

Facebook - the basics

Nancy Fasoldt will be front and center showing us how to use Facebook without compromising our privacy.

Nancy has spent 30 years in the newspaper business as both a writer and editor at newspapers in Pennsylvania, North Carolina and New York. She began sharpening her computer skills when she married guru Al Fasoldt almost 20 years ago. Since then she has been enjoying a world full of the latest technology. While Al's still the *Technofile*, Nancy's the savvy social net worker and now teaches others how to be savvy, too. If you want to learn how to set up your own Facebook account bring your laptop to the meeting.

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PROPOSED BUDGET 2011	
Income	
Membership 80 @ \$25.	\$2000
Interest.	7
Total Income.	\$2007
Expense	
Newsletter.	\$1100
Insurance.	350
Equip/Misc.	100
Program.	100
Office supplies/postage.	100
Door prizes.	150
Repay treasury.	107
Total Expense.	\$2007

Our annual Food/Toy drive will be held at the November and December meetings. **Dave Askew** volunteered to serve as coordinator. Your donation of non-perishable food + new toys will be rewarded with extra door prize tickets.

Tuesday, November 2 — 6 - 8:30PM
Whitesboro High School cafeteria



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The MVPCUG was founded in 1981 by individuals interested in IBM compatible computers. This non-profit organization consists of volunteers whose expertise range from novice to professional.

Regular meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6pm, usually at the Whitesboro High School, Route 291, Marcy NY. A typical agenda consists of discussion of business affairs and a demonstration of computer related products. Meetings are open to the public.

Initial membership fee for an individual is \$25. Annual renewal dues are \$20.

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Meeting Agenda

- 5:30. Meet and Greet
- 6:00. Business Meeting
- 6:30. Program, Part 1
- 7:10. Break
- 7:20. Program, Part 2
- 8:15. Drawing for Prizes
- 8:30. Adjournment

Editorial notes . . .

Hard to believe that summer is just a memory . . .



Now we must turn our attention to wintery things. No, not snow or ice, but club business. Our fiscal year ends December 31. We must prepare a budget and elect officers for the coming year.

Please consider running for office. The board will prepare a slate but nominations for any office can be made up until voting time in December.

These next two months the club will be running its annual Food/Toy drive. Dave Askew will once again conduct the collection and disbursement of items. Please bring at least one item of food and/or a new toy to each meeting. We will be helping those less fortunate in our own community. Your reward, other than just knowing you did something wonderful, will be extra door prize tickets.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

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Minutes of October 5, 2010

— HRussell, Secretary

The MVPCUG general meeting was held at the Whitesboro HS cafeteria. President **Jerry Finkelstein** called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. There were 31 persons in attendance.

BUSINESS MEETING

Jerry started the meeting by announcing that the club's forum was officially closed at the end of September. It was also mentioned that the club's newsletter will now contain only six pages, instead of eight, thus a cost savings on printing.

Next Jerry asked the members their input on whether the club should move the monthly meetings to the New Hartford Library. The reasons cited were; noises at the school, limited use of the internet, parking space limited and we cannot have programs such as skype and facebook. At the N.H. Library there will be internet access and a good parking area. Jerry asked the members for a show of hands on this request. The vote was eighteen (18) in favor, six (6) nays and six (6) undecided. Jerry will now check with the library and advise the members just exactly when the move will take place.

Jerry announced that nominations are needed for the upcoming 2011 year. The slate consists of: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and one (1) Director. Those wishing to be considered for an office please submit your name to the secretary, secretary@mvpcug.com.

Next Bill gave a treasury report covering the month of 9/1/10 to 9/30/10, to the attending members. Those that are interested in the full treasury report can check either with the secretary or Bill Gorrell. Bill also stated that by going to six pages for the newsletter the printing monthly of \$105.00 will drop to \$70.00.

Patty Bruno showed the members the Droid Phone that she recently won. This little device contained so many features it boggles the mind.

Lisa Britt alerted the members on the recent class action law suit against Nvidia for defective video chips used in HP, Dell, (and others) computers. The web page is <http://www.nvidiasettlement.com>.

Dave Askew announced that the Food & Toys for Tots drive will take place at the Nov and Dec.

meetings. Members bringing in nonperishable food and a toy will receive one extra raffle ticket each.

