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Acronis and Invisus Protect Your PC

This month, a Webinar visit form User Group Relations. Those of you that have been around PCC for awhile will remember Gene and Linda Barlow and thier terrific presentations on the Scronis and Invisus product lines.

Gene will be presenting to us in high-tech fashion via the Internet, using Web cams for two-way communication, so he can talk to us, and you can ask him questions.

Gene will show off the latest in the Acronis line: Acronis True Image Home 2011 from Gene Barlow, backup software and Acronis Disk Director 11 Home. He will also demonstrate the ultimate in PC protection with Invisus PC Security Solution.
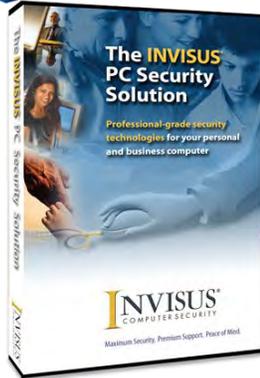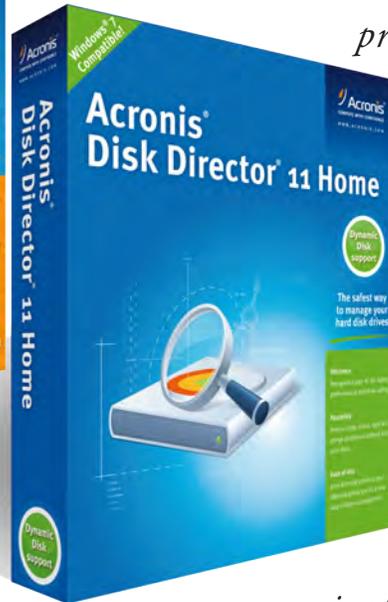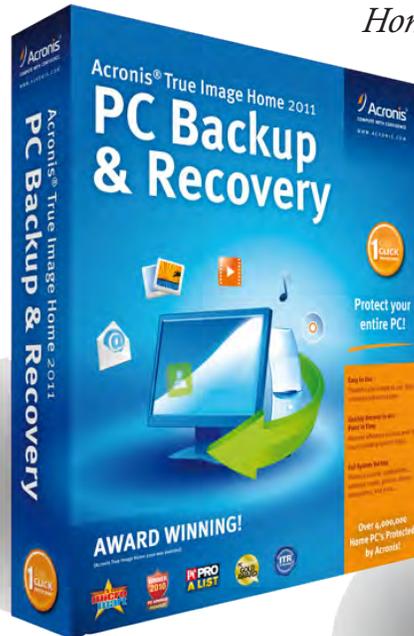
In addition to demonstrating the products, Gene will also show his practical methods of using them. This is not to be missed, as Gene's methods are some of the most practical solutions to using these products.

For an informative and entertaining evening, come to the Main Meeting, and take away a ton of information.

Raffle!

This month, a 32GB Lexar LJDTT32GASBNA JumpDrive TwistTurn Flash Drive that provides a convenient solution for storing, transferring, sharing multimedia and more. The drive has a capless design with a rotating case to protect the drive and contents. It has a simple plug-and-play design, accesses a USB port, and has an LED activity light. It's YOURS for the price of a ticket.

Tickets are $5 each, available where you sign in. Need not be present to win.

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Clubhouse Hours

The Hayward Adult School has changed its schedule, affecting the Clubhouse hours. Schedule is as follows:

Wednesdays - 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Saturdays: 8:30 PM to 1:00 PM
Clubhouse Phone # **510-537-4138**

About
PC Community

PC Community is a computer users group for people who wish to expand their knowledge and experience of personal computers and software. This is accomplished through monthly general meetings of the full membership where major industry vendors present information, and through smaller focus groups (Special Interest Groups, or SIGs) where members meet to share common computer interests. The group's monthly Main Meeting takes place at Calvary Baptist Church, 28924 Ruus Road, Hayward, at 7:30 P.M. on the first Friday of each month.

PC Community is dedicated to community service, providing enabling technology to people with special needs, working in the community to obtain computer equipment, and working with other computer groups to help people extend their lives through computer technology.

