



The Interface
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President's Message

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I like fall. It's such a nice season that it gets two names and I don't know why. Did somebody say leaves fall this time of year so let's call autumn fall or did somebody say if leaves fall in the fall it could be confusing so let's call it autumn? It's a puzzler. Now I need to convince my resident gardener that cooler days does not necessarily mean more hours to work in the yard but after this many years I don't have a lot of hope that's going to happen.

The October meeting program will be presented by Vincent Anderson on online medical resources and most of us know that there are many many websites offering to give us medical advice so it will be good to get some guidance. Vincent is the Reference Librarian and has enough public speaking experience that we can count on an informative entertaining program. The meeting is on the third Wednesday (10/21 this month) at 2 in the meeting room at the Comfort Inn. Don't forget to wear your badge for the drawing and make use of the help desk which will open around 1. In response to multiple complaints about too many wipes the drawing prize will be a 4 GB Kingston DataTraveler Flash Drive. I bought a box so you'll have multiple chances to win one over the coming months.

Don't forget to check out www.tlcug-ark.org/election2009.htm for election information. The purpose of the web page is to allow you to make up your mind before you get to the meeting since our meetings are so exciting it's easy to be distracted. Ballots will be on the check in table and we'll be collecting them during the meeting so they can be counted before the end of the meeting because the tension would be too much if we had to wait until the next day to know who won.

We did vote to purchase a \$500 Paver Stone to be placed in the entryway of the new library (see the meeting minutes below) so people will get a chance to walk on us literally. We thought about the Wall of Honor in the library lobby but it seems like the \$100,000 Founders Circle is somewhat beyond our budget.

Until next month, good computing.

Jerry Marr

Review
Microsoft Security Essentials
Review by Jerry Marr
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The free anti-virus program that Microsoft promised to replace OneCare is now available for public download at www.microsoft.com/security_essentials. I've been using the beta version on both Vista and Windows 7 for a while and I have to say it has worked just fine for me. It is a small program that is easy to install and does not seem to have any noticeable impact on performance. I'm going to take the lazy way out and copy their description since I agree with what they say.

Microsoft Security Essentials (formerly codenamed "Morro") is the newest security product from Microsoft that helps protect consumers against viruses, spyware and other malicious software. The program, using the same technology as the Forefront product family, is designed to protect and take the guess work out of you wondering if you are protected or not.

If you're green, you're good.

Red or yellow means there is something that needs to be done to keep your PC secure. A single click and the PC is back to the green protected state.

Microsoft Security Essentials is also designed to address cost and other barriers that have prevented many of our customers from running up-to-date security protection on their PCs. Because there are no subscription fees, there is no registration required to collect billing or other personal information.

It also runs quietly in the background scheduling scans when the PC is most likely idle and interrupting the user only when there is an action required to keep their PC secure. It employs practices like active memory swapping and CPU throttling to limit the impact on your PC performance, even on older or less powerful PCs.

This isn't a security suite product that provides rich PC tuning capabilities or backs up your data. But if what you're looking for is "install and forget" malware protection and solid quality Microsoft Security Essentials may be just what you've been waiting for.

Computer Tips Windows XP & Vista

Windows XP Tip

How to send mail to more than one contact using Outlook Express

1. Compose your message
2. If you use the To: or Cc: everyone can see all of the email addresses
3. Therefore you would want to use the Bcc: which stands for blind carbon copy
4. Click once on the person's name and then click on the Bcc.
5. You would have to repeat this for each person separately unless you hold down the shift key while selecting the names and then click on Bcc:

Marie

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Monthly meeting program schedule

October: See the President's Message above.

November: Making greeting cards on Publisher with Lea and Kay.

Twin Lakes Computer User Group General Meeting Minutes September 16, 2009

The general meeting was called to order by President Jerry Marr at 2:00 PM with 38 members in attendance and one guest, Karen Wendling. Karen will also be our guest speaker in January, discussing computer protection.

Treasure's reports a balance of \$4824.20 as of Sept. 4, 2009

Motion for TLCUG to purchase 8X8 \$500.00 Library paver brought to the floor by Mercedes Loosse, seconded by Lea Chodacki and passed unanimously by members present.

Members were made aware that paper ballots will be used for V.P. elections next month. Ballots will be handed out at sign in desk to be filled out and returned during meeting.

October speaker, Vincent Anderson will discuss Library reference resources and Healthcare websites.

November will be making greeting cards on Publisher with Lea and Kay.

Many members asked about annual membership dues. January is now the beginning of the membership year. Anyone who hasn't paid dues by February's end will be dropped from the roster.

Allison Parks from Sudden Link gave an informative presentation on their "new" phone service along with brochures about different bundling packages and prices, ending with Q and A.

The drawing for "Multi-Surface Wipes" as won by Penny Ellis and the membership liked the idea of flash drives as door prizes again.

Meeting adjourned early.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Kelley - Secretary

Members Photo Gallery
Click on the camera



Special Interest Groups

The Office 2007 SIG and the Digital Camera SIG meetings have been temporarily canceled. Once the new library is complete and we have access to their new meeting rooms we will consider starting one or both back up again if we can organize them into true SIGs rather than ongoing classes.

A special interest group should be a group with a shared interest that gathers to discuss that interest but our meetings have become a class where the moderator is expected to be an instructor rather than a participant. It might very well be that computer topics simply don't lend themselves to a SIG environment and that will be something we will consider before attempting one again.

Sunshine Lady

So, you ask, what is a Sunshine Lady, anyway, and what does she do?

She sends cards of congratulation, sympathy, and get well as required for members of the Twin Lakes Computer Users Group. But --- she can't do that unless she knows who needs a card for what, and that's where you members come in. Please let me know if you know of anyone of our members or their families who could use a card for any special occasion, and a card from the group will be immediately dispatched. Right now, she doesn't do birthday cards or anniversaries unless it's something memorable like a 50th or better. Maybe birthdays at 90 or above. We are not an uncaring group and want to be sure all our members know it - so please let me know if there is a need for a card of remembrance for any occasion.

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Virus protection for your computer

You are strongly encouraged to have an antivirus program on your machine, and to download

the periodic updates from the internet. (If you do not update regularly you won't be protected from the most recent viruses.) Need help? Your mentor or other club member will assist you.

PLEASE---It's your computer---keep it safe

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