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## **December 4th, 2011 First Session SIG** review by Ralph Sutter

The whole group Question and Answer session led by Alan Raul was temporarily replaced at the December meeting by small group roundtable discussions on digital photography, video, Word and Linux. Earl Kaplan gives more details in the section that follows.

--Ralph Sutter, HardCopy Editor

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## **December 4th, 2011 Main Session Review** by Earl Kaplan

At 12:45 p. m, the membership divided into small discussion groups based on individual interests. One person was designated as a group facilitator but all members were invited to contribute, either by presenting a problem, offering their own tips, or describing technical issues that they have encountered and solved.

I would be interested in hearing from the membership about how they feel about repeating this activity at intervals in the future.

--Earl Kaplan, President

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## **January 2012 Programming Schedule** by Ralph Sutter

In the first session, **Alan Raul** will moderate a **Questions and Answers** program from 12:45-2:00 p. m.

Beginning at 2:30, **Ralph Sutter** will give a presentation on the free online resources available from the monthly publication, **Smart Computing**, [www.smartcomputing.com](http://www.smartcomputing.com). These include the Tech Support Center, Hardware and Software Reviews and the Q and A Board. Sutter will also demonstrate additional features available to subscribers.

--Ralph Sutter, HardCopy Editor

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## **President's Message:**

As the replacement for an outgoing Club President of long tenure, I feel that there is much I need to know about a great many things and soon. The one thing I already know is that this will be challenging and that means it will be interesting. I am open to ideas from all and will be trying to talk to as many of you as I can during each meeting in the new year. Your ideas are of interest; the only bad idea is one that isn't expressed.

Like any long-standing organization we are seeing our membership get older and that is not a real good sign. We need to find younger people who have an interest in computers, their uses, and their idiosyncrasies. I hope that we can, together, find some ways to do this and to keep the organization as interesting and useful as it has been up to now.

--Earl Kaplan, President

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Go to <http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/> to see the **PUSH** reviews. They come to us from the Association of Computer User Groups, **APCUG**, the national organization with which SLO Bytes is affiliated. Webmaster Ralph Sutter uploads these articles to the SLO Bytes website. The actual PUSH articles are hyperlinked from the index page.

You can view all the APCUG publications at <http://www.slobytes.org/apcug/index.html>.

Take a look at <http://www.kcbx.net/training.html> to see if you would like to avail yourself of the various computer-related classes available at the KCBX.net Training Facility.

Cal Poly Continuing Education's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is a comprehensive learning and service program for those 50 and over. This is a highly rated College level education program available at Cal Poly. Their website is <http://www.olli.calpoly.edu/>.

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## **Treasurer's Report for December 2011**

Income for December:	
Renewing members (10)	\$250.00
New members	.00
Refreshment Income	31.00
Sale of Raffle Tickets	295.00
Expenses paid for December:	
Hall rent	90.00
Drawing Prizes (Miklas)	97.81
Refreshment costs	31.50
Bank Statement ending 11/30/2011	
Savings	55.00
Checking	2528.93
Interest YTD	4.58
Deposits	558.10
Withdrawals	805.58

**Renewing members:** Joseph Baranek, Jaleah Brynn, E. Julian, Donn Ragle, John Van Preen, John Waller, Richard Dickey, Dick Dozier, Josette Farnum, Ed Lynn

**New members:** None

**Treasurer's Comments:** 84 tickets were sold for the iPad at the 12/4 meeting with sales receipts at \$295.00, purchased by 23 members, one of whom was **Monica Tarzier** who was the drawing winner. She had purchased tickets 205776--205778 on 12/4; the winning number was 205778.

--Robert Mires, Treasurer

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## **Club Information and Meeting Times**

**SLO Bytes**, a PC users group dedicated to educate its members in the use of personal computers, digital devices and software, meets on the first Sunday of each month at the **Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF)** Hall at 520 Dana Street, San Luis Obispo. All meetings are open to the public at no cost.

The **First Session SIG** meets from 12:45 to 2:00 p. m.

The **Main Session** begins at 2:30 p. m.

Contact **John Waller** (johnlwaller at sbcglobal.net) or visit <http://www.slobytes.org/index.shtml> for additional information about SLO Bytes and the scheduled presentation.

**HardCopy** is a monthly publication of SLO Bytes PC Users' Group located in San Luis Obispo, California. Information in this Newsletter is derived from both our own membership and other PC User Group Newsletters. The purpose of this publication is to inform our members of meetings and provide information related to the use of PCs and other operating systems.

**Membership Dues** are \$25 per year. Full membership entitles you to our monthly newsletter via e-mail, technical assistance, raffle gift drawing at the end of the meetings, a voice in the affairs of the club, and comradeships.

**Article Submission Deadline** for submission of articles is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Articles should be e-mailed to the editor, Ralph Sutter (ralph at rsutter.com).

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### **Outside Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**

**Linux SIG** normally meets at 6:30 p. m. on the Thursday immediately following our Sunday's General Meeting at KCBXnet Training Center, 4100 Vachell Lane, San Luis Obispo.

**Photography SIG** normally meets at 7 p. m. on a third Monday of each month at Bob Grover's home in Arroyo Grande. Call Bob at 489-6230 for directions.

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### **SLO Bytes Officers/Volunteers**

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