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September, 4th 2011 General Windows SIG review by Alan Raul

Back to past... We revisited some FREE image editing programs.

IrfanView http://www.irfanview.com/ and XnView http://www.xnview.com/

To see other applications demonstrated at SLO Bytes check out this updated Bulletin Board post. http://slobytes.org/newbb/index.php?topic=7.0

Ralph B. Allison, M.D., a SLO Bytes member recently published an e-book on <u>Amazon.com</u>, which is formatted for downloading on the Kindle Reader, as well as on an iPhone, iPad, Mac, Android device, BlackBerry or Windows Phone 7. Title: Minds In Many Pieces; Revealing the Spiritual Side of Multiple Personality http://www.dissociation.com/

September, 4th, 2011 Meeting Review by Ray Miklas

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

At 2 PM Instead of one presenter talking on a single topic, SLO Bytes members split up in 4 separate groups of 4 to 12 and some just one on one, based on their individual topics of interests. It went quite well. One person indicated that we should repeat this format on some future date.

October 2nd, 2011 Programming Schedule: by Ray Miklas

At this meeting we will have a Webinar where Alan Raul (using Skype on his laptop computer), will connect with Gene Barlow who will talk on **Acronis True Image Home 2012** and will cover two very important topics about the use of your computer's hard drive. The first topic will address how computer hard drives are setup and organized. He will describe several alternative ways you could organize your hard drive to better meet your individual needs.

Gene will then cover the topic of how to protect your hard drive's contents from hard drive failures. He will give you all of the latest information on the best way to backup your data using the new organizations he recommends. This should be an informative session for all PC users and one you will not want to miss.

As in the past, John Waller and Robert Mires will be handling the sale transactions of the Acronis product prior, during and after the meeting.

Prior to the Webinar, Alan Raul will moderate his Q & A session from 12:45 PM to 2:00 PM.

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.olli.calpoly.edu/.

--Ray Miklas

Treasurer's Report for September 2011

Income for September

Renewing members \$125.00 Re-joining members 25.00 Refreshment income 32.00

Expenses paid for September

Hall rent 90.00

Bank Statement ending 8/31/11

Savings 55.00 Checking 3318.80 Interest YTD 3.38

Renewing members: Irving Reynolds, Douglas A. Dupue, G. T. Shepard, Paul Moyer, Alan Raul.

New member: Bill Holcomb

Treasurer's Comments: The meeting for October will feature a Webinar presentation by our good friend Gene Barlow. If you have questions about how to organize your hard drive, you should not miss this program. Your Board has again authorized a special drawing for the Christmas program that features a very well-appointed Dell Inspiron 15 laptop. The drawing will proceed along the lines of last year's drawing. Drawing tickets should be available at the October meeting.

Robert Mires, Treasurer

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).

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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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