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December 7th, 2008 General Windows SIG by Alan Raul

Western Digital TV HD Media Player

<http://www.wdc.com/en/products/products.asp?driveid=572>

<http://www.ehomeupgrade.com/2008/11/03/wd-tv-hd-media-player/>

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December 7th, 2008 Main Meeting Review by Ray Miklas

The general meeting started with Alan Raul moderating a Q & A Windows SIG in the main hall and Eugene Rheingans 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.

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

Elected to the 2009 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 and then Santa arrived. 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. A few people wanted to sit on Santa's lap, but were politely refused.

All 68 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 2009.

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Kaye Raul's Programming Schedule by Kaye Raul

Using PhotoShop to Create Artwork will be the subject of the presentation at the January 4th meeting of the SLO Bytes PC Users Group.

Catherine Lee Neifing will demonstrate how she uses a computer to plan and create her artwork and make photographs look like paintings. Catherine has been living and making art on the Central Coast for over twenty years. She works in a variety of art media including painting, photography, mixed media, and digital imaging using a Mac computer with Adobe PhotoShop.

Catherine has had a formal art education from Cal State University San Jose, where she received a Master's degree in Pictorial Imaging. She also teaches painting and digital fine art at her home studio and also at the college level at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria. Her next class at AHC is Art 107, Computer Fine Art. Registration begins January 20 at AHC.

Catherine's artwork tends to focus on colorful, upbeat subject matter. Much of her work is inspired by tropical, travel, and ocean themes, and usually tells a story to the viewer. Her work can be viewed on her website at www.catherinelee.com.

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 at the same time slot in the dining room.

December 15, 2008 Digital Photography SIG Review by Nancy Vrooman

Q & A kicked off the well attended Dec. meeting.

Q: where are classes offered?

A: Lucia Mar School District, Cuesta and KCBX

Q: where did the borders & spheres in Picassa ver.3 disappear to?

A: stumped

We moved onto a discussion of ways to organize tons of photos. Janet wondered about Elements' compatibility. John emphasized there is no standard as yet for "tabs". If you organize with Elements don't expect another photo program to recognize the "tabs" you have assigned to various photos. Don thinks Lightroom's organization is more flexible and it has great batch capabilities. A couple of us use Windows Explorer. Bob said Picassa can instantly find your photo after it's been moved to a different folder. Its speed leaves the large Adobe programs in the dust. Don showed Vista's photo gallery capabilities which will not be available in WIN 7. He gave a demo of Elements 6 tagging procedure & its CD burning capability.

Onto the Christmas card challenge. We saw a variety of techniques used to create original personalized card with Elements. Use Editor instead of Create for more options. I'm still in the dark as to how Paul created his superb-looking number. See Ray for his solution. Only \$22 for 75 personalized cards!

Outstanding coffee and homemade treats topped off the evening.

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President's Message

At our 4 January, 2009 meeting:

At 12:45 PM, Alan will be moderating the Question and Answer session

At 2:30 PM, Catherine Lee Neifing will give her presentation

Go to <http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/0109/> to see the **PUSH reviews for January 2009**. They came to me from **Judy Taylour of APCUG**, Editorial PUSH Committee Chair. Our Webmaster, Ralph Sutter uploaded these articles to our website. The actual PUSH articles are hyperlinked from these reviews.

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

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December 2009 Treasurer's Report by Robert Mires

Income (November)

Renewing members	\$225.00
New members	100.00
Refreshments receipts	47.36

Expenses (November)

Hall rent	90.00
Xmas gifts	256.32
Web Host fee	95.40

Bank accounts @ 11-30-08

CD#44686	1,288.67
CD #41626	2,830.09
Saving Acct bal	54.62
Checking Acct bal	917.31
Interest YTD	not reported

Renewing members: Janell Richardson, Mike McCombs, Giselle Naylor, Fred W. Cook, Dick Dozier, Richard Dickey, John Enos, E. Anne Julian, Donn Ragle

New members: Susan Knowles, Michael Stewart, Arnold Ruiz, Gregg Perry

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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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).

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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 Don Jones's home in Pismo Beach. Call Don at 773-5526 for directions.

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