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CyberWar Threat

Join us to watch this video originally aired on PBS. The global cyber war is heating up and the stakes are no longer limited to the virtual world of computers. Now, thanks in part to secret documents released by Edward Snowden, the true scale of the National Security Agency's scope and power is coming to light. Besides spending billions of dollars to ingest and analyze the worlds' electronic communications, the NSA has set out to dominate a new battlefield—cyberspace. NOVA examines the science and technology behind cyber warfare and asks if we are already in the midst of a deadly new arms race. Already, highly sophisticated, stealthy computer programs such as the notorious Stuxnet worm can take over and even destroy the control systems that regulate everything from food factories to gas pipelines, power plants, and chemical facilities—even our cars. While the destruction of Iranian centrifuges may have delayed Iran's bomb program and forestalled an Israeli attack, the attack has opened a Pandora's Box, and now America's own critical infrastructure is vulnerable to retaliation and attack. With leading defense experts and investigative journalists who have probed the murky realm of criminal and strategic hacking, NOVA examines the chilling new reality of cyber war in which no nation or individual is safe from attack.

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

President. Jerry Finkelstein/Jerry Grega
 Vice President. Lisa Britt
 Treasurer. Bill Gorrell
 Secretary. Joe Penabad
 Director-at-Large. James Pease

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, December 1, 2015 — 6 - 8:30 PM
New Hartford Library
Meeting Open to the Public — Free — Bring a friend



The MVPCUG General Meeting was held in the New Hartford Library. President, Jerry Finkelstein with 17 Members in attendance, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Business

President Jerry Finkelstein let the members know there would be 1 more meeting upstairs in the library and then meetings would return to the meeting room downstairs.

The budget for 2016 was published for all members to review. Jerry checked that all members had reviewed it and offered time for any questions. No questions came from the floor. Voting on the budget will take place at the December meeting.

The slate of proposed officers was also published in the November issue for review. Jerry called for additional nominations from the floor. None were submitted. Voting for officers will also take place at the December meeting. The secretary position remains open and all members were asked to consider helping out.

Bill Gorrell presented the Treasurer’s Report for the period of 10-01-2015 thru 10-31-2015, details are available from Bill Gorrell. Bill was asked about membership and stated there are now 39 members.

General Discussion

Jerry Grega talked briefly about the online SIG related to Windows 10 he is interested in setting up. He also talked about android phones (smartphone).

Don Jennings was next to talk about an interesting article he had read in the Rome Sentinel called, ‘Great service in Rome: iPhone Hero comes to columnist’s aid’ appearing in the newspaper November 1, 2015. It talks about the author’s experience (non tech savvy like many of us) at a business on Thomas Street in Rome called iPhone Hero. It’s a great article that you might want to check out.

Rod St. Clair then talked about **Rename Master**. My search showed that it was a freeware utility for those wanting to rename large groups of files with just a few clicks. Rod also talked about an article he read in Maxim PC about setting up your own cloud. I did a search and found quite a few sites addressing the subject if anyone is interested.

Kay Janowsky could not find where to set up the location setting on her iPhone. As another iPhone user, Steve Gorrell was able to help her.

Program

The program for the evening, **Sites to Visit / Apps to Share** was members sharing sites of interest with other members.

<http://www.speedtest.net/> - Test your internet bandwidth connection to locations around the world.

<http://www.giveawayoftheday.com/> - FREE licensed software published by developers from all over the world. The site states, “Every day we offer FREE licensed software you’d have to buy otherwise.”

<https://bobsullivan.net/> - Tech skeptic and consumer advocate.

<https://www.ted.com/> - A platform for ideas worth spreading. The list of topics go from A to Z including a large number of diverse items.

<https://www.consumerlab.com/> - Their mission is to identify the best quality health and nutritional products through independent testing. There is a cost to membership on this site.

<http://mail2web.com/> - Check your email from anywhere in the world. Offers email hosting services. Free.

<http://www.newzjunky.com/> - Lists of news headlines. To read a story, just click on the headline of interest.

<http://www.clarkhoward.com/> - Consumer advice. Emphasis on financial issues. He advises consumers on ways to save more, spend less, avoid rip-offs, prepare their finances for the future, and squeeze every cent out of their dollar.