PC Community has a Web site at **http://www.pcc.org**.

Membership dues are $35.00 per year. $20.00 for educational and seniors (65 and over), and $45.00 for family per year. Call 510-213-8421 for more information, or write to PC Community at the address on this page.

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Your used **toner cartridges,** old **cell phones**, used **inkjet cartridges**, old **PDAs** and defunct **iPods** are valuable. Don't toss them in your trash to be used as landfill. They are worth something to PCC and other groups, either in the form of exchange or as discount on products at some local retailers. This not only helps PCC, but also helps our community. You can drop any of these items off at our Clubhouse or at a Main Meeting. Do your part for PCC and your community! Keep the environment clean by taking a few extra moments to recycle these items with PCC.
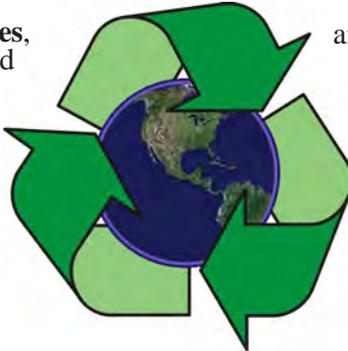
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Directions to the PCC Main Meeting

From All Directions: take 880 to the Tennyson Road exit in Hayward. Take the exit toward the hills. Proceed northeast on Tennyson Rd. about 0.7 mile to the 5th stoplight. This will be Ruus Road.

Turn right on Ruus Road and proceed southeast for about 0.4 mile. Look for Calvary Baptist Church on your left.

Turn left into the driveway into the parking lot. Parking is available anywhere from the driveway to the back of the lot.

Look for the PCC signs.
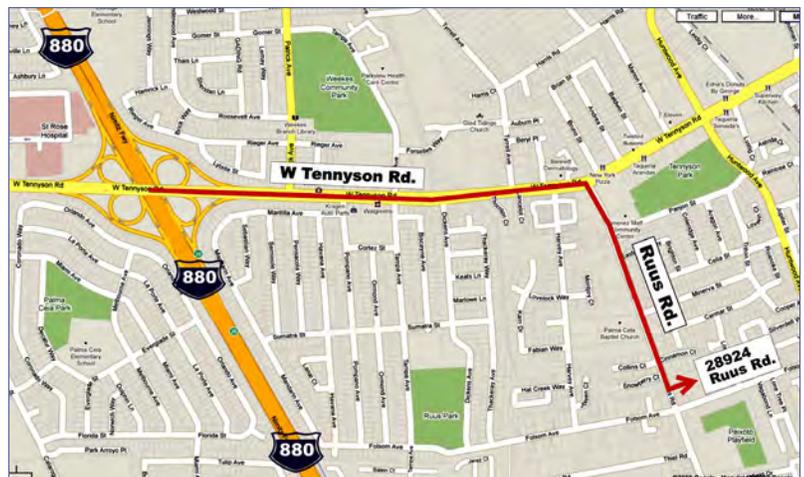
Directions to The PCC Clubhouse

From 880: take the A St. exit East (toward the hills). Immediately after crossing the overpass, turn left at the light onto Princeton. Go straight ahead to Sunset Ave, then turn right. After half a block, turn right into the driveway where the playing field meets the parking lot. Drive all the way back past two fences. When facing the Gym, the clubhouse entrance is on the left side.
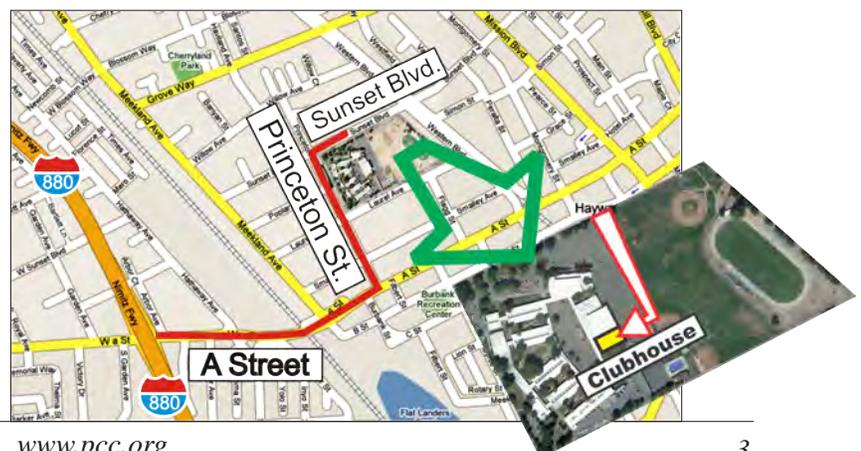
President's Podium

