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*Alan's April 1st, 2007 General Windows SIG by Alan Raul*

**High-Definition Multimedia Interface** - is a modern replacement for older analog standards such as RF - Coax, SCART, Composite Video, Component Video, VGA, DVI-A, and RCA connectors, and the consumer electronics replacement for older digital standards such as DVI (DVI-D & DVI-I). In the computer world, HDMI is already found on many peripherals and a few newer video cards, with adoption rapidly increasing.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HDMI>

*April 1st, 2007 Main Meeting Review by Alan Raul*

The "**WOW**" is now. Microsoft Windows Vista was the main topic at the April meeting of the SLO Bytes PC Users Group presented by Alan Raul. Windows Vista is the latest release of Microsoft Windows.

Microsoft Office 2007, the most recent version of Microsoft's productivity suite was also demonstrated. Office 2007 contains a number of new features, the most notable of which is the entirely new graphical user interface called the Ribbon.

**Windows Vista Home Page**

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsvista/>

**Windows Vista Community**

<http://windowshelp.microsoft.com/Windows/en-US/community/default.aspx>

**Paul Thurrott's SuperSite for Windows: It's the future of Windows ... Today!**

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

**Microsoft Windows Vista TechCenter**

<http://technet2.microsoft.com/WindowsVista/en/library/88f80cb7-d44f-47f7-a10d-e23dd53bc3fa1033.aspx?mfr=true>

**Microsoft Office 2007**

<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/default.aspx>

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*Kaye Raul's Featured Speaker Programming Schedule by Key Raul*

**Robert Kirbo** with **Premiere Printer Repair** will be speaking at the **May 6th SLO Bytes meeting**. Robert will discuss various types of new printers, common problems, cleaning and tips on replacing printer ink cartridges along with his insight on reliable and low maintenance printers.

**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.

At our **June 3rd meeting**, **Brock Matheson with Central Coast Wireless** will be our guest speaker.

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*April 16th Digital Photography SIG Review by Nancy Vrooman*

Heu Brown showed part of his slide show birthday-tribute for his father's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday and explained some of the challenges involved. Searching through boxes of old photos and scanning was the first huge job. Cleaning up the scanned images (from the 1930's - the earliest photographic images of a handsome young man) was done with PhotoShop Elements. With the help of Paul, Kaye and Don he put together a 20 min. show, with music, to find that Elements will not burn to a DVD. Premiere Elements was required for that. Then to find when playing it on a television, each photo did not display in its entirety. Two very talented and helpful young men at E Digital Memories (553 Higuera/SLO) came up with the solution. The resolution was decreased to 600 x 800 pixels and it played beautifully.

Kaye had downloaded the 30 day free trial of Adobe's PhotoShop Lightroom a week before. The introductory price of \$199 will increase to \$299 at the end of April. Why would you want this product when you already have Elements? Reasons include the very friendly & logical user interface, the speed of the program and optional, easy keyboard commands. Another is the ability to make the adjustments to one photo and have that applied to an entire group. For instance color cast (white balance) may need changing. Or dust cleaned up. It has excellent organizational capability plus a star rating that can be applied to photos. Importantly it will burn to a DVD. What won't it do? Layers, masks, cloning or adding shapes-clip art from Elements library. But the image may be opened in Elements with one click and further work done there. Slide show panning and fading, adding background music, adding a title in the photo are all supported. It will export your final show as a .pdf file. It works with RAW images. It also has the 'curve'. Kaye discovered a couple of helpful Websites for PhotoShop users: free tutorials at [RAWWORKFLOW.COM](http://RAWWORKFLOW.COM) and a daily question fully answered at [TIMGREY.COM](http://TIMGREY.COM). Kaye's verdict: "I love it."

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*President's Message*

**At our 6 May, 2007 meeting:**

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

**At 12:45 PM**, Bill Avery, Ben Hansen, Eugene Rheingans and Fred Cook will run the Windows SIG for Beginners in the dining room

**At 2:30 PM**, Our speaker, **Robert Kirbo** will give his presentation

Go to <http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/0507/index.html> to see the great **PUSH Articles for May 2007**. 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 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 generates much needed funds for the organization by refurbishing and selling them.

--Ray Miklas

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**Treasurer's Report for April 2007**

**Income**

Renewing members	\$175.00
New members	25.00
Refreshment sales	46.06

**Expenses**

Hall rent	90.00
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**Bank accounts @ 03/31/07**

CD #116	1,206.35
CD #116.1	3,297.51
Saving acct bal	53.71
Checking acct bal	2,022.15
Interest – year to date	59.56

**New members:** Fred Campbell

**Renewing members:** David Bruns, Eugene Rheingens, Nancy Watts, Bill Adamson

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@sbcglobal.net) or visit [www.slobytes.org](http://www.slobytes.org) 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@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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