<https://www.dominos.com/en/> - Contains menus and the ability to place an order for your favorite pizza online.

DOOR PRIZES

[furnished with club funds]

- Logitech Wireless Keyboard & MouseRichard Lapera
- 20 Bic Pens.....Howard Netzband
- 32 GB Flash Drive Rod St Clair
- 16 GB flash Drive Dee Pfohl
- 20 Stic Pens Bo Wozniak
- 12 Red Pens Howard Netzband
- 6 Color Pen Don Pianka

[Donated by Rod St. Clair]

- Flashlight Jim Pease

[Donated by Jerry Grega]

- PS2 keyboard adapterKay Janowsky

Thanks to all who participated in the collection of food items (34) and toys (4). Remember the collection will continue at the December meeting.

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

Respectfully,
Dee Pfohl



As the Christmas holiday season approaches, thoughtful consumers try to save money on the presents they purchase. One website helps shoppers maximize their savings while minimizing possible losses.

www.nerdwallet.com serves to educate people in all matters financial such as: credit cards, loans, insurance or expenses such as hospital costs. If you have questions about any of the above topics, visit nerdwallet.com and ask your particular question. There is no such thing as a dumb question.

What's This?

Recently, the Library of Congress asked blog readers to identify items in newspaper photographs. One picture presented a woman seated in a chair with some kind of machine attached to her head. The LOC asked for an explanation. To view the original three machines of the 25 items in the query, visit

<http://blogs.loc.gov/picturethis/2015/11/whats-this-gadget-solving-mystery-photos/>.

To find the answers, click on

<http://blogs.loc.gov/picturethis/2015/11/whats-this-gadget-solving-mystery-photos/>.

There is never a shortage of arcane facts that can be learned when visiting the Library of Congress.

Muckraking Web Style

The Daily Kos website operates as a progressive watchdog defending consumers, voters and citizens in general from groups or businesses that prey upon them. Recently the website published the 25 worst charities. These charities devote only a small percentage of donations to supporting programs. The vast majority of donations go to fundraisers and charity managers. To view the despicable list of quasi-charities visit

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2015/11/13/1449096/-25-of-America-s-worst-charities-plus-tips-on-how-to-avoid-getting-scammed>. The Daily Kos reprinted a list of the most egregious charities originally compiled by the Tampa Bay Times at <http://www.tampabay.com/americas-worst-charities/>.

To verify the usefulness of charitable donations I always check the charity out at www.charitynavigator.org. to ensure most of my donation goes to help people.

Help From Space

Great amounts of good science are coming from the European Space Agency satellites. The agency reported in November that one of Greenland's glaciers is losing five billion tons of ice a year to the North Atlantic Ocean. Scientists estimate that the entire Zachariae Isstrom glacier located in northeast Greenland holds enough water to raise ocean levels by more than 46cm, or for the metric challenged, 18 inches.

Satellite Sentinel-1 provides the first visibly demonstrated effects of climate change. The Arctic now functions as a barometer for change in the rest of the world. To read the entire article, visit

http://www.esa.int/Our_Activities/Observing_the_Earth/Copernicus/Sentinel1/International_effort_reveals_Greenland_ice_loss. Living as we do in upstate New York, ocean level rise does not affect us. But for the folks in Florida, this is a major issue.

Toxic Gifts

The website [womensvoices.org](http://www.womensvoices.org) published lists of websites women may use to avoid coming in contact with toxic substances found in many women's products. Websites that offer green products or services are grouped by type such as: personal care, clothing and accessories, workout items and so on. For a complete list of eco-friendly product sites visit

<http://www.womensvoices.org/2015/11/10/2015-non-toxic-holiday-shopping-guide-gifts-for-her/>.

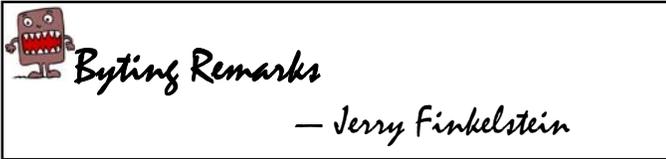
And so you know.

