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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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EDUCATION GROUP PROFILE

What new skill on the computer would you like to learn in 2010? What latent interest would you like to develop this New Year? KCS stands ready to get you going. A number of volunteer instructors offer opportunities to further your computer proficiency almost every month of the year. Their mission is to help; yours is to ask for it by attending their classes or lectures.

Though we often tend to take their efforts for granted, each instructor spends many hours in preparation before we arrive. They must research and develop topics suitable for their anticipated audience, they must post a class agenda to KCS Mail Lists, and they often prepare handouts for distribution. They also set up classrooms and equipment before students arrive.

Most importantly, they must maintain up-to-date knowledge of computer software programs and their applications for our KCS membership.

Computer Training for Absolute Beginners and Intermediates and **XP/Vista/Windows 7** classes will commence again in January in the Silverdale Community Center.

Additionally, KCS instructors provide hands-on computer instructions to members who wish to learn/practice in a “real-life” setting. **Bremerton Labs** are held at Mountain View Middle School after regular school hours, courtesy of the Bremerton School District. A similar **MAC Lab** is held at the Silverdale Community Center.

As we begin the New Year, express your appreciation to the following hard-working volunteer instructors and take advantage of their expertise:

~~JANUARY MEETING~~

January 18, 2010, Silverdale Community Center, 9729 Silverdale Way, Silverdale, WA, **10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.**

Program: **Don Lawrence, KCS member and professional tax consultant**, will speak on a most timely subject – Federal Income Tax. He will explain the latest changes and the preparation of forms in an understandable fashion. This is a “must-attend” session!

Warren Beauchene – MAC Special Interest Group (SIG)

Don Brown – Mountain View lab instructor

Mary Ann Confar – Computer Training for Absolute Beginners and Intermediates

Larry DuSavage – XP/Vista/Windows 7 instructor

Jack Roudebush – Mountain View lab instructor

Dates and times for these learning opportunities can be found under the KCS Classes button on our KCS webpage www.ffogynews.org

To obtain information about specific activities or Kitsap Computing Seniors in general, please see our Web Page www.ffogynews.org/trustees.htm or contact any Trustee at our monthly meetings.



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING December 21, 2009

President Edie McKelvy called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. at the Silverdale Community Center with 61 members and guests present. Edie welcomed all and read the names of three new members who had joined the Club at the last meeting.

All those present joined Vice President Roberta Messinger in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

Fern Whalen announced that she has the signup sheets for Mary Ann Confar’s computer classes that will begin on 3 January 2010.

Larry DuSavage will hold a “dust bunny” class on 16 January 2010. At that meeting, members are invited to bring in their computers for general maintenance and upgrade.

Roberta Messinger has metal name tags available for those who ordered them. Don Brown has cloth patch badges with the Club logo.

Clinton Geiger, Program Chairman, introduced the first of two speakers, Josh Brown, Senior member of the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners. Josh represents the Central Kitsap District which includes Silverdale, Tracyton, Seabeck, Illahee, Brownsville, other rural areas, and the majority of the residents of the city of Bremerton.

Josh started by pointing out that the last year has been financially difficult for the County, just as it has been for many of the citizens. The 2009 budget year has had to make a \$6 million reduction.

On a positive note, Josh said a new YMCA building will be started next spring on a vacant lot adjacent to the Silverdale Community Center. This will be an \$18-20 million project and will have approximately 200 full time employees upon completion. A new senior housing complex will be built near the YMCA if federal funding is made available. Land has been acquired in a no-cost swap for a future 1,000 acre Newberry Heritage Park. He also discussed potential closures of Wildcat and Horseshoe Lake county parks.



Kitsap County Commissioner Josh Brown

NEW HORIZONS INCEPTION TO DATE

Computers totally refurbished or “in the works”	30
Computers installed:	23
Private homes – 11	
Retsil and Sheridan Retirement Ctr--12	
Total expenditures	\$1975.78

Fern Whalen

Commissioner Josh Brown can be reached at jwbrown@co.kitsap.wa.us or by calling his office at 360-337-4667.

Clint Geiger introduced the second speaker, Larry DuSavage, KCS member, computer instructor, and guru. In his brief time left to talk, he stated that not everyone’s computer needs to be upgraded to Windows 7. Larry made himself available to answer questions during the early part of the pot-luck luncheon. He will be available at the Tuesday afternoon Mountain View Middle School Labs starting about mid-January to answer questions about Windows 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M. for the Potluck Lunch.

Clint Geiger, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
December 21, 2009**

President Edie McKelvy called the meeting to order at 12:12 P.M. Trustees present were Fern Whalen, Roberta Messinger, Larry Stanfel, Lenore Stanfel, Dorothy Rasmussen, Kim Leach, Larry DuSavage, Edie McKelvy, Clint Geiger, Faye Henden, and Chris Barnett. Guests present were Don Brown, Jack Roudebush, Karen Beauchene, and Warren Beauchene.

There were no additions or corrections to the November minutes as printed in the December newsletter, and they were accepted as presented.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Dorothy Rasmussen and will be placed on file for audit.

