SLO Bytes HardCopy

A publication of the San Luis Obispo PC Users' Group
Vol. 26 No. 1   **January 2010**

December 6th, 2009 General Windows SIG review by Ray Miklas

After initial Q & A with members, Alan and David McLaughlin presented a new concept of using your on-line DSL/Cable broad-band connection to display video/audio on your TV. This is done by the use of Roku box. Here is a link to our B.B. where Dave has posted a comprehensive description of his use of the Roku box
http://slobytes.org/bboard/index.php?topic=951.0

December 6th, 2009 Main Meeting Review by Ray Miklas

Following Alan's Q & A Windows SIG, Our Secretary, Ralph Sutter conducted our annual election of our club's Officers.

Elected to the 2010 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)

After we enjoyed coffee and cookies, with some special Christmas selections from Nancy and some of our members, hosted by Nancy Vrooman, Santa arrived. We started with a special raffle drawing for a new computer which Alan bought from Costco. The wining ticked for the computer was held by Earl Kaplan. Santa's helper, Alan Raul called out the randomly picked names and each person stepped to the front to choose the prize of their liking.

All 72 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 2010.

□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□

Kaye Raul's Programming Schedule by Ray Miklas

Alan Raul will continue with his Q & A session

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.

□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□

President's Message

At our 3 January, 2009 meeting:
At 12:45 PM, Alan Raul will be moderating the Question and Answer session
At 2:00 PM, We will break for refreshments.
At 2:30 PM, Alan Raul will continue with his Q & A session

Go to http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/ to see the PUSH reviews. They come to us from Judy Taylour of APCUG, Editorial PUSH Committee Chair. Our Webmaster, Ralph Sutter, uploads these articles to our website. The actual PUSH articles are hyperlinked from Judy's reviews.

You can view the **Association of Personal Computer User Groups** (APCUG) Publications here:
http://www.slobytes.org/apcug/index.html

Take a look at http://www.kcbx.net/training.html 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).

--*Ray Miklas*

oooooooooooooooooooooooo

Treasurer's Report for December 2009

Income December
Renewing members	275.00
New members	25.00
Refreshments	41.25

Expenses December
Hall rent	90.00
Computer Raffle Prize	652.49
Drawing Prizes monthly	1,542.00
Refreshment costs (4 months)	99.89

Bank Statement 11/30/09
CD#44686	Closed into checking on 11/30/09
CD #41626	2,926.71
Saving acct bal	54.92
Checking acct bal	2,319.33
Interest YTD	138.25

New members: John Van Pareen
Renewing Members: Ginger Goodell, Anne Julian, Donn Ragle, Tom Eckle, Earl Balgeman, Richard Dickey, David Grant, Richard James, Mike McCombs, Glenn Zaretta, Heulan Brown, Dick Dozier, Giselle Naylor

Treasurer's Comments: Earl Kaplan was the lucky winner of the raffled computer. I think the raffle was a good event and consideration should be given to a periodic raffle of some meaningful electronic product that would generally be desired by our club members. Many members purchased a goodly number of tickets, usually with the comment that the purchase would be a donation to the club, even if they did not win.

Robert Mires, Treasurer

oooooooooooooooooooooooo

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 http://www.slobytes.org/index.shtml for additional information about SLO Bytes and the scheduled presentation.

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 Monday (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 Bob Grover 's home in Arroyo Grande. Call Bob at 489-6230 for directions.

□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□

SLO Bytes Officers/Volunteers
Ray Miklas - President (HardCopy Editor) rmiklas at pacbell.net
Kaye Raul - Vice President (Programs Chair/Publicity) kmraul at sbcglobal.net
Robert Mires - Treasurer (Membership/Publishing) rmires at sbcglobal.net
Ralph Sutter - Secretary (Webmaster/HTML-Internet SIG) rsutter at cuesta.edu
Alan Raul (General SIG/Linux SIG)
Ben Hansen (Beginners SIG)
Eugene Rheingans (Beginners SIG)
Fred Cook (Beginners SIG)
Bob Grover (Photography SIG)
John Waller (Contributing Columnist/Main Meeting Review)
Nancy Vrooman (Refreshments)
Peter Stonehewer (Refreshments)
Ken Stilts (Set-up/Clean-up)
John Enos (Set-up/Clean-up)
Bill Palmerston (Set-up/Clean-up)

Disclaimer: Neither SLO Bytes PC Users' Group, its officers, editors, or contributors to this newsletter assume liability for damages arising out of this publication of any article, including but not limited to the listing of programming code, batch files and other helpful hints. Articles from this newsletter may be reprinted by other user groups if credit is given to both the author and newsletter from which it was taken. Reproduction of articles with a specific Copyright notice is prohibited without prior permission from the original author.

SLO Bytes Website http://www.slobytes.org/index.shtml