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Here are the numbers I heard at our last Executive Committee Meeting

Year	Net Income	Membership Fee Income
2010	$-2,229.00	$1,500.00
2009	$-1,647.00	$2,000.00
2008	$ -227.00	$2,400.00
2007	$ 3,012.00	$2,800.00

You don't have to complete a statistics class to understand the obvious cause and effect of these numbers. Unless, we grow in the number of members, we will continue to have a net loss of income each year until all our funds are gone.

Our recycling crew in the PC Clubhouse has kept us from declining even more.

It is insincere and hypocritical to seek non-members as a number to rescue our organization. We are a non-profit SERVICE organization. We SERVE our community with:

- computers for those who cannot afford them

- technical support for members

- information at Clubhouse, Main Meetings and Special Interest Group meetings

- fellowship/ friendship at Clubhouse, Main Meetings and Special Interest Group meetings

- Special Projects for those in need

Let's get out there and SERVE our community. As we support our community and encourage others to join, we will also be supported by new members and our community.

That which is not shared is lost. PC Community is one of the best kept secrets in Hayward. That needs to radically change if we are to continue to SERVE our community.

- Encourage others to attend our meetings

- Share your Newsletter with non-members (download &/or print yours from our Web site)

- Send others to our "award winning Web site"

- Tell everyone you know about how we SERVE our community

If you want to be great - learn to be the SERVANT of all!

Your suggestions for growth or anything else are welcome.

Play Fair - Do Your Share

A 10-Minute Tune-Up For Your SOHO PC
7 Steps to Better Windows Performance

By Tracy Baker

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Remember when your computer was new, with a fresh Windows installation? When programs and menus responded instantly to your commands? Those glorious days fade quickly as Windows is used and abused, and eventually outdated programs, old hardware, and neglect hamstring it to the point where you consider switching to an abacus. These seven tips will help you whip your computer back into shape and restore it to like-new performance.

1. Update Windows (WinXP/Vista/7)

There are literally millions of things that can go wrong with Windows. Microsoft constantly patches its operating systems (with the exception of older operating systems it no longer officially supports, such as Windows XP with Service Pack 2) and keeping your copy of Windows up-to-date helps your computer run as fast as possible. The easiest way to apply Windows patches is to set up Windows Update to automatically download and apply them. Updating Windows is also a security matter. For a detailed explanation of how to set Windows to update automatically, see tip No. 4 in "Batten The Hatches" on page 56.It's also a good idea to update any software that's installed on your PC. Doing so will ensure the programs are secure, and updates can also add enhancement and fix quirks that might be slowing down the software. Some programs up-date automatically. Update options may also be found under a Help menu, or you can visit the manufacturer's Web site and look in the Support or Downloads section for updates.

2. Update Drivers (WinXP/Vista/7)

Drivers are the software that your hardware uses to communicate with Windows. Updating them can add new features, fix hardware bugs, and even let your hardware operate faster, increasing overall performance. If you configured Windows Update as advised in the previous tip, it keeps some drivers up-to-date, but it's up to you to figure out what is installed on your computer and seek out newer drivers at the manufacturer's Web sites. To help do this, we recommend using a utility that audits your PC such as Belarc Advisor (free;www.belarc.com/free_download.html). Download, install, and run it and it creates a list of nearly every PC component. Knowing the names of components will make it easier to track down drivers. We especially recommend you update your computer's video card driver, listed as a Display Adapter in the Display section of the Belarc Advisor report.