PROGRAM

Tonight we were treated with two knowledgeable people from Best Buy, Kayleigh Fidler and Joe Meher. Kayleigh started the program using Powerpoint to explain Netbook-101; this unit has a small touch pad and a battery life of eight hours. Two to three USB ports and a SD card reader. The screen size is 10.2 inch and its hard drive is 160 to 250 Gb with 1 gig of ram. The memory is one gig that is expandable to two gig. The Netbook sells for \$279 to \$379. Joe Meher spoke on the iPad which is a tablet computer. This device lacks USB ports and it has no SD card reader. It has a battery life of 8 to 9 hours with 64 gig-a-byte, and you will have to subscribe to iTunes. The main purpose of this unit is to access movies, books, periodicals, music and games. This little gem, from Apple, has a starting price of 16 gig-a-byte at \$499. 32 gig at \$599. and 64 gig at \$699.

Kayleigh and Joe from Best Buy gave a precise presentation of the two products. They answered many questions from the members and we hope to see them again at future meetings.

DOOR PRIZES

[furnished with club funds]

Flash Drive 4gb. Fred Cole
Pkg. Copy Paper, 8-1/2X11. Don Pianka
Gel Pens. George Purpura
4X6 Photo Paper. Don Jennings
Network Cable. Bill Gorrell

[Donated by Que Publishing]

Book -M/S Windows 7. Dave Askew

[Donated by Rod St. Clair]

Computer Speakers. Jim Schmandt

[Donated by Kay Janowsky]

Book - Flickr. Hart Anway

The meeting adjourned at 8:17PM.

Helen Russell, secretary



Don't forget to bring food and/or toys to the next meeting.

Sites to Visit on the 'Net

— by John Hunter

Time to Straighten Up the Garage

With winter approaching, it's now time to clean up the garage so that there is room for the car. Unless, that is, you enjoy brushing snow off vehicles and scraping ice from windshields each morning. If your garage is similar to most, you have more stuff than space. To relieve the clutter, visit www.Shelving.com. A visit to the homepage presents numerous organizing choices ranging from wire shelving, wall-hung shelving, storage containers, ceiling-hung shelving, and stacking and/or nesting storage boxes. There are enough choices here to solve any organization problem. TheShelvingStore.com, a sister site to the above site, provides additional choices for any area of your house and offers many ideas for closet organization as well. Happy organizing.

White House to Receive More Solar Panels

Government Computer News, www.gcn.com, reports that the energy department plans a demonstration project to show Americans that solar panels are available, reliable and ready to install. The project will add two solar arrays and a solar hot water heater to the building. Former Presidents Jimmy Carter and George W. Bush also installed solar power in the White House. Carter installed solar hot water heaters and George W. Bush installed solar power for a maintenance building. For more info, click on the web site. The web site is free and it reveals that not everyone in the federal government believes that harder and more expensive is better.

The Feds are Still Trying To Spy on Us

According to the Electronic Frontier Foundation, www.eff.org, the Justice Department wants to force all internet communications providers to allow federal investigators access to all emails, even encrypted ones, from ISPs, Blackberries, social networking sites such as Facebook, twitter sites, and Internet telephone sites such as Skype and Vonnage so that federal officials can intercept and unscramble all types of messages.

Predictably, civil rights groups concerned about privacy rights oppose this move. To learn more about this troubling situation, visit the EFF web site to see what this group is doing to protect the Constitutional Rights of all of us. Coincidentally, Internet security officials worry that making Internet communications

less secure will generate more difficulty for the government than reading emails and listening to Skype phone calls will gain. Once the horse is out of the barn . . . And so forth. The bad guys always seem to profit from good intentions: Witness the recent computer worm problem with nuclear power plant computer networks.

Poverty and the Economy are Still a Concern

To learn about the extent of poverty in the U.S. visit www.halfinten.org. This site provides an interactive map of the 50 states charting the level of poverty in each state. Poverty rates range from less than 10 percent in Wyoming, Alaska, Connecticut, and New Hampshire, to more than 16 percent in all of the South except for Florida and Arizona and New Mexico in the West. For the country as a whole, the poverty rate is between 14 and 16 percent. New York State fell at the national average, 14 to 16 percent. Mississippi had the most poverty at 21.9 percent. The data came from the U.S. Census Bureau.

The Half in Ten is a project of the Center For American Progress Action Fund. This progressive group encourages the creation of good jobs, strengthening families, promoting economic security, and cutting poverty in half in ten years. Some will no doubt consider this group subversive, but hungry people don't care about political nuances. Food for thought.

Democracy Demonstrated

The National Archives has created a new online public web site that features more than 3000 historic documents, photos and videos available for free download. To visit, click www.DocsTeach.org. The site offers a digital copy of George Washington's personal draft copy of the Constitution, a cancelled check for the purchase of Alaska and a short newsreel of American planes attacking Japan in 1944. For teachers, the site provides suggested lesson plans and activities related to the documents, photos and videos.

