

# SLO Bytes HardCopy

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## November 6th, 2011 General Windows SIG review by Alan Raul

**Applications Demonstrated at SLO Bytes** – Alan showed some of the previously demonstrated applications used to clean your computer and to make sure you had the latest Java, Flash, etc. updates, not to mention the Windows updates. The application list is always on the top of the SLO Bytes Bulletin Board and was last updated September 4, 2011. <http://slobytes.org/smf/index.php/topic,6.0.html?PHPSESSID=e6760449c7b15ab98834b7fe174ff844>

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## November 6th, 2011 Meeting Review by Ray Miklas

**At 12:45 PM, Alan Raul** conducted his Q & A session.

**At 2:30 PM, Lauri Sowa** of Wise Owl Opportunities, [www.wiseowlops.com](http://www.wiseowlops.com), gave an excellent presentation on MS Word 2007/2010. Lauri, a SLO Bytes member, is highly versed in all MS Office programs. Her handout, **Smart Tips for Word**, is available for download at <http://www.slobytes.org/handouts/Tips-for-Word-Lauri-Sowa.doc>.

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## December 4th, 2011 Programming Schedule: by Ray Miklas

**At 12:45 PM**, instead of a one presenter talking on a single topic, SLO Bytes members will form small discussion groups based on their individual interests. Rather than rely on one member of the group to speak, all members will be invited to contribute, either offering their own tips or describing the technical issues that they have encountered.

The proposed topics are Digital Photography, Video, Networking and Windows Home Server. Any additional topic can be added, given a willing coordinator and sufficient interest among the members. Bring your current problem or success. This is essentially a repeat of the format first tried at the September 2011 meeting.

**At 2:00 PM**, we will have an opportunity to cast our vote for all the officers of SLO Bytes. With the exception of Ray Miklas (President/HardCopy Editor) all current Officers agreed to serve in the coming year. At our November meeting, David McLaughlin nominated Earl Kaplan for the office of the President and Ralph Sutter volunteered to serve as HardCopy Editor. Our Secretary, Ralph Sutter will conduct the election. Following the election, we will break for refreshments.

**At 2:30 PM**, our annual Christmas Prize drawing will take place. Every member present will receive a prize.

The \$543.64 iPad raffle ticket drawing will take place following the Christmas Prize drawing. The tickets, at \$5.00 each or three for \$10.00 will be available all throughout the December Meeting, right up to the drawing time. You can buy the ticket/s at the Treasurer's table by check or cash.

We will also be holding a "Swap Meet" at this meeting. Members should bring older and new (computer related items) to be sold or exchanged or just for a give-a-way. All items should be displayed on one of the tables in the dining area for everyone to examine.

Please take your items back if they are not sold/picked-up by others. If you would like to get rid of the items that are not claimed or purchased, one of the Exploration Station people will collect the remainder and properly dispose of the electronic waste.

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## President's Message:

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 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.oli.calpoly.edu/>.

--Ray Miklas

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**Treasurer's Report for November 2011**

<b>Income for November</b>	
Renewing members	\$250.00
New member	25.00
Refreshment Income	37.76
Sale of Raffle Tickets	260.00
<b>Expenses paid for September</b>	
Hall rent	90.00
Raffle Item purchase (Alan)	543.64
Refreshment costs	49.91
<b>Bank Statement ending 10/31/11</b>	
Savings	55.00
Checking	2,774.41
Interest YTD	4.24
Deposits	129.90
Withdrawals	767.15

**Renewing members:** Debi Schmitt, Rudy Spieler, Richard James, Merle Ackerman, Michael McCombs, Heulan Brown , Robert Harrison, Virginia Goodell, Robert Grover and Reckefus/Tarzier

**New member:** Sally Warke

**Treasurer's Comments:** 69 iPad Raffle tickets were sold for a total take of \$260.00, purchased by 19 members, one of whom was our new member, Sally Warke – introduced to our club by our own Debi Schmitt. If all of our 85 members purchased just one ticket, we would be close to even on the purchase price.

*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. 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.

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**Outside Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**

**Linux SIG** normally meets at 6:30 PM on Thursday (following our Sunday's General Meeting) at KCBXnet 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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**SLO Bytes Officers/Volunteers**

- Ray Miklas - President (HardCopy Editor) rmiklas at pacbell.net
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- Alan Raul (General SIG/Linux SIG)
- Bob Grover (Photography SIG)
- John Waller (Contributing Columnist/Main Meeting Review)
- Nancy Vrooman (Refreshments)
- Peter Stonehewer (Refreshments)
- Ken Stilts (Set-up/Clean-up)

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