3. Defragment The Hard Drive (WinXP/Vista/7)

As you use your hard drive, creating, deleting, installing, and uninstalling files and programs, gaps are left on the drive so that, eventually, related data becomes physically scattered all over the drive's surface. This doesn't pose a threat to your files, but it does mean the hard drive takes increasingly longer to find everything it needs to deliver to Windows. The only way to speed things up again is to put all the related data closer together. This is done using a process called defragmentation, which rearranges the contents of the hard drive so they are stored as efficiently as possible. Windows comes with a hard drive defragmentation utility. To start the utility in WinXP, Vista, or Win7, click Start, All Programs, Accessories, Sys-tem Tools, and Disk
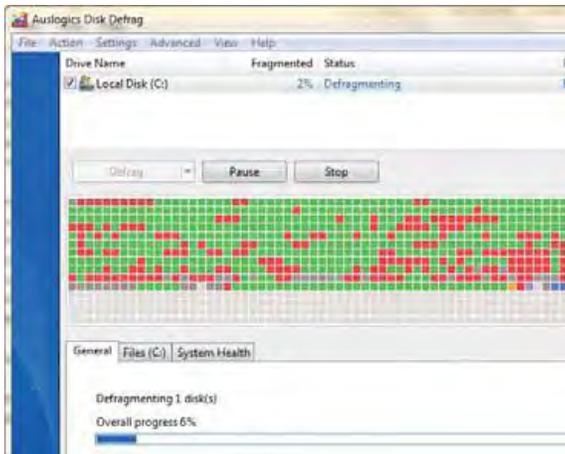
Defragmenter. You can adjust when regularly scheduled defrags occur in Win7 or Vista by clicking the Configure Schedule or Modify Schedule button. Initiate a scan in WinXP/7 by selecting a drive, clicking Analyze (or Analyze Disk),and, if the drive is fragmented, clicking Defragment or Defragment Disk. In Vista, click Defragment Now, choose a drive, and click OK.

4. Turn Off Unnecessary Startup Programs (WinXP/Vista/7)

Programs that unnecessarily load when Windows starts and then run in the background sap resources from the rest of your software and can slow your PC to a crawl. Get rid of the worst offenders by using a startup manager such as Codestuff Starter (free;tinyurl.com/ylnys7s). When you run the software, make sure to select All Sections on the left panel of the home screen. Everything listed in the Name section is a program that launches when Windows starts and then runs in the background. You can right-click any entry, select Search Internet, and click an option to easily find out what the program does. It's a good idea to research any unfamiliar programs in this way because you don't want to accidentally disable something important. When you find something worthy of axing, remove the checkmark next to it and it won't run the next time Windows boots. To enable an entry if

something goes wrong, put the check back in the box.

5. Modify Network Settings(WinXP/Vista/7)

 Many people spend a significant amount of time at their computers using the Web, so no matter how fas ttheir computers are, they are at the mercy of their Internet connections. There's no way to boost the speed of your connection without buying better service from your ISP (Internet service provider), but you can make your existing connection work better by tweaking a few settings. Doing this manually is a chore, so we recommend using connection-tweaking software such as Speed Guide TCP Optimizer (free; tinyurl.com/ex6r). Download it and then run it (in Windows 7, right-click it, click Run As Administrator, and click Yes), then move the slider to match the connection speed you have with your ISP. If you don't know, go to www.speedtest.net, click Begin Test to run the test there, and use that figure to set the slider. Click Optimal, click Apply Changes, click OK, and click Yes if asked to reboot the computer. If the new settings actually slowdown your connection, you can revert to the old settings by launching the soft-ware, clicking File, clicking Restore Backed Up Settings, and finding the SPG file that was created when you ap-plied the new settings (scroll down the list to find it, click it, and click Open).

