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Sites to Visit / Apps to Share

John Hunter's column, **Surfin' the 'Net** is a popular article with members. Each month he shares sites he has found on the internet that might be of interest to others. Last year, a salute to John was held at our monthly meeting as those present shared sites they frequently find useful. It turned out to be quite a popular topic with participation from the group more than filling the scheduled meeting time.

It's been a year so let's try it again. Please be prepared to show us some of the sites you have discovered this year and why you do or don't like them. Check with other members to see if a site is safe to use. Do you have an interest but haven't found a good site? Check with other members to see if they have a site covering the topic. Bring addresses or site names so we can easily navigate without a lot of time spent searching.

Also, interest has been expressed in Smart Phone Apps. We see multiple members with these phones who might want to share helpful Apps they use.

Annual Food/Toy Drive

Each year we ask you to bring a new toy and/or non-perishable food to the November meeting. In return for your generosity you will receive one extra door prize ticket for any amount of food and one for any amount of toys. Together with your regular member ticket, you could receive up to three tickets for chances to win door prizes. Jerry Grega will be coordinating the collection. Please remember those less fortunate than yourself and bring all the food and/or toys that you can.

THANK YOU

SLATE OF OFFICERS – 2016

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PROPOSED BUDGET – 2016

Income
 Member dues. \$1000
 Interest. 5
 Total Income. \$1005

Expenses
 Door Prizes. \$300
 Equip & Misc. 517
 PO Box rent. 68
 Donations. 100
 Domain name. 20
 Total Expenses. \$1005

Tuesday, November 3, 2015 — 6 - 8:30 PM
New Hartford Library
Meeting Open to the Public — Free — Bring a friend



The MVPCUG General Meeting was held at the New Hartford Library. President Jerry Finkelstein with 20 members in attendance called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM on October 6, 2015.

BUSINESS

Bill Gorrell presented the Treasurer’s Report for the period of 09-01-2015 thru 09-30-2015, details are available from Bill Gorrell or the Secretary.

President Jerry Finkelstein noted there are several positions opens that need to be filled, please contact him and volunteer, these include: Secretary, Editor for the Newsletter and writers to submit articles for the Newsletter. Jerry F. also suggested it would be desirable to initiate in the Newsletter a section for “Letters to the Editor”, open to anyone on any subject (preferably on Computer Technology).

Lisa Britt would like to hear from any member about what subject/topic they would like to see presented in future meetings, please contact her.

A question from the floor was made when utilizing the “Road Runner” web site why does it seem to take one day to get an e-mail message delivered. No definitive answer from the floor.

A suggestion was made that Adobe, “Lightroom” which is similar to “Photo Shop” can be rented by the month.

Jerry F. reminded everyone that everyone please bring in a toy or/and a can food item for the November meeting, your reward will be an additional raffle prize ticket.

PROGRAM

The program for the evening, Windows 10 was presented by our own Club Member, Jerry Grega. He went thru presenting the many intricacies of the program and fielded many questions from the attending members. System requirements for adequate operation include RAM with 1GB for a 32

bit system and a 2 GB for a 64 bit system. He defined the Desktop/Metro/Continuum modes. He also noted that Windows 10 brought back Solitaire.

To download Windows 10, one needs to go to the Windows web site. If there are any questions, submit them to webmaster@mvpcug.com to be discussed at next month’s meeting.

DOOR PRIZES

[furnished with club funds]

- Power BankKay Janowsky
- 20 Bic Pens.....Don Jennings
- 32 GB Flash DriveJerry Finkelstein
- HDMI Cable.....Bill Wilson
- 3 Roll Tape.....Jerry Finkelstein

[Donated by Rod St. Clair]

- CD Cases.....Gary Virkler

The meeting was adjourned by Jerry Finkelstein at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully,
Joe Penabad, Secretary



Surfin' the 'Net

— John Hunter

Donna Gorrell

As Jerry mentioned in the October *Explorer*, we have all lost a wonderful friend, tireless worker for the MVPCUG and a fount of computer knowledge in her own right. On nearly a monthly basis, Donna corrected my mistakes and offered me cogent advice and helpful computer tips. In addition to help with this column, Donna provided help with my search for my ancestors both in the US and Scotland. I miss her a great deal. But life and the MVPCUG go on. Goodbye, Donna.

