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Adaptive software programs such as Zoom Text, Jaws, screen readers as well as magnification devices will be discussed and exhibited in a presentation by **Tamra Foley**.



Tamra Foley is the Central Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired's Employment Specialist & Technology Instructor. She teaches visually impaired and blind employees soft skills, resume building via job readiness and upward mobility. In addition, Tamra is a co-editor of CABVI's in-house newsletter, *Centralized News*, and its consumer publication, *CABViews & News*.

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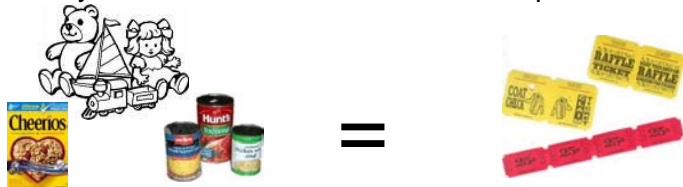


PROPOSED BUDGET 2011

Income	
Membership 80 @ \$25.	\$2000
Interest.	7
From savings.	60
Total Income.	\$2067

Expense	
Newsletter.	\$1100
Insurance.	350
Equip/Misc.	100
Program.	100
Office supplies/postage.	100
Door prizes.	150
Website host fee.	167
Total Expense.	\$2067

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



Tuesday, December 7 — 6 - 8:30PM
New Hartford Library





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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 . . .

Ho, Ho, Ho . . .



Please take note that we will be meeting at the New Hartford Public Library, 2 Library Lane, New Hartford NY.

If you need directions, check the library's website at: newhartfordpubliclibrary.org or use www.Bing.com maps.

Bing has excellent aerial views that show the building and parking lots. We will be using the room in the basement that can be accessed by the rear door. There is adequate parking there and the library is handicapped accessible.

If you have any questions, please call Jerry [797-5296].

Don't forget to bring food + toys for our annual drive.



Have a wonderful Holiday season . . .

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Minutes of November 2, 2010
— HRussell, Secretary

The MVPCUG general meeting was held at the Whitesboro HS cafeteria. President **Jerry Finkelstein** called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. There were 30 persons in attendance.

BUSINESS MEETING

Jerry started the meeting by announcing that he checked with the New Hartford Library and found everything satisfactory. The room is ample and there is plenty of parking space. We will start to hold our first monthly meeting, Dec. 7, at the Library. The time will remain the same, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. If anyone needs directions to the NHL, they can check with www.BING.com, on their computer, for driving instructions. Jerry also reminded the members that the annual Food & Toy will be held at the Dec. meeting.

Next Jerry reminded the members that the voting of Officers for 2011, will take place at the Dec. meeting. The club is still needing a recording secretary.

Next Bill to give a treasury report covering for the month of 10/1/10 to 10/31/10, 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 he had to make an adjustment to the proposed 2011 budget.

Patty Bruno, Program Chair Director, announced that the Dec. meeting a representative from the Central Association for the Blind & Vision Impaired, (CABVI), will give a talk about its facilities. In January, Patty has scheduled on open a forum as to where a member can give a talk on any topic that is computer-related. Once again two or three people are needed for this session.

Dave Askew announced that the Food & Toys for Tots drive will take place at the Dec. meeting. Members bringing in nonperishable food and a toy will receive one extra raffle ticket each. At the Nov meeting, Dave reported that there was thirty-seven (37) foods and five (5) toys collected.



PROGRAM

Our presenter for tonight was the astute Nancy Fasoldt who gave us an inside look of Facebook. This is a social networking website system that was launched in Feb. 2004 by a young college student named Mark Zuckerberg. Facebook helps you to connect and share with the people in your life. Users may create a personal profile, add other users as friends and exchange messages and even play games.

Facebook privacy has been an issue and the safety of their users has been compromised several times. How to protect yourself on Facebook the following links have been helpful:

- <http://bit.ly/dsjDWz>
- <http://bit.ly/aPXJFb>
- <http://bit.ly/brUtrs>



There are many ways to enjoy in using Facebook, use common sense, and do not put your private information about yourself. For more information use the “help” on Facebook for good instructions. Nancy did a fine job in answering many questions and showing the members how to log onto Facebook.