6 Create Virtual CD Or DVD

Drives(WinXP/Vista/7)CDs and DVDs store much data, but the drives that read them run much more slowly than does a hard drive. If you frequently load discs to play games or access data, you can speed up your computer dramatically by copying the discs to your hard drive and running them from there. This requires emulation software that lets you create virtual CD or DVD drives on the hard drive. We recommend GizmoDrive (free;tinyurl.com/22w3wj7).When you install the

software, look for the Features screen of the installation window and remove checks from all boxes other than Gizmo Central and Gizmo Drive before clicking Next. Launch the software and then insert a CD or DVD you want to load using the virtual drive. Click Start Page and click Create ISO From Disc. Use the drop-down menu to select the drive where the disc is located, enter a name in the Image File line (if you want to use a different one), and click Create. Extracting the disc contents takes several minutes(and you may need to restart afterward),but once it's complete, you can click Start Page, click Mount ISO, BIN, VHD To Virtual Drive, double-click the entry for any ISO you've created, and click OK. The program now loads as if the disc is in the tray, but is much faster be-cause it doesn't use the CD/DVD drive.

7. Use Software That Matches Your Operating System (WinXP/Vista/7)

Windows comes in both 32-bit and64-bit varieties. This refers to how much data the operating system can bite off and chew through at once, so64-bit versions of Windows can work with chunks that are twice the size of those that 32-bit versions of Windows can handle. To see what version you have in WinXP,click Start, right-click My Computer, click Properties, and select the General tab. In Vista orWin7, click the Start icon, right-click Computer, and click Properties. In WinXP, if you see "x64 Edition" in the System entry, you have the 64-bit version, and if you don't, you have the 32-bit version. In Vista andWin7, look at the System Type entry and see if it says "64-bit Operating System"or"32-bit Operating System." If you have a 64-bit version of Windows, check all the software you use to see if a 64-bit version is in-stalled or if one is available from the manufacturer. This is especially important for photo-and video-editing software, as those rely heavily on the computer's CPU (Central Processing Unit) and work much faster

if a 64-bit version is installed on a computer with a 64-bit operating system. Your 32-bitsoftware will run on a 64-bit version of Windows, but it won't take full advantage of your PC's capabilities. The Best Boost: Anti-Malware Although all the tips in this article can increase Windows performance at least a little bit, the best way to make your system scream is to keep malware such as viruses away from it. This requires anti-malware software, but you need to be sure to use a product that requires little in the way of system re-sources or it can bring your computer to its knees while doing its job. Be sure to read "Batten The Hatches" on page56for tips on security-related tweaks that can help your computer run faster and more efficiently.

Defrag For Speed: Using Auslogics Disk Defrag

Defragmenting the hard drive once every few months is one of the best things you can do to maintain PC performance, and Auslogics Disk Defrag (free;tinyurl.com/5nptew) is a great third-party tool for the job. When installing the software, remove the checks from the boxes on the Auslogics Toolbar Installation page, as there is no reason to install them in your Web browser. Before running the utility, shut down all running software and make sure you won't need to use the computer until the defragmenting process is complete, which sometimes takes several hours depending on the speed of your computer and the level of file fragmentation. When you are ready, double-click the Auslogics Disk Defrag icon to launch the software, then check all the drives you want to defragment. Use the Defrag drop-down menu to select Defrag & Optimize and wait for the analysis and processing to complete. You can use the computer during this process, but it slows the defragmentation down and isn't recommended.

Door Prizes

Congratulations to all the members who won door prizes at the Main Meeting!

General Drawing:
CA Internet Security Stuite Plus .... Diane George
Inrix commuter cup.. Duane Cromleigh
LG 3D TV dog .... Bud Gallagher
LiteOn paperclip holder .... George Kornbluth
Marketwire retractable earbuds..Chris Marston
MacKeeper 16 application suite...Chris Yager
Revena key fob .... Dolly Marston
Sanus Ipad case ....Don Odle
THX cap.. Bob Sorensen
USPS Nascar ....Stan Sorensen

Raffle Prize:
Jabra Bluetooth Hands Free Car Speaker ....Stan Sorensen

Clubhouse Information

Due to the change in the Hayward Adult School (HAS) Custodian hours, the Clubhouse will remain open from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on **Wednesday Evenings**.