No 2016 COLA

The Feds recently announced that federal and military retirees will not receive a cost of living adjustment in 2016. This situation occurs because of low gas prices recorded in the third quarter of 2015 compared to fuel prices in the third quarter of 2014. There was no percentage increase in 2015 over 2014, so there is no COLA increase. To read more about this if you are affected, click on <http://www.govexec.com/pay-benefits/2015/10/no-cola-retirees-2016/122835/>.

Did You Know?

October was National Cyber Security Awareness Month. A collaborative industry and government effort ensures that every American has a safe and secure internet experience. Each week in October featured a different focus. To read more about this cyber security effort, visit <https://www.staysafeonline.org/ncsam/about>.

College Graduates

The Census Bureau recently reported that when my mother graduated from college in 1932 less than 5 percent of the US population had attained an undergraduate college degree: 5.5% of men and 3.8% of women in 1940 when these statistics were first collected. Although the 1.7% gap between men and women appears small, to even the percentage would have required a 45% increase in the number of female graduates. Note: My father graduated college in 1935.

The situation is different today. Since 1996 more women than men have earned college degrees. In the 25 to 34 age group, 37.5% of women compared to 29.5% of men completed college degrees. To read more about women's educational attainments click on <http://blogs.census.gov/2015/10/07/women-now-at-the-head-of-the-class-lead-men-in-college-attainment>.

More Data at Library of Congress

In the last year the Library of Congress has added more than one million new items to the *Congress.gov* website. Email alerts, treaties, The Federalist papers and Senate Executive Communications to name just three. This service is just another example of your tax dollars at work. To read more about this click on

<http://blogs.loc.gov/law/2015/10/now-over-1000000-items-to-search-on-congress-gov-communications-and-more-added/>.

Legal Immigrants Better Educated Today

Data from the Pew Charitable Trust reveals that today's immigrants are better educated than were immigrants who arrived in the 1970s. The following percentage levels include: 77% of today's immigrants attained a high school education. Forty-one percent hold a bachelor's degree; and 18 percent hold graduate degrees. To learn more click on <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2015/10/05/todays-newly-arrived-immigrants-are-the-best-educated-ever>.

Do You Want To Eat Better For Less?

The USDA has a nutrition website called myplate that provides frequent tips on how consumers can eat more healthy food while spending less money for it. An example. A recent post listed 10 tips on how to add whole grains to your diet. One tip suggested that snackers use popcorn, a whole grain, as a snack instead of fried snacks such as potato chips.

Another tip suggested that whole grain pasta be substituted for processed pasta. For more tips visit <http://www.choosemyplate.gov/ten-tips-make-half-your-whole-grains-whole>. The site also provides free recipes for cooks who are afraid to experiment.

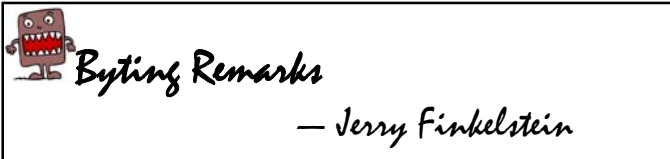
Tax Relief or Tax Avoidance?

As you recover from paying your current school tax bill reflect on the fact that corporate America has fine-tuned tax avoidance to the Nth degree. Common Dreams reports that Fortune 500 companies have stashed more than \$2.1 trillion [trillion with a T] in offshore tax havens while the average person pays every penny owed to every tax authority. This amounts to corporate welfare. For more on this unfair, but legal, scam visit <http://www.commondreams.org/news/2015/10/06/fortune-500-companies-stash-21-trillion-offshore-us-taxpayers-foot-bill>.

Blog News

Follow me on my blog at chronicle-express.com; look for Blogs, click on *Community*. New every week.

Till next time...



