

Newspaper Evolution

Stephen B. Waters, President/Publisher of the Rome (NY) Daily Sentinel, will explain newspaper publishing technology past, present, and future.

He will also delve into an examination of how individuals, journalism, and society fit together like concentric circles, and why that should be of interest to technically-oriented people.

WEBSITE DRAWING

Each month we pose a question, the answer of which will be found on our website www.mvpcug.com. [Usually on the Newsletter page.]

You have until the day of the next meeting to send in your answer. Type the answer and your name into an email and send it to mvpcug@mvpcug.com. A drawing will be held at the main meeting. You need not be present to enter but will be responsible for picking up your prize if your name is drawn. All members are eligible so send in your entry.

This month's question — What two large corporations merged in 1997 to become the largest business deal thus far in the networking industry?



Tuesday, June 4th — 6 - 8:30 PM
New Hartford Library
Meeting Open to the Public - Free



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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 New Hartford Library, 2 Library Lane, New Hartford. A typical agenda consists of discussion of business affairs and a demonstration of computer related products. Meetings are open to the public.

Membership fee for an individual is \$25.

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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 . . .



Did you notice how long the days are? Soon we will come to the longest day of the year—the third week of June. Take the time to smell the roses and enjoy the sunshine. The Explorer will be taking a rest for the summer but we'll be back in late August to remind you of the upcoming meeting in September.

Coming in September will also be the return of Joe Penabad as Secretary. I am thrilled! It means I no longer have to wear so many hats. Now if we could just find someone to help out with programming.

It's not a hard job; it takes a few phone calls, a bit of follow up and maybe a few hours a month. You don't even have to be present at the meetings to do this job. And, you get the wonderful title of ProgramChair. Is your name going to be attached to that title?

Thanks Bo, for being our cheerful greeter—great job!

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Minutes of 7 May 2013
— Donna Gorrell, Secretary

BUSINESS MEETING

The MVPCUG General Meeting of 7 May 2013, with 22 people in attendance, was called to order by President Jerry Finkelstein at 6:00 PM in the Sammon Room of the New Hartford Library.

Bill Gorrell gave the Treasurer’s report. Details of which are available from Bill or the Secretary.

Jerry announced that he secured the meeting room for July and August. Jerry Grega is willing to host a SIG for gaming. President Jerry asked if any members would be interested and by show of hands, there were three people who would attend. More on this at the next meeting. If interested, bring a laptop to the meetings and an intranet will be set up for playing the games.

In the Question and Answer segment, there was much discussion about Windows8 and the future of computing in general.

PROGRAM

Donna Gorrell showed how she uses side by side programs using her antiquated laptop running XP. She brought up WordPerfect and Word on the same screen and then showed the front page of Explorer and what can be done in WP that can’t be done in Word. She said she uses WP mostly because of Reveal Codes and because it allows left, center and right justification on the same line.

After the break she showed how to clean up a copy of a census document and how to alter a photo. This was done with PaintShopPro v7. Similar things can be done in many other programs.

DOOR PRIZES

[furnished with club funds]

- Pens. Gary Virkler
- Note paper. Kay Janowsky
- Copy Paper. Bill Gorrell
- 8 GB Micro SDHC Card. Jim Pease
- 4x6 photo paper. Bill Wilson

[Donated by Nick Dudish]

- Compaq pocket PC. Don Pianka

[Donated by Richard Eades]

- IP personal organizer. Joe Penabad

Website Contest Winner

MVPCUG T-shirt. no correct entries

The meeting adjourned at 8: 20 PM.
Respectfully submitted, Donna Gorrell



HUMOR FROM THE INTERNET

- He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
- Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film.
- A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
- On the other hand, you have different fingers.
- Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
- I just got lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territory.
- Seen it all, done it all, can't remember most of it.
- I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe
- You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say will be misquoted, then used against you.
- I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be without sponges.
- Honk if you love peace and quiet.
- Despite the cost of living, have you noticed how it remains so popular?
- The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
- It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try and pass them.
- You can't have everything, where would you put it?
- A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
- Everybody lies, but it doesn't matter since nobody listens.
- I wished the buck stopped here, as I could use a few.
- I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.

Sites to Visit on the 'Net

— by John Hunter

Microsoft Marches On

PC Magazine reports that Microsoft has “shattered” a ceiling within the Windows Store. On March 23rd the magazine reported that Microsoft now supplies more than 50,000 apps for Windows 8, Windows RT platforms and Windows phones. Read about this at: www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2416983,00.asp.

This number contrasts with the 13,000 apps that Apple lists in its Mac App Store. But the article asks whether the number of apps in a digital store is more important than the quality of the apps. “This doesn’t solve their fundamental challenge, which is to get A-list apps onto the app store,” said Patrick Moorhead, a strategy analyst at Moor Insights & Strategy.

All Things Movies

Tony DiNozzo on CBS TV’s *NCIS* is a fount of movie trivia and information. If you are like Tony, click on www.thecredits.org. This site provides daily updates on the movie and TV industry and includes reviews of movies and TV shows as well as interviews with movie and television movers and shakers. At my visit, the site featured an article about internet program streaming, a profile of casting maven Pat Moran, and a movie trailer for the movie *Admission*.

Cheap Telephones?

Did you know that the federal government provides telephone subsidies to low income individuals and families? For more, click on: www.fcc.gov/guides/lifeline-and-link-affordable-telephone-service/.