On **Saturdays** the Clubhouse will now open at 8:30 AM and close at 1:00 PM. When Hayward Adult School has a three-day weekend, the Clubhouse will be **closed**.

The monthly **"Cook Outs"** will be held on the first open Saturday of each month.

Clubhouse Phone Number is 510-537-4138. Anyone who needs to contact the Clubhouse may do so during the above listed hours when someone is there to take the call.

Check this section of the Newsletter for any future changes or information regarding the Clubhouse, or check PCC's Web site at www.pcc.org.

Door Prize Donations

O'Reilly Media generously donates the books that are our door prizes. Go to www.oreilly.com and pick books you'd like to see on our door prize table. You might win one you choose. E-mail the names and ISBN of the books you want me to request from O'Reilly.

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Hey You! Join PCC!

If you're reading this newsletter because it was passed on to you by a friend, you're getting an idea of what a great group this is. Why not join PCC and get more from your computer? Apply at www.pcc.org or contact:

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Membership Dues

As of January 1, 2007, the following changes went into effect:
Regular...$35.00
Family (same household)...........................$45.00
Educational, Seniors..................................$20.00
Corporate (maximum 5 memberships).....$100.00
Remember, you can always pay your dues by mail. Make a check payable to PC Community in the amount listed above to:
PC Community
P.O. Box 55513
Hayward, CA 94545-0513

Dues Expiring This Month!

The following members dues expire this month:

John Cordeniz
Sidney T. Jordan
Nancy Marshall
Dennis M. McNeff
Patrick O'Sullivan
Phyllis Schwartz

Special Interest Group Meetings

Genealogy
Carl Webb - (510) 351-3335
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Third Tuesday of the month:6:30pm

HARDWARE
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Saturday after Main Meeting:8pm

The Spectacular Linux SIG
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Last Saturday of the Month:2pm

Mobile Computing
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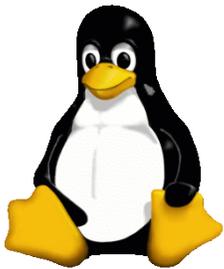
The Penguin Partition
Linux for Human Beings
by Jan Fagerholm, PCC Penguinista

OpenOffice has been with us for ten years now. As a constant user during this time, I have enjoyed its continuing development to enhance its capabilities and improve its compatibility with other office suites. And, being a cross-platform operating system user, as well as a dedicated Linux user, I have also taken advantage of it on Linux, Mac OS X, and even Windoze.

When Sun Microsystems adopted OpenOffice, it was with the intent of being able to offer an office suite for the Solaris OS at a time when Sun was turning Solaris into an open source project: the two projects dovetailed.

Oracle's acquisition of Sun Microsystems caused some consternation in both the Solaris and OpenOffice camps. Oracle has a reputation of indifference to projects that do not directly bear on their core business, and have demonstrated reason for concern by closing the OpenSolaris project.

Several OpenOffice people showed concern with OpenOffice's future and chose to do something about it.

They formed The Document Foundation, which advocates open standards for document formats and thus has an interest in OpenOffice, which uses the Open XML format for its documents. TDF was formed last September, and is continuing development of OpenOffice, but has changed the name of their project to LibreOffice, as Oracle holds the copyright on the OpenOffice name.

Aha, sez you, here's another forked project that may lead to the dilution of both. But No, sez I, as TDF has proclaimed that they will continue to draw from the ongoing OpenOffice repositories and just focus on user requested enhancements and compatibility with other office suites that have languished since the Oracle takeover. Press reports have been very favorable so far, and I have taken the opportunity to install LibreOffice on all my machines since the release version 3.3.0 came out this month. So far, so good, for my part, as I have explored the improvements in compatibility with M$ Office 2010 so far. Stay tuned, and try it yourself. Free download at www.libreoffice.org.

