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June 6th, 2010 General Windows SIG Review by Alan Raul

Applications we have demonstrated in the past are listed at:
http://kcbx.net/~araul/links.pdf

B-W Gallery & Bookstore
http://www.b-wgallery.com/

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

Nitro PDF Reader - The PDF Reader, Reimagined.
http://www.nitroreader.com/

PC Perspective Hardware Leaderboard - you will find our editor's combined opinions on the best systems you can build based on three different budgets.
http://pcper.com/hwlb.php

Microsoft Office 2010 - will be released to the public in June. I recommend Office Home and Student 2010 for $119 (Product Key Card) which includes Word 2010, Excel 2010, PowerPoint 2010, OneNote 2010 and Office Web Apps. You can install this version on up to three computers in your house.
http://office2010.microsoft.com/en-us/
http://www.microsoft.com/presspass/presskits/2010office/Default.aspx
http://store.microsoft.com/Category.aspx?CatId=210
http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ee624351.aspx
http://office2010.microsoft.com/en-us/welcome-to-microsoft-office-2010-FX101829963.aspx

OpenOffice.org 3.2.1 - is a free, Open Source alternative to MS Office with a Word compatible word processor, a complete Excel compatible spread sheet program and a Power Point like presentation software and drawing program and also allows saving to PDF file.
http://www.openoffice.org/

SPEEDTEST.NET - test the speed of your Internet connection.
http://www.speedtest.net/

Ninite Easy PC Setup - will automatically download and install multiple apps unattended and 100% hands-free.
http://ninite.com/

CamStudio - Open Source - is able to record all screen and audio activity on your computer and create industry-standard AVI video files and using its built-in SWF Producer can turn those AVIs into lean, mean, bandwidth-friendly Streaming Flash videos (SWFs)
http://camstudio.org/

LucyPhone - Never wait on hold again.
http://www.lucyphone.com/

June 6th, 2010 Main Meeting Review by Ray Miklas

At our Main Meeting, Alan continued with his General SIG topics.

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John Waller's Programming Schedule by Ray Miklas

At our **July 4th meeting**, we will hold our annual BBQ. Alan Raul will host his usual informative Q&A session from 12:45 PM to 2:00 PM. Due to the BBQ, we will not have a novice SIG, a guest speaker or hold a raffle/give-away this month.

At 2:00 PM we will break for a SLO Bytes Members, their spouses and their guests barbecue picnic. We will have the same great spread we had last year featuring juicy oak grilled hamburgers with all the fixings.

If you have not signed up at the 6 June meeting, members are reminded to notify our President if you intend to attend and/or intend to bring a guest/s, so we can have a good head count on attendance. There is no charge for members or their spouses, and a nominal fee of $5.00 per person, for guests. The $5.00 fee for each guest will be accepted at the Treasure's table on 4 July, the day of our picnic.

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President's Message

At our 4 July, 2010 meeting:
At 12:45 PM, Alan Raul will be moderating the Question and Answer session
At 2:00 PM, We will commence our Annual SLO Bytes BBQ

Go to http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/ to see the PUSH reviews. They come to us from Judy Taylour of APCUG, Editorial PUSH Committee Chair. Our Webmaster, Ralph Sutter, uploads these articles to our website. The actual PUSH articles are hyperlinked from Judy's reviews.
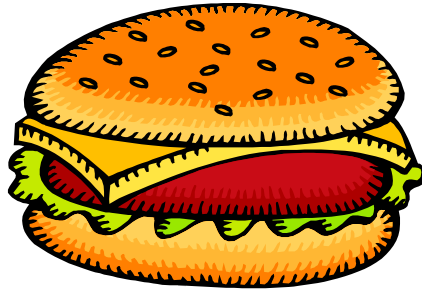
You can view the **Association of Personal Computer User Groups** (APCUG) Publications here:
http://www.slobytes.org/apcug/index.html

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.**

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/

--Ray Miklas

Treasurer's Report for July 2010

Income June		
	Renewing members	$ 225.00
	New members	25.00
	Refreshments	31.59
Expenses June		
	Hall rent	90.00
Bank Statement 5/31/10		
	CD #41626	2,944.86
	Saving acct bal	55.00
	Checking acct bal	913.66
	Interest year 2010	15.69

New members: Stanford A. Brown

Renewing Members: Fred w. Cook, Ben Middleton, Doug A. Depue, Fred Campbell, James Buenrostro, Shirley Hanrion, Russ Foster, Lynne Boisen, Ian Hughes

Treasurer's Comments: Good attendance at last meeting with a total of 11 renewing members and one new member, Stanford A. Brown; Welcome aboard Stanford.

Bob Mires, Treasurer

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 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. 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).

Computer-related businesses wishing to advertise in **HardCopy** may now do so. The rate is $15.00 per month or $120.00 per year for a business card size announcement. Content in ad copy is subject to approval by the SLO Bytes Board of Directors.

Do you have a guest speaker to recommend or a topic to propose for a future SLO Bytes meeting?

If so, tell us your idea.

Click here to suggest future topics; (using Google Docs)

See what other SLO Bytes members have proposed here.

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 Bob Grover's home in Arroyo Grande. Call Bob at 489-6230 for directions.

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