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**December 4<sup>th</sup> General Windows SIG review** by Alan Raul

**Microsoft Solitaire Collection** - is now available on iPhone, iPad, and Android devices!

<https://itunes.apple.com/app/microsoft-solitaire-collection/id1103438575?ls=1&mt=8>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.microsoft.microsoftsolitairecollection>

**SolSuite 2016 - Solitaire Card Games Suite**

<http://www.solsuite.com/>

**Alan Raul**

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**President's Message** by *Earl Kaplan*

Another year faces us and much of news seems to be sad. The Mac Users Group has, at least for the near future ceased to operate, KCBXnet will discontinue all PC classes in the new year, and the attendance figures for SLO Bytes are on a definite downward trend.

To accommodate this trend, we need to follow one of several paths; one will keep us operating where we are using the room we presently use for coffee and having to find or buy a projection screen to use for presentations; the other would have us find a different venue more suitable for the number of members that attend meetings. The unspoken third option is just to say goodbye and that is not an option we choose to entertain at this point.

As I have done since taking office I again ask that any member who does not come to meetings tell us why they don't come and what can we present that will interest you. I also ask that members who attend and leave early suggest something that will interest them enough to make them stay and even encourage a friend to join them.

I know that for many, life revolves around devices that don't need any support, education, or assistance. If you still have a Desktop or laptop machine that you use, there are things happening all the time that affect you and we talk about them.

Please give this some thought and talk to one of the Board Members or send an email to me or any of the Board Members and we will listen to what you have to say and factor it into the plans for SLO Bytes.

Happy New Year, one and all,

**Earl Kaplan**

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**January 1<sup>st</sup> Programming Schedule** by *Ralph Sutter*

The **First Session** will feature **Ralph Sutter** moderating a Questions and Answers program from 12:45-2:00 p. m.

During the break, from 2:00-2:30 pm, coffee and cookies will be offered as well as a chance for you to chat with other club members.

Ralph will also be the speaker for the **Second Session**. Sutter will speak briefly on the free-form information gathering and multi-user collaboration Microsoft product, [OneNote](#). He will then encourage members of the audience to describe how they use that program and other similar programs such as

- [Simplenote](#)
- [Apple Notes](#)
- [Google Keep](#)
- [Evernote](#)

**Ralph Sutter**

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**Treasurer's Report for November 2016** by Bob Styerwalt

<u>Income</u> November 7 thru December 4, 2016		
	Renewing Members	\$125.00
	New Members	
	Refreshments donations	\$22.00
<u>Expenses:</u>		
	Hall rent	\$100.00
	APCUG Membership Renewal	\$50.00
<u>Bank Statement</u> ending 11/30/2016		
	Checking account balance	\$2504.84
	Interest paid this period	\$0.10
	Deposits	\$90.00
	Withdrawals	\$100.00

**Renewing Members:** Five members renewed during this period. Merle Ackerman, Peter Stonehewer, Constance Thomas, Donn Ragle and Roger Lyon. Thanks to all for your continuing interest and support. Everyone please continue to encourage your friends, neighbors, kids, parents and strangers to join us. It would be particularly nice to add some younger members – perhaps some of those very bright and up-to-date Cal Poly students. Good hunting!

**Bob Styerwalt**

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**Photo Group Report** by Ralph Sutter  
**Notes from the meeting of 12/11/16; Anticipating the Holidays**

The topic for the December 11, 2016 meeting was **Anticipating the Holidays**. We shared images of the Morro Bay Lighted Boat Parade, Disneyland's Jingle Cruise, several towns along the Central Coast, shots of the audience at a concert and members readying their homes for Christmas. Finally, member Don Jones showed a slide show of the San Diego Wild Animal Park and another that moved up the coast from Avila Beach to San Simeon.

The topic for the January 8th, 2017 meeting will be **Using Layers in Photo Editing**. Some members of our group are already skilled in the use of layers. Others are not. The January session will give the more proficient among us a chance to demonstrate how they use layers to enhance images.

Those new to layers can experiment with them and ask questions about how they work. Layers are a powerful feature of **Photoshop Elements** but are also found on freeware image editors such as **Gimp**, downloadable from <https://www.gimp.org/>

In order to illustrate how you have used layers, please save a copy of the image in the **.psd** format (Photoshop and Photoshop Elements) or **.xcf** (Gimp) There are many good tutorials on layers available on line. Adobe offers one [here](#)

## Ralph Sutter

### Push Library

Take a look at the **PUSH archives**, <http://www.slobytes.org/push/>. This is a repository of articles where you will find tips, product reviews, and personal recommendations contributed by computer clubs across the country.

They are provided courtesy of the Association of Computer User Groups, **APCUG**, the national organization with which SLO Bytes is affiliated.

The actual **PUSH** articles are hyperlinked from the index located at

<http://www.slobytes.org/push/index.html> (All articles on one long page)

<http://www.slobytes.org/push/push-condensed.html> (Links to **PUSH** articles by month received)

You can view additional APCUG publications here: <http://www.slobytes.org/apcug/index.html>

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### SLO Bytes Bulletin Board

Everyone can read the SLO Bytes Bulletin Board at <http://slobytes.org/smf/index.php?board=1.0> but only subscribers can post comments or respond to the posts of others. Despite the usual connotation of **subscribe**, it costs nothing to join the bulletin board. It is free to all current SLO Bytes members. However, to guard against cyber-mischief by spammers and other ne'er-do-wells, I have disabled self-registration. If you want to be added to the bulletin board, please send your request to me at [ralph@rsutter.com](mailto:ralph@rsutter.com).

If you are currently registered with the SLO Bytes Bulletin Board and wish to change your password, you will find a video screen capture of how to do so at <http://www.slobytes.org/documents/change-bb-password.mp4>

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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. A general interest and Q&A session occurs from 12:45 PM to 2:00 PM and guest speaker presentations begin at 2:30 PM. Contact **John Waller** (johnlwaller at sbcglobal.net) or visit [slobytes.org](http://slobytes.org) for additional information about SLO Bytes and the scheduled presentation.

All ideas for speakers or presentation subjects are welcome.

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Membership dues are \$25 per year. Membership entitles you to our monthly newsletter via e-mail, technical assistance, eligibility for raffle gifts when drawings are held, a voice in the affairs of the club, and comradeship.

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### ***Outside Special Interest Groups (SIGs)***

**Linux SIG** normally meets at 6:30 PM on the Thursday following our Sunday's General Meeting at the KCBX.NET Training Center, 4100 Vachell Lane, San Luis Obispo. View the web site at [www.slolug.com](http://www.slolug.com).

**Photography SIG** normally meets at 2:00 PM on the second Sunday of each month at Ralph Sutter's home in Arroyo Grande. Call Ralph at 478-0826 for directions. Visit the website at [www.slobytes.org/digital](http://www.slobytes.org/digital)

### ***SLO Bytes Officers/Volunteers***

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#### **Other Volunteers**

Nancy Vrooman – Refreshments

Peter Stonehewer – Refreshments

Ken Stilts – Set-up/Clean-up

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