PCC Main and Executive Meeting Highlights

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Main Meeting Highlights

February 4, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Executive Vice President Sally Holt. She introduced the door prize, a Jabra bluetooth car speaker. Harold Smith has tickets for it as well as for the door prizes. We have one new attendee, who is already a member. We need people to help out with programs and with publicity.

SIG Announcements:

The Windows 7 SIG will meet at Bud's house on the 12th at 1 p.m. Service Pack 1 has been released to manufacturing. There is a required update before you install the service pack. Windows Home Server 2011 was released yesterday. The small business server was released at the same time.

Jan Fagerholm runs the Spectacular Linux SIG looked which takes place on the last Saturday of the month. Last month they looked at the Chrome browser. Google's Chrome operating system is designed to run all applications over the internet. They also peeked at Linux Mint 10.

The Hardware SIG really a fixit SIG for both hardware and software. It takes place at 8 pm tomorrow night at the Smiths'. If you've got a problem with it, bring it in and it will likely get fixed. More importantly, you'll learn about fixing it yourself.

Note Clubhouse hours:

> Saturday, February 5, 2011
> Saturday, February 12, 2011
> Saturday, February 26, 2011
> 08:30AM- 01:00PM

Clubhouse Cookout

> Saturday, February 5, 2011
> 11:00AM- 01:00PM
> Wednesdays: 4:00 – 7:00 p.m

Presentation:

How we use our computers.

Email: Meetup reminders, jokes, updates, ads, the Smart Computing daily update. If you hover your cursor over a link, you can see the source

Hotmail has just started offering throw-away addresses. Use these to have an individual email address for online purchases. It will help you trace the sources of spam.

Play chess or scrabble online.

Sending photos and short video clips. For larger files, place them on the web for people to download as they wish.

Video connection for communication anywhere in the world.

Google's gmail has many services including the ability to transcribe phone calls to email.

Sally Holt has System Mechanic, which restores, defrags. She uses a Viper subscription for antivirus. Some people use System Defender. She uses online bill pay, using Keyscramble to protect keystroke visibility. She does an image backup twice a month. She has some favorite sites. She likes Memories On TV for managing her pictures. She uses several route planners to check driving directions.

Support.microsoft.com/fixit/ has lots of support suggestions.

Bud Gallagher likes System Mechanic and Viper. SemiDude allows you to cut and paste across the network. Since he has retired, he does not need Excel much. He likes the way Thunderbird filters spam. Mailwasher does a fantastic job of figuring out what is and is not spam. He gets lots of tech support newsletters.

If you go to WindowsLive and select Office from the top menu bar, you can store your documents in the Cloud, letting Microsoft take care of backups. You can share a document with selected people, avoiding the need to send email with document attachments. Once you have set up your SkyDrive account, you can store any kind of file.

Don Odle likes Carbonite for instantaneous back up. For about $60 a year, you can have automatic updates. He reminded the group that OpenOffice is totally free and does the equivalent of Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. The ribbon is simpler and easier to use than Word. It is becoming more compatible with Microsoft products as XML becomes the standard.

Bud Gallagher has used Your Uninstaller to remove programs, without problems.

Hulu, at www.hulu.com allows you to stream many TV programs and movies. Netflix has upgraded its services and is offering many plans.

Jan Fagerholm likes currently likes the free Avast anti-virus software. Nowadays one needs spyware protection as well as anti-virus. Hiren offers a variety of tools, but

Main Meeting Highlights

it is a bit techie.

Private, or incognito browsing cut off cookies and often javascript.

The Web Of Trust WOT add-on for Firefox alerts you to safe and questionable sites. The IE Tag allows you to run Microsoft updates from within Firefox.

After the break Jan asked if attendees would like to attend a meeting to learn more about OpenOffice. Bud suggested a SoftwareSIG as the venue for exploring various applications.

Bud reminded everyone that the backup program built into Windows 7 is very serviceable.

Thanks to George Kornbluth for taking care of refreshments.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 pm.

The next meeting will take place at the same location on March 4, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Bayle Emlein, Secretary

Executive Committee Meeting Highlights

February 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 2:24 pm by President Chuck Horner.