Correspondence – Edie sent a Thank You letter to Tricia Hanley, the November speaker.

Committee Reports

Hardware – Kim Leach has purchased a headset microphone that was used today. This microphone will be recorded into our real property account. He will submit a voucher to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

Finance – Edie has been in contact with Mike Zeitner, Finance Committee Chairman, re the 2009 Audit and 2010 budget preparation.

Membership – Edie McKelvy gave a report for Carol McLaren; we had three new members sign up today, which gives us a total of 230 members.

Education – Jack Roudebush said that Larry DuSavage. will have classes on Windows 7 starting mid-January at the Tuesday lab in Mountain View Middle School.

Larry advised that Mary Ann Confar would like the Board to consider purchasing new computers for the classes she teaches. Edie asked Larry to refer this to the Finance Committee and get back to the Board with their recommendation.

SIGs – Don Brown says he has about 12 regular members at his meetings. He will have new extended meeting hours, from 12:30 to 3:30 P.M. Warren Beauchene is still holding his MAC classes and is encouraging those attendees to join KCS.

Programs – Clint Geiger has scheduled Don Lawrence for January 2010 and Butch Schwindt of Global Technology Solutions, Inc. for February 2010.

New Horizons – Fern Whalen reported we have an individual's application that has come through the Central Kitsap School District, asking for a computer.

Public Relations – Roberta presented a signed card of congratulations to Edie on her 50th wedding anniversary. Roberta has sold a number of name tags to KCS members. Don Brown is selling cloth patches with the KCS Logo.

Other - Edie is appointing a Nominating Committee for the March 2010 Trustee Election

The meeting adjourned at 12:52 P.M.

Clint Geiger, Secretary

STOCK INVESTORS SIG NEW TIME

This Special Interest Group will meet 12:30 to 3:30 P.M. starting in January 2010.

The additional time will be used for presentations on various subjects.

We still meet the second Monday of the month at the Silverdale Community Center.

January 11 Presentation is Using the Value Line Report.

February 8 Presentation is Tracking Portfolios or Watchlists.

March 8 Presentation is Stock Screeners.

Don Brown, SIG Leader

**KCS ACTIVITIES –JANUARY 2010**

- Jan 3 Absolute Bgnrs and Intermediates
 5 Bremerton Lab
 6 MAC Lab
- Jan 11 Stock Investors SIG
 12 Bremerton Lab
 13 MAC Lab
 14 New Horizons
 16 Dust Bunny
- Jan 17 Absolute Bgnrs and Intermediates
 18 **KCS General Meeting**
 19 Bremerton Lab
 20 MAC Lab
- Jan 26 Bremerton Lab
 27 MAC Lab

TAX AIDE PROGRAM
▶ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ◀

Are you interested in receiving IRS-certified training for personal tax filing and are willing to help your fellow man?

The IRS and AARP joint venture offers tax training in preparing tax returns for seniors. Last year in Kitsap County, 65 Tax-Aide volunteers assisted 3700 taxpayers and filed 3000 electronic returns.

Tax-Aide sites will be open throughout the county, approximately eight hours each week, to assist taxpayers from February 1 to April 15, 2010.

Tax counseling requires classroom training to be held at Lebo Community Center, 680 Lebo Blvd in East Bremerton on Jan 4-8, 2010.

FROM THE PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Its January, the beginning of a New Year!

Resolve to take advantage of the many educational offerings provided by Kitsap Computing Seniors.

Resolve to “suit up, show up, and share the load” to keep KCS alive and well.

Resolve to submit constructive ideas and offer thanks to our Trustees and Instructors.

And Resolve to continue bringing your delicious dishes to our general meeting potlucks!!

Edie McKelvy



For new counselors, an additional three days of training is provided on computer preparation of tax returns in the same program used by the IRS.

Volunteers are assigned to a site under the leadership of a Local Coordinator who also provides support for the unexpected questions that arise.

Contact Doug Stauner at 360-692-4670 or Doug_St@hotmail.com to volunteer.

TIPS

Disable That Error Report Pop-Up In Windows



The error reporting feature offers to send information to Microsoft whenever an application or part of the system crashes. There are many reasons why you may want to turn this feature off, i.e. if you are on Dial-up and not connected to the internet when the error occurs. If that pop-up bothers you, here is an easy way to disable the feature:

Note: *You must have administrator privilege before making any changes.*

Disable Microsoft Error Report in Windows XP:

1. Click Start > Control Panel > System > Advanced tab and then click the Error Reporting button.
2. Click the "Disable Error Reporting" radio box and the "But notify me when Critical Errors Occur" box and click OK.

Disable Microsoft Error Report in Windows Vista:

1. Click START and type "Problem Reports" into the Search box
2. Click "Problem Reports and Solutions" > "Change Settings" > "Advanced Settings."
3. Select the OFF radio button and then click OK.

Disable Microsoft Error Report in Windows 7:

1. Open the Action Center and click Maintenance.
2. Click Settings under "Check for solutions to problem reports" and select "Never check for solutions (Not recommended)" and then click OK.

That's all there is to it.