

*May 3rd, 2009 General Windows SIG Review by Alan Raul*

**Microsoft Windows 7**

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windows-7/>

**Paul Thurrott's SuperSite for Windows**

<http://www.winsupersite.com/Default.asp>

**Windows 7 Presentation PDF**

<http://pages.sbcglobal.net/raul/>

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*May 3rd, 2009 Main Meeting Review by John Waller*

The presentation this afternoon was on the subject of "**Social Networking**" by **Kaye Raul**.

Social Networking is the use of technology to maintain human contact with each other. The first form was e-mail, this allowed people to communicate over their local networks, and eventually, the Internet. The problem here was that it did not support real time communications, aka the telephone. Instant Messaging came along to fill this need. This allows people to talk back and forth as they do with their telephone.

With the advent of the Internet and cell phones, more services appeared. Kaye introduced us to these newer services. **Blogs** were the first big new item. They started out as on-line diaries that people kept in the odd belief that others would be interested, in some cases they were. They evolved into specialized blogs, dealing with politics, technology, music, philosophy, hobbies, etc. You can find a blog out there for just about any interest you have. Some blogs are read only, and others allow the readers to respond to the bloggers comments.

The next step is **Twitter**. These are messages that are limited to 140 characters so you have to be pretty succinct in your message. Because of the way it has started out, it has a reputation for being used only by self-centered narcissists. But, like the blog, it has evolved over time. It is no longer just for the airheads. It is used to keep people up to date with the latest information in a particular field. These tweets devoted to Vista, science, politics (of course), arts, etc. Businesses use twitter to keep their employees current with their company's activities. Groups use twitter to coordinate their activities, whether it is organizing a picnic, or researching a cure for cancer.

She also brought up **Facebook**, **MySpace**, and **Linkedin**. These are reminiscent of the home pages that AOL and others setup for their clients. They are sites where you can meet people, you can either publicly, or privately, provide personal information to your friends and strangers. You discuss favorite interests, hobbies, etc. MySpace and Facebook cater to everyone, although mostly kids. Linkedin caters to professionals, it is where you can go to make professional contacts, whether it is to discuss the latest issues, or making contacts for future employment.

Cell phone, particularly smart phones, have expanded all of these roles. Now you can twitter, and blog, as well as the old standbys of email and instant messaging with your smart phone. You can even visit your Facebook or MySpace site from anywhere in the world that has cell phone access.

Kaye did an excellent job in presenting this information.

*Kaye Raul's Programming Schedule by Kaye Raul*

**Operating Systems** – will be the subject of a panel discussion at the June 7th meeting of the SLO Bytes PC Users Group. With the recent release of Windows 7, we will have six panel members that will discuss the current operating systems from Microsoft, Apple and Linux. There will be ample opportunity to have your questions answered.

**Prior to the main presentation:**

**Alan Raul** will moderate his Q & A session from **12:45 PM to 2:00 PM**

**A Windows operating systems SIG** for beginners will also be conducted at the same time slot in the dining room.

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*President's Message*

**At our 7 June, 2009 meeting:**

**At 12:45 PM, Alan Raul** will be moderating the Question and Answer session

**At 2:30 PM, Various computer operating systems discussion will commence**

Go to <http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/> to see the PUSH reviews. They come to us from Judy Taylour of APCUG, Editorial PUSH Committee Chair. Our Webmaster, Ralph Sutter, uploads these articles to our website. The actual PUSH articles are hyperlinked from Judy's reviews.

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 **KCBXnet Training Facility**. You might also want to check out the various **computer related classes** available in the south county at the **Exploration Station Training Facility in Grover Beach** [http://www.explorationstation.org/classes\\_computer\\_classes.html](http://www.explorationstation.org/classes_computer_classes.html)

**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. This is their website: <http://www.osher.calpoly.edu/>

Take advantage of the four **learning CD's** "Learn Windows XP, Excel, Word & Power Point" available for our members to check out (at the Treasurer's table).

Continue to bring any **used ink-jet printer or toner cartridges** to our meeting. We collect them (at the Treasurer's table) and turn them over to "Make A-Wish Foundation" who generate much needed funds for their organization by refurbishing and selling them.

--Ray Miklas

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*May 2009 Treasurer's Report by Robert Mires*

**Income May**

Renewing members	\$225.00
Refreshments receipts	37.00

**Expenses April**

Hall rent	90.00
Drawing Prizes	56.52

**Bank accounts @ 3-31-09**

CD#44686	1,309.76
CD #41626	2,870.59
Saving Acct bal	54.78
Checking Acct bal	933.29
Interest YTD	50.66

**Renewing members:** Doug Depue, Ian Hughes, Shirley Hanrion, Russ Foster, Patricia Hallock, Ben Middleton, George Powers, Eugene Rheingans, Nathan Wallenstein  
New members: none

*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. Special interest groups meet from 12:45 PM to 2:00 PM and guest speaker presentations begin at 2:30 PM. Contact Kaye Raul (kmraul at sbcglobal.net) or visit [www.slobytes.org](http://www.slobytes.org) 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 various Operating Systems.

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**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 20th of each month. Articles should be E-mailed to the editor (rmiklas at pacbell.net).

**Computer-related businesses** wishing to advertise in **HardCopy** may now do so. The rate is \$15.00 per month or \$120.00 per year for a business card size announcement. Content in ad copy is subject to approval by the SLO Bytes Board of Directors.

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

**HTML/Internet SIG** normally meets at 6:30 PM on Monday (following our Sunday's General Meeting) at Ralph Sutter's home in Arroyo Grande. Call Ralph at 489-8678 for directions.

**Linux SIG** normally meets at 6:30 PM on Thursday (following our Sunday's General Meeting) at KCBXnet [a.k.a. SLONET] Training Center, 4100 Vachell Lane, SLO.

**Photography SIG** normally meets at 7 PM on a third Monday of each month at Don Jones's home in Pismo Beach. Call Don at 773-5526 for directions.

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