The site was developed by the nonprofit Foundation for the National Archives and Second Story Interactive and is supported in part by Texas Instruments. Concurrently, the Obama Administration's open government initiative hopes that all e-archives will be available on line by the end of 2011. So, if you can't wait to see a copy of Susan B. Anthony's conviction for voting, visit this site.

Until next time . . .



Did You Know . . . — Donna Gorrell

. . . that you could share web pages +/- or links with others through email without having to copy/paste? Click once in your browser's address bar to highlight the Web address [this works in Firefox and Internet Explorer], then press Ctrl-C to copy that address. Now create an e-mail message in whatever program or Web service you use, then press Ctrl-V to paste the address into the body of the e-mail. Easy! Web browsers makes it even easier. In Internet Explorer 8, click Page, then select Send Link by E-mail. In Firefox, select File, Send Link.

. . . that you could download YouTube videos for offline viewing? Rick Broida of *PCWorld* tells us how:

“Keep Tube is available both as a Firefox extension and as a browser bookmarklet, the latter compatible with Chrome, Internet Explorer, and other browsers.

Keep Tube works with YouTube and also with CollegeHumor, Facebook, Google Video, Metacafe, and countless other sites.

When you see a video you like, click the Keep Tube icon [in Firefox] or bookmarklet. From there you'll land at a Keep Tube page where you can download your video in various formats and sizes.

My advice: Choose MP4 whenever possible, and always at the highest available resolution. YouTube's native FLV format requires a special player, whereas MP4 works in DivX, Quick Time, and other more-common players. Also MP4 files usually play nicely on smartphones, so you can take saved videos with you on the go.”

. . . that you could turn down the security function called User Account Control [UAC]? Windows 7 and Vista both have UAC, which dims the screen and flashes a dialog box whenever you install an app or change your system settings. Though this arrangement can be useful for catching sneaky apps that are trying to install or change things without your knowledge, it can also be annoying. For Vista, grab Tweak UAC [tweak-uac.com/home/] to make it less annoying without turning it off. For Windows 7, go into the User Accounts control panel, click UAC settings, and change the setting to the third notch down, so UAC will still warn you but it won't dim the screen. ♦

Byting Remarks — Jerry Finkelstein

Someone asked me if the Club coordinated the timing of our November speaker with the arrival of the movie, *The Social Network*, which is currently breaking attendance records in the movie theaters. Both our speaker's presentation and the movie are about Facebook.

I'm looking forward to the Facebook program, maybe I'll be persuaded to join its 500 million members. Never mind Facebook's history of private policy violations. I'll just have to face up to the notion that once I am online there is no such thing as privacy. A fun loving teenager told me he knows the risks of being on Facebook and he has a plan; he will change his identity at age 21 when he starts looking seriously for a job. And when I join Facebook – if I join – I guess I will have to be a bit more tolerant of my friends' insistence to send out pictures — from Aruba (22 of them), of the cat, of the people at the party I missed, of their grandchildren, and more pictures of their grandchildren.

I know Facebook is a way of keeping in touch. How did people keep contact before? I'm getting real old now and sometimes I forget. I vaguely remember something about writing letters. There were post offices. Well, a lot of them will soon be gone. Then there was something called the telephone. And the telephone had extensions, if I remember rightly, so you could communicate from any room in the house. Well, the phone and the extensions are on the way out too, in favor of cell phones. And say good-bye to The White Pages, they won't be here long either. I guess e-mail will be joining the snail mail.

Maybe our November speaker will break my resistance after all and I will see the light: I need a new life, a life wherein I can finally be found!

The movie? See it. It tells the story, not a pretty one, of the origins of Facebook. From its Harvard beginnings to its present day shenanigans the movie follows the ambitions, the greed and, finally, the moral and the capitalistic values of the Internet crowd.

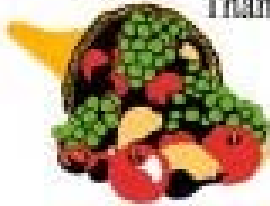
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Facebook

Tuesday ♦ November 2 ♦ 6:00 PM ♦ Whitesboro High School

Happy Thanksgiving!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Monthly General Meeting 6 PM Whitesboro HS	3	4	5	6
7  CHANGE YOUR BATTERY	8	9 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM	10	11 	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30	November 2 - Election Day November 10 1775 - US Marine Corps established November 11 1918 - WWI Armistice [Veterans Day]			