Christmas Reading

Truthout.Org published a list of books for holiday reading that will interest progressives and liberals. Titles such as: Kissinger's Shadow: The Long Reach of America's Most Controversial Statesman; Survival and Conscience: From the Shadows of Nazi Germany to the Jewish Boat to Gaza; The WikiLeaks Files: The World According to US Empire; Between the World and Me.

Should you become a member of Truthout, you may choose one book as a gift. To view the entire list visit http://org2.salsalabs.com/o/6694/t/17304/shop/index.jsp?storefront_KEY=661.

Happy Holidays..... Till next time...



Have you seen the new Samsung Galaxy tablet? It's huge. It's bigger and heavier than some of the laptops you have at home. It out sizes the iPad Pro and the Surface Pro 4. It is certainly "a big screen experience." It's also an awkward experience. You're not going to lug it around wherever you go – it's too big and, again, it's too heavy. And you are going to need a lot of desktop room, it takes up a lot of space. And, oh yes, it comes with a handle. A HANDLE. It leans close to the back of the large screen so it's tough to wrap your fingers around it. Not a nice finger grabbing experience. I held it in two hands, still cumbersome. It's just plain unwieldy. Notice I am not talking about its functionality, just the look and feel of the product. Take a look at it. Pick it up. Get a grip on the handle. What do you think?

Not everything gets bigger. The best of the year computer products are being hawked all over the Internet and swell reviews going to the Asus Chromebook Flip. And it sells for only (only?) \$299. They talk about its lightweight convertible design, its long battery life and its strong performance. "You can't go wrong with this system."

Other great laptops are expensive: Lenovo Think Pad (\$1430.) and the Asus ZenBook Pro (\$1499.) are two on the year's Best List. And, of course, right on top of the list is the 13 inch Apple MacBook Air (\$999). "It's the best midrange ultra portable you can buy." All reviews on all products mention their lightweightness, their portability. Sooooo, Why the clunker of a tablet by Samsung? Maybe it's not a tablet. Maybe it's something else. When you know, let me know.

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

Windows 10

Have you installed Windows 10- on your computer?
Do you have questions about Windows 10?

MVPCUG has set up an Email mailbox to answer your Windows 10 Questions.

Email questions to win10ques@mvpcug.com and Jerry Grega will try to answer them.

Computer Jargon 1

Find and circle all of the computer words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an additional word.

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T P I R C S A V A J L E X I P I G E
L I A M E M O R Y M M O U S E N I L
C R A B K S A T X I N U Y H S T F G
D N D I R E C T O R Y E T A O E O O
P O W E R S U P P L Y N I R F R L O
U C O A S A E V A S S C R E T N D G
K I R O P K T Y P S H R U W W E E L
C D D E C P R E E A H Y C A A T R M
A N R I M A L L T D R P E R R E A T
B O L E N M E I E K E T S E E P H H
R C K I P R A F C V R I I R S U L M
E E B E I A R R I A B O O T M B O R
N S T W R A P R G R T N W B I N G O
N O O S G N D L O O D I N T I O I S
A N G M A K A U L A R A O T E A N R
C A E A S P T L T A I P O N R N D U
S N F I R E W A L L W R E I K O O C
T F D P R D H T O O T E U L B Y T E

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APPLICATION	DEFRAGMENT	GOOGLE	NANOSECOND	SCANNER
BACKUP	DIRECTORY	HTML	NETWORK	SECURITY
BINARY	DISK DRIVE	ICON	PARTITION	SHAREWARE
BLUETOOTH	DOS	INTERNET	PASTE	SOFTWARE
BOOT	DRAG	JAVASCRIPT	PDF	SPAM
BYTE	EMAIL	KERNAL	PIXEL	TASKBAR
CHAT	ENCRYPTION	LCD	POWER SUPPLY	THUMBNAIL
CLICK	FILE	LOGIN	PROGRAMMER	UNIX
COOKIE	FIREWALL	MEMORY	ROUTER	WALLPAPER
CURSOR	FOLDER	MONITOR	SAVE AS	WIRELESS
DATA	GIF	MOUSE		

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 7 - Pearl Harbor Day December 6 – Hanukkah begins December 15 - Bill of Right's Day December 22 - Winter Solstice December 25 - Christmas		1 General Meeting 6 PM N Hartford Library	2	3	4	5
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