite.kcbx.net/classes_education/class_schedule.php to see if you would like to avail yourself of the various **computer related classes** available at the **KCBXnet Training Facility.**

Cal Poly Continuing Education's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is a comprehensive learning and service program for those 50 and over. This is a highly rated College level education program available at Cal Poly. This is their website: http://www.osher.calpoly.edu/

Take advantage of the four **learning CD's** "Learn Windows XP, Excel, Word & Power Point" available for our members to check out (at the Treasurer's table).

Continue to bring any **used ink-jet printer or toner cartridges** to our meeting. We collect them (at the Treasurer's table) and turn them over to "Make A-Wish Foundation" who generate much needed funds for their organization by refurbishing and selling them.

--Ray Miklas

Treasurer's Report *by* Robert Mires

Income

Renewing members	175.00	
New Members	75.00	
Refreshment receipts	37.85	

Expenses

Hall Rent	90.00	
Drawing purchases	883.25	
Refreshment purchases	97.20	
Rebate to member overpayment	5.00	

Bank accounts at 11/30/07

CD #116	1,244.90
CD #125	3,403.64
Savings Acct bal	54.07
Checking Acct bal	1,169.75
Interest-year to date	214.29

New members: Elsie Grover, Mike McCombs, Erwin Grasell
Renewing members: Larry Green, Constance Thomas, Heulan Brown, Fred Cutter, Donn Ragle, E.j. Christenson, A. E. Julian

Robert Mires, Treasurer

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Club Information and Meeting Times

SLO Bytes, a PC Users Group dedicated to educate its members in the use of personal computers, digital devices and software, meets on the first Sunday of each month at the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) Hall at 520 Dana Street, San Luis Obispo. All meetings are open to the public at no cost. Special interest groups meet from 12:45 PM to 2:00 PM and guest speaker presentations begin at 2:30 PM. Contact Kaye Raul (kmraul at sbcglobal.net) or visit www.slobytes.org for additional information about SLO Bytes and the scheduled presentation.

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HardCopy is a monthly publication of SLO Bytes PC Users' Group located in San Luis Obispo, California. Information in this Newsletter is derived from both our own membership and other PC User Group Newsletters. The purpose of this publication is to inform our members of meetings and provide information related to the use of PCs and various Operating Systems.

Membership Dues are $25 per year. Full membership entitles you to our monthly newsletter via e-mail, technical assistance, raffle gift drawing at the end of the meetings, a voice in the affairs of the club, and comradeships.

Article Submission Deadline for submission of articles is the 20th of each month. Articles should be E-mailed to the editor (rmiklas at pacbell.net).

Computer-related businesses wishing to advertise in **HardCopy** may now do so. The rate is $15.00 per month or $120.00 per year for a business card size announcement. Content in ad copy is subject to approval by the SLO Bytes Board of Directors.

Outside Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

HTML/Internet SIG normally meets at 6:30 PM on Tuesday (following our Sunday's General Meeting) at Ralph Sutter's home in Arroyo Grande. Call Ralph at 489-8678 for directions.

Linux SIG normally meets at 6:30 PM on Thursday (following our Sunday's General Meeting) at KCBXnet [a.k.a. SLONET] Training Center, 4100 Vachell Lane, SLO.

Photography SIG normally meets at 7 PM on a third Monday of each month at Don Jones's home in Pismo Beach. Call Don at 773-5526 for directions.

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