Members present: Bayle Emlein, Jan Fagerholm, Sally Holt, Chuck Horner, Sid Jordan, Elsie Smith. Absent: Diane George, Tom Smith.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Old Business: The Southwest Computer Conference is coming up in June in San Diego. The photo contest entries are due in April. Entries should be submitted to Diane George no later than March 25. She will compile the submissions and present them at the April 1 PCC Main Meeting. Read details at http://theswcc.org.

President's Report - Chuck Horner: Things are moving along with no outstanding events.

Executive Vice President – Sally Holt: Nothing special to report.

Treasurer - Tom Smith: As of February 19, 2011:

Checking Account	$1,881.69
CD	$3,371.51
Total	$5,253.20

Secretary - Bayle Emlein: Bayle will miss March EC Meeting. Jan Fagerholm was nominated to substitute.

VP Clubhouse - Sid Jordan: Sid delivered $400 from the Clubhouse to the treasurery. He distributed a draft of a membership brochure.

Sid suggested a membership renewal "Sale," to encourage renewals. It was moved and seconded that Jan will manage the details of finalizing an email to people whose membership has expired. The one-time renewal rates: Senior $20 membership reduced to $15; Regular $35 reduced to $25; Family membership rate regularly $45 toreduced to $35; the email will include advantages, new Clubhouse hours, website info, and change of location for main meeting to 28924 Ruus Road, Hayward California.

VP Marketing – Position open: Sally reported starting to investigate

VP Membership - Jan Fagerholm: Member count as of February 19, 2011.

Type	Number	Percent
Regular	37	46.84
Senior	35	44.30
Student	1	1.27
Associate	6	7.59
Totals	79	

VP Newsletter - Elsie Smith: Newsletter Submission Deadline:

February 19, Saturday midnight, March Newsletter
March 19, Saturday midnight, April Newsletter
April 23, 2011, Saturday midnight, May Newsletter

Elsie distributed a copy of the Membership Application to review and update. Jan will develop a simplified renewal form.

It was agreed that the database will be available in a secure area of the website, accessible to members only.

Programs -

March: Gene and Linda Barlow via Skype.
April: OpenOffice

VP Special Projects - Bayle Emlein: Nothing special to report.

Webmaster - Diane George:

Calendar: See the website for the latest updates and changes in SIG meetings.

Remember to check the website for the new Clubhouse hours and before going to the Clubhouse on a Saturday.

Fund Raiser: 32 G Flash drive.

New Business: -

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Saturday, February 19, 2011 at 2:00 pm, 28924 Ruus Road, Hayward.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bayle Emlein, Secretary

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March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Check the calendar at **www.pcc.org** *for up-to-date information!*		**1**	**2** ➔ **4 pm-7 pm Clubhouse Open**	**3**	**4** **7:30 pm** *Main Meeting*	**5** ➔ **8:30am-1pm Clubhouse Open** ➔ **Clubhouse Cookout** 8 pm-Hardware SIG
6	**7**	**8**	**9** ➔ **4 pm-7 pm Clubhouse Open**	**10**	**11**	**12** ➔ **8:30am-1pm Clubhouse Open** 1 pm-Windows 7 SIG
13	**14**	**15** 6:30 pm-Genealogy SIG	**16** ➔ **4 pm-7 pm Clubhouse Open**	**17** *St. Patrick's Day*	**18**	**19** ➔ **8:30am-1pm Clubhouse Open** 2 pm-Exec. Committee Mtg.
20	**21** 7:30 pm-Mobile Computing SIG	**22**	**23** ➔ **4 pm-7 pm Clubhouse Open**	**24**	**25**	**26** ➔ **8:30am-1pm Clubhouse Open** 2 pm-Linux SIG
27	**28**	**29**	**30** ➔ **Clubhouse Closed**	**31**	*See Page 8 for Clubhouse information.*	*See Page 9 for SIG Meeting information.*

The **April 2011 Main Meeting** will be at 28924 Ruus Road, Hayward CA, on **April 1, 2011** at 7:30 P.M.