It's that time of year. It's time to think about and vote on the new budget and take up the offer and vote for a new slate of officers. Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll find the proposed budget. Most of the old officers are still on the ballot. Bill, for instance, is again up for Treasurer, it seems he's been on forever, he's the best. And Lisa does such a fantastic job she's on again and again. And she's on again. As mentioned at our last meeting we need, we sorely need, a new Secretary. Please think this one over, be a more active member of the club, offer your services as Secretary when we meet next month to propose a new slate of officers. Jerry Grega is recommending himself for President. He's our member who presented Windows 10 last month. Anybody else out there, wanting to be President or any other officer count yourself in for the new slate to be presented at our November meeting, to be

voted on in December. Again, how about being the new Secretary. We will all help out, we will back you up, we WILL support you.

Other stuff: Since our last meeting the FAA announced a registration for owners of drones. FAA explained: it is a step in the direction of regulation, of monitoring who's got them and where they are. It will help insure that drone owners know the rules of air space.

Other new stuff: The new iPad Pro is getting interesting reviews. Critics are impressed. Compared to other tablets, this one is huge, 13 inches. Everyone agrees it's a luxury item, but it is a beauty. It's built for productivity and creativity, if you are an artist, they say, you will love it. It's got 5.6 million pixels on the screen, it's got more pixels than Apple's 15 inch Macbook Pro. It launches in November. And, of course, it is very very expensive.

Don't forget to bring some food and toys to our next general meeting.

REASONS WHY PEOPLE WHO WORK WITH COMPUTERS SEEM TO HAVE A LOT OF SPARE TIME...

Web Developer



'Its uploading'

Sysadmin



'Its rebooting'

Hacker



'Its scripted'

3D Artist



'Its rendering'

IT Consultant



'Its your problem now'

Programmer



'Its compiling'

<https://atifkamal.wordpress.com/category/humor/>

Computer Security Day Quiz

November 30 is Computer Security Day. Computer Security Day is an annual event that is observed worldwide. It was started in 1988 to help raise awareness of computer related security issues. The goal of Computer Security Day is to remind people to protect their computers and information. Test your knowledge and we'll provide the answers at the general meeting or they can be found online at <http://netsecurity.about.com/od/quizzesandpolls/ss/secdayquiz.htm>.

1. Which three email characteristics can help you identify hoax virus warnings? (Choose three.)

- The message is from a trusted source.
- The message warns of a virus that will infect your computer by simply reading the message.
- The message requests that you forward the message to others.
- The message was forwarded many times.

2. Which two strategies will help protect hardcopy information? (Choose two.)

- Shred printouts before disposal.
- Encrypt all files.
- Sign all documents.
- Adopt a "clean desk" policy.

3. Which three types of information should you avoid adding to your instant messaging account details? (Choose three.)

- Addresses.
- Organization names.
- Nicknames.
- Phone numbers.

4. Which three steps are important to perform when you receive instant messages? (Choose three.)

- Verify the source of the message
- Verify the size of any attachment sent to you
- Verify the purpose of the attachment sent to you
- Verify that your security updates and antivirus updates have been applied before you download or open any attachment

5. Which PDA security best practice will help protect the information on your PDA?

- Clearly identify your PDA with company stickers or logos.
- Never remove your PDA from your bag for airport security.
- Store your PDA passwords in a safe location.
- Synchronize your PDA data regularly.

6. Which two methods will reduce the chances that your password will be compromised? (Choose two.)

- Make your password lower case.
- Change your password regularly.
- Use Default passwords.
- Use a passphrase.

7. Which negative outcome can result from hoax virus warnings and malicious spam?

- Denial of service.
- Data loss.
- Reduced account privileges.
- Credit card fraud.

8. Which three actions can you take to increase the security of your Web browsing? (Choose three.)

- Learn to recognize common scams.
- Manage user names and passwords.
- Only browse secure Web sites.
- Use caution when downloading.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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29	30				November 1 - All Saints' Day November 11 - Veterans Day November 26 - Thanksgiving November 30 - Computer Security Day	