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April 1st, 2012 General Windows SIG review by Alan Raul

We had a refresher of some of our favorite FREE image viewer and editing applications. These included: **Irfanview**, **XnView**, **PhotoFiltre** and **GIMP**.

Also mentioned was the new lowered price of **Adobe Photoshop Lightroom 4** now at $149.99 or an upgrade for $79.00. http://www.adobe.com/products/photoshop-lightroom.html

Also discussed were **Oracle JAVA, Microsoft Silverlight, Adobe Flash Player, CCleaner** and **Auslogics Disk Defrag**.

Please check out this Bulletin Board post for more details and web links to these fine applications. http://goo.gl/lVYfP http://www.alanraul.com/slobytes/links.pdf

PlugIn Check - Keep you Plugins up to date. http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/plugincheck/

Located in the Windows directory is a separate utility that can be used to perform certain user administration functions not provided in the normal user interface. Type "**control userpasswords2**" into the run box to access this utility.

Alan

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May 6th Programming Schedule by John Waller
The **First Session** will feature **Alan Raul** moderating a Questions and Answers program from 12:45-2:00 p. m.

The **Main Presentation** begins at 2:30 p. m. with Alan Raul speaking on the **NEW iPad**.   What are the new features of the NEW iPad? Is the **Apple Retina** display that much better? How does the new iPad compare to the older iPad 2? I already have an iPad 2. Should I upgrade? IOS app demos...

Alan is self-taught and has a passion for computer technology. He divides his time using Windows, Linux and the Apple operating systems.

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President's Message by Earl Kaplan
Well, after a short delay we got to hear the Social Media presentation from Michael Boyer and the result was well worth the short wait. Mr. Boyer presented material that any of us still in the working world would be well advised to heed and that those of us in the retired category are still shaking our head over. The internet has changed the basic way in which business is transacted and anyone desiring success in today's economy had better be aware of those changes. See his PowerPoint presentation at www.slobytes.org/presentations/socialmedia.pps

In my own quest for information I think we need to know more about how the internet is affecting our lives and, with a little help from other SLO Byte members, I am looking into some new places to get speakers. I would still like some input from the membership on your individual interests and will welcome any comments. Use the comment box on the SLO Bytes web site or send me an email at earlkaplan@gmail.com.

Earl Kaplan

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Go to http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/ to see the **PUSH** reviews. They come to us from the Association of Computer User Groups, **APCUG**, the national organization with which SLO Bytes is affiliated. Our webmaster, **Ralph Sutter**, uploads these articles to our website. The actual PUSH articles are hyperlinked from the index.

You can view the 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**.

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Treasurer's Report for April 2012 by Bob Mires

Income for April 2012

Renewing members	$0.00
Refreshment Income	0.00

Expenses

Hall rent	90.00
Refreshment Costs	0.00

Bank Statement ending 3/31/12:

Checking account	2,959.52
Savings account	55.00
Interest YTD	1.17
Deposits	108.40
Withdrawals	377.76

Renewing members: Nancy Watts (check mailed in)

Treasurer's Comments: On vacation in April; thanks to Ralph and Earl for standing by to do as necessary for my station during the meeting.

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 **John Waller** (johnlwaller 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. 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 comradeship.

Article Submission Deadline for articles is the 20th of each month. Articles should be e-mailed to the editor (ralph at rsutter.com).

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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 KCBXnet Training Center, 4100 Vachell Lane, San Luis Obispo.

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.

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