DOOR PRIZES

[furnished with club funds]

- Flash Drive 4gb. Bo Wozniak
- Pkg.Copy Paper,8-1/2X11. Don Jennings
- Gel Pens. Fred Cole
- 4X6 Photo Paper. Stu Schwartz
- Network Cable. George Purpura
- 8X10 Photo Paper. Bill Gorrell
- Dragon Naturally Speaking. George Purpura

[Donated by Rod St. Clair]

- CD cases. Dick Eades

The meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.
Helen Russell, secretary



EDITOR’S NOTE:

Last month the newsletter contained a copy of the proposed Budget for 2011. There was an item that was not included and we have made the adjustment to the budget in this newsletter. The cost of hosting the website is \$160 for 2 years and that is due next February. This makes it necessary to take \$60 from savings to balance the budget. See page 1 for the corrected budget, which will be voted on this month.

Sites to Visit on the 'Net

— by John Hunter

Holiday Shopping

In a column written several years ago, I mentioned an outlaw shopping site that posted Black Friday ads from major retailers on line beginning in mid October so that shoppers could get a jump on holiday bargain hunting and plan a successful shopping attack accordingly. Then, the site generated much merchant angst and litigation from a number of retailers.

That outlaw site is now mainstream garnering the cooperation from its earlier detractors, the major companies. BlackFridayAds.com now features early looks at black Friday ads from Walmart, Staples, Dell Computer, Toys R Us, JC Penney, TigerDirect.com, Macy's and NewEgg.com to name but a few.

Instead of fighting the release of this information as they did in past years, retailers now send the copy to the web site beginning in mid October. If you had remembered that earlier column and had visited the site early, you could have scored the following bargains: a Sony Bravia 32" LCD flat panel TV for \$398 from Walmart; or, a Windows 7 Home Premium edition for \$99.99 from TigerDirect; or a Vivitar 7.1 MP digital camera for \$39.99 from KMART.

By the time you read this, the black Friday sales will be over, but you can bookmark the site for next year. Happy bargain hunting.

iPhone and iPad Medical App

WWW.WebMD.com has released an updated mobile app for use on Apple iPhones and iPads called PHR (personal health record). WebMd Mobile PHR allows patients to access their health records that also list preexisting conditions and medications used. Consumers can also research illness symptoms, find information on medications and search for hospitals, physicians and pharmacies. Although WebMD Mobile only runs on the Apple iPhone and iPad at present, the company intends to issue versions for use on other platforms such as Blackberry and Android and plans 2011 launch dates.

The app ranks among the top three medical apps on iTunes and has been downloaded more than 2 million times according to WebMD CEO Wayne Gattinella.

A Case of Life Imitating Art

Tom Cruise's film *Minority Report* presented a plot where government agencies tried to detect and arrest criminals before they committed crimes.

Recently, gcn.com/articles reported that DARPA, the famous military technology innovation agency, wants to develop software that will allow the Pentagon to predict when soldiers under extreme stress will commit criminal acts such as the case at Fort Hood in Texas that hurt themselves or others.

This program, Anomaly Detection at Multiple Scales or ADAMS, will sift through massive datasets to find warning signs of homicide, suicide or other destructive behavior to protect troops from fellow soldiers. The Pentagon also wants to prevent data leaks such as the recent WikiLeaks information release. From preventing targeting of troop positions by cellphone use to preventing crimes before they happen, the Pentagon has a full technology plate to contend with.

Surf Before You Scratch

The outbreak of bedbug infestations has prompted the Environmental Protection Agency to marshal its forces to help travelers, homeowners and office workers combat the bitey, itchy, scratchy critters. Visit epa.gov and type in bedbugs and up comes a list of links that will help you identify and treat the infestation and find the appropriate chemical to assist you in your efforts.

The EPA provides a list of EPA registered products that combat the bugs wherever you find them in mattresses, whole homes, filing cabinets or voids such as cracks or behind walls. Who would've thunk it would come to this? Yikes!

