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June 7th, 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/araul/7/Windows%207.pdf

Editor's note: Alan's General Windows SIG Review links for the May Meeting (shown above) also apply to the June 7th Meeting

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June 7th, 2009 Main Meeting Review by Kaye Raul

Operating Systems was the subject of our panel discussion at the June 7th meeting of SLO Bytes. The panel members and their operating systems of choice were:

Ralph Sutter – MAC Operating System – Stable and intuitive with extra features built in. Install programs by dragging them to the application folder.

John Bruno – Linux – Uses Mepis Operating System – Stable operating system with over 26,000 programs available for download. Kiss the "Blue Screen of Death Goodbye". It's FREE.

Dave McLaughlin – Windows 7 – Best Windows Operating System to date! It is Better, Faster and Smaller. You have the ability to choose which accessory applications to install and he found drivers available for everything except a Logitech webcam.

John Waller – Windows Vista – Vista is the most secure operating system in general use today. John likes the search box in the Start menu to open programs. He has not had any of the problems that other people complain about and likes to keep on top of current systems.

Ray Miklas, Fred Cook and Eugene Rheingans – Windows XP - Fred likes that XP does everything he needs to do and is user friendly. Ray added "If it's not broken, don't fix it" He was going to update to Windows 7 and found he was unable since his computer does not have a DVD drive. He keeps XP running smoothly by running "Disk Check" and "Defrag" on a monthly basis.

Alan Raul moderated the discussion. There were good points and lively discussion by all of the members.

Thank You all for a job well done!

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Kaye Raul's Programming Schedule by Ray Miklas

At our **July 5th meeting**, we will hold our annual BBQ. Alan Raul will host his usual informative Q&A session from 12:45 PM to 2:00 PM. Due to the BBQ, we will not have a novice SIG, a guest speaker or hold a raffle/give-away this month.

At 2:00 PM we will break for a SLO Bytes Members, their spouses and their guests barbecue picnic. We will have the same great spread we had last year featuring juicy oak grilled hamburgers with all the fixings. Members are reminded to notify our President, as requested earlier, if they intend to attend and/or intend to bring a guest/s, so we can have a good head count on attendance. There is no charge for members or their spouses, and a nominal fee of $5.00 per person, for guests. The $5.00 fee for each guest will be accepted at the Treasurer's table.

President's Message

At our 7 July, 2009 meeting:
At 12:45 PM, Alan Raul will be moderating the Question and Answer session
At 2:00 PM, We will commence our Annual SLO Bytes BBQ

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

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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June 2009 Treasurer's Report *by Robert Mires*

Income	
Renewing members	$75.00
Refreshments receipts	34.50
Expenses	
Hall rent	90.00
Bank accounts @ 5-31-09	
CD #44686	1,314.13
CD #41626	2,878.98
Saving acct Bal	54.80
Checking acct Bal	725.93
Interest YTD	63.60

Renewing members: Fred Welby Cook, John Simko, Alice Rew
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 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 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.

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).

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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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