The purpose of the Lifeline benefit program is to provide monthly telephone service to low-income consumers to help insure they have the opportunities and securities that telephones provide. This service covers cell phones as well as land lines in order that consumers can connect to jobs, family and 911 services. Consumers are limited to one cell phone or one land line, not both.

To find out if you qualify for the lifeline benefit visit the site. The list of qualifying conditions is long and many families and individuals should meet at least one of the 12 listed criteria. Benefit eligibility must be verified yearly. If a consumer receives lifeline benefits, the benefits must be used at least once every 60 days.

Water, Water Everywhere

The Environmental Protection Agency released a survey that finds more than half of the nation’s river and stream miles are in poor condition. To read the report click on www.usepa.gov and search on the <usaepa@govdelivery.com> web site.

The survey, using 2008-2009 data, indicates that US rivers and streams are under “significant pressure,” according to Office of Water Acting Assistant Administrator Nancy Stoner. Stoner says, “We must continue to invest in protecting and restoring our nation’s streams and rivers as they are vital sources of our drinking water, provide many recreational opportunities, and play a critical role in the economy.”

Streams and rivers are at increased risk due to decreased vegetation cover and human disturbance as well as increased bacteria levels and increased mercury levels. More than 13,000 miles of rivers have fish with mercury levels that may be unsafe for human consumption. Some fish that have high levels of mercury may harm an unborn baby or young child’s developing nervous system.

[Www.healthfinder.gov](http://www.healthfinder.gov)

Healthfinder.gov is another example of your government at work. This site aggregates useful health-related articles from around the web much like Google does with other news. At my visit the headline read “Tofu-Rich Diet May Help Women With Lung Cancer Live Longer.” This particular article came from HealthDay News.

A study of women from Shanghai, China published in March in the Journal of Clinical Oncology links high soy consumption before a lung cancer diagnosis with longer survival. The article says that lung cancer is the leading cause of death among women in the world. The five-year survival rate for lung cancer is poor compared to breast cancer survival. The article estimates that by 2012 more than twice the number of women will die of lung cancer as will die from breast cancer.

Principal researcher Dr. Gong Yang observes that “This is the first study to suggest an association between soy food consumption and lung cancer survival. Dr. Yang is a research associate professor of medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville Tennessee. Cigarettes cause most lung cancer in the US, but in China, most cancer sufferers never smoked. Go to the web site for more info.

Until next time . . .



Did You Know . . . — Donna Gorrell

. . . that you could easily manage your start-up applications in Windows8? Many applications include a component that starts when you boot your computer, slows boot time, and continues to run in the background using system resources. Windows 8 includes an interface for managing startup applications in a location that makes sense: the new, improved Task Manager.

NOTE: Managing startup applications only applies to desktop applications. Modern UI [Metro] Windows 8 apps are not allowed to start automatically when Windows starts.

There are several ways to access the Task Manager. Right-click on the Taskbar; select Task Manager from the popup window. Move your mouse to the extreme, lower left corner of the screen until the Start screen button displays. Then, left click to access the Power User menu, or press the Windows key + X. Select Task Manager from the popup menu. The Task Manager can also be accessed by searching for it on the Start screen. If you're on the desktop, press the Windows key, or click on the Start screen button in the lower left corner. Start typing "task" [without the quotes]. The Search box displays with your search term entered. Two results display on the left side of the screen [Task Scheduler + Task Manager]. Click on Task Manager to run it.

The Task Manager automatically opens in compact mode, only listing what programs are running. To access the additional features of Task Manager, click the down arrow button next to More details. Click the Startup tab. This tab displays all programs that start with Windows. To prevent a program from starting when Windows starts, right-click on the program and select Disable from the popup menu. You can also select the program and click the Disable button at the bottom of the dialog box.

To close the Task Manager, select Exit from the File menu, or click the Close [X] button in the upper, right corner of the dialog box.

Reboot for the changes to take effect.

NOTE: When choosing which startup programs to disable, be sure you research online the programs you don't understand. Some startup programs may be necessary for the correct operation of either the operating system or programs you use. ◆

Byting Remarks — Jerry Finkelstein

By the time you read this, summer will be almost upon us. It's a time when you'll be taking vacations from your usual life. Maybe it will be just a long weekend. The Newsletter will be closing up shop for a couple of months too. Changes in the tech business are coming fast and furious and I'm hoping we will all be ready for them when we get back.

The coming changes are detailed in a new book by Eric Schmidt and Jared Cohen, *The New Digital Age*. One strong point is the notion of connectivity. This is more than a matter of the collection of information, it's about *moving* information. Increased connections. Across the universe, literally. I wonder, who does the editing? Like

newspapers, radio talk shows, TV's so-called news programs and Web blogs, there's certain to be errors and a great amount of spin. Who are the fact-checkers? What info do we trust? I once heard someone say, "It must be true, I read it in the newspaper." People will always take liberties with the facts; who confirms these facts as true, what facts are questionable? As technology gets more and more imbedded in our daily lives, and it will, we get more efficient. But do we get smarter?





The steady march of globalization is not an abstraction. It's here in very concrete ways. Increased connections holds hands with interdependence among countries across the universe. Data is being collected, moved on daily basis. Think of the banks in Europe and world economy. Think of the drones in Afghanistan. The book gives notice that soon everyone on Earth will be connected. People are getting high on the new technology, they're getting rich, others die. More and more we will not be living the lives of our grandparents. ◆



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