Help Plant Trees

The National Wildlife Federation, nwf.org is asking volunteers to collect tree seeds to assist foresters with stock to grow seedlings to replenish riparian tree stands that have been affected by development or the invasion of nonnative species. Click on nwf.org/News-and-magazines. In 2008, 9,253 volunteers collected 21,312 pounds of seeds to prevent water runoff, to provide food for wildlife and to reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

The High Cost of Education

CampusGrotto.com is a web site that provides all sorts of edutrivia about college life. For example, a list of the 100 most expensive colleges in the country. Sarah Lawrence at \$56,420 per year leads the list. Eighty-two of the 100 colleges cost \$50,000 for tuition, room and board. The average student debt is more than \$26,000. Help! Happy Holidays.

Until next time . . .



Did You Know . . . — Donna Gorrell

. . . that you can find help about iTunes? The folks at www.Makeuseof.com feel our pain, and recently published a great blog article called 10 Top iTunes Troubleshooting Tips & Tricks located at: <http://tinyurl.com/33hvdv7>. Be sure to heed their advice in the first paragraph about backing up before moving forward in iTunes!

. . . that you can get images to behave in Microsoft Word? Photographs or graphic images inserted into a Word document will be either “inline” or “floating.” The default setting is inline. Inline images stay where they are inserted with the adjacent text, so if the text moves the image moves. You can resize and left, right or center-align inline images, but you cannot wrap text around them. In order to wrap text around an image, Word will change the format of the image to “floating,” and that’s when the disappearing act can occur because “floating” objects can move around and even off the page.

If you want to wrap text around an image inserted into a Word document, right-click on the image. In the dialog box click on Format Picture, then on the Layout tab. Five text wrapping styles will be illustrated by pictures of dogs surrounded by text. Choose between in line, behind, square, in front, or tight depending on how you want the text to wrap around the image. When you click on your choice, Word automatically wraps the text and changes the images’ format to “floating.” To make sure that the picture stays where you want it, go back to Format Picture, Layout, and then click Advanced. In the options section, you should see the “move object with text” box checked by default. This means your photograph will stay with the paragraph into which you inserted it, regardless of where you may be working in the document. If that check box is cleared, the picture will stay on the page but the text will move around it as you edit. ♦



Byting Remarks — Jerry Finkelstein

It must be fun writing a Blog. You get things off your chest. Maybe nobody wants to hear about your stuff but you write about it anyway. You pass on your thoughts of the day. You make things up, you lie a bit, you indulge in a little fantasy. You mess with malicious gossip and let the dirty pieces fall where they may. You comment on the news of the day. You even make up the news of the day.

One made up news report originally generated on a Blog went viral. Newscasters, political pundits, radio and TV commentators picked it up as fact and broadcast it across the media. It was just too good not to be used. It’s about Pres. Obama’s recent trip to India and points East. Pres. Obama’s fun trip is costing 200 million dollars *a day*. The report goes on to tell us that he brought 34 warships with him, 3000-4000 people, military and others, and a bunch of aircraft too numerous to count. And 500 gorgeous rooms were rented out at some Taj Mahal hotel. It all sounded like a joke to me. Others took it quite seriously. They took it as fact even though it was quite easily checked.

How is one to know what is true on a Blog? How is one to recognize a legitimate report? Do you look for and trust a recognizable authority? Don’t these “authorities” make mistakes? Recent reports had two Central American countries embroiled in a battle of their border identifications. It turned out that Google made a “mistake” in its border markings. Google did take the blame and apologized. Are you really going to trust your GPS as you hike close to the border of a hostile country?

How do we trust what we read or see on the Internet? The writers of Blogs have no editors and they’re not interested in fact-checkers. They certainly don’t want monitors over their shoulders telling them to mind their p’s and q’s. Their sense of respect and responsibility to community standards may not be the same as yours. Read the Blogs. And at the same time, beware. ♦

Please share with those less fortunate in our own community by bringing food + toys to the meeting.

And don’t forget that we’ll be meeting in the New Hartford Library this month.

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Happy Holidays

Don't forget the new meeting site - **New Hartford Library**.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 7 - National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day December 15 - Human Rights Day December 21 - Winter begins			1	2  Hanukkah	3	4
5	6	7 Monthly General Meeting 6 PM N Hartford Library	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 	22	23	24	25 
26	27	28	29	30	31 