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December 3rd, 2006 Main Meeting Review by Ray Miklas

At our December meeting we held our annual Officer elections. Kaye Raul was elected to the Programs Chair. All others were re-elected to continue to serve in their current positions.

Our annual Christmas party, thanks to Nancy Vrooman, was great with all the additional cookies she provided for us. We had 72 members at our meeting and "Santa" gave presents to all our members present. We spent just a little over \$700 for the raffle gifts this year, so most of our members received fairly good gifts. Not sure how Alan's name came up first to win the \$20 desk lamp. Surely it could not have been because he was running the Quick Pick program on his laptop? Nah ;-)



Kaye Raul's Featured Speaker Programming Schedule

A presentation at our **January 7th meeting** will be by **Dennis Johansen**.

Dennis Johansen, a San Luis Obispo businessman, will be speaking about the Technology Transition in Digital Photography.

There are almost daily changes in digital photography technology. We try to stay up with the changes as best we can and several industry magazines help by providing information about innovations months in advance.

Knowledge of this field is something that must be constantly refreshed. In his talk, Mr. Johansen will provide us a "snapshot" of the technology that is the current basis of this rapidly changing industry.

Prior to the main presentation:

Alan Raul will moderate his Q & A session from **12:45 PM to 2:00 PM**

A Windows operating systems SIG for beginners will also be conducted in the same time slot



Digital Photography SIG Review by Lou Pera

At our December meeting there was quite a nice turnout of members considering the cold weather and the busy season. We concentrated pretty much on pitfalls to watch out for such as being sure that one does all of his experimenting on a copy of the photo he is interested in enhancing rather than the original. In addition it was pointed out that if we wish to make good prints it is necessary to use photo paper that matches our printer's specs. We also worked on the creation of slide shows. Many questions were answered regarding the use of transitions and the adding of music to one's creation.

Coffee and delicious homemade chocolate chip cookies were served at the break.



President's Message

At our 7 January, 2007 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 2:30 PM, Our speaker, Dennis Johansen will give his presentation

Ben Hansen, Eugene Rheingans and Fred Cook volunteered to give Bill Avery a break in conducting the Windows operating systems SIG for beginners. They will rotate among themselves each month, that way each will run the SIG once every 4th meeting. Thank you guys for volunteering in providing this valuable assistance to our members who wish to learn more about the basics of Windows Operating System and various programs which run in Windows.

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).

We also have **Adobe PhotoShop 7, learning CD's** to check out (at the Treasurer's table). These 5 CD's cover, in depth, the various program features in lesson format.

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



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 (173-9139, kmraul@sbcglobal.net) or visit www.slobytes.org for additional information about SLO Bytes and the scheduled presentation.

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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@pacbell.net).

Outside Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

HTML/Internet SIG normally meets at 6:30 PM on the 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 Don Jones's home in Pismo Beach. Call Don at 773-5526 for directions.

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