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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Minutes of November 18th, 2008 Meeting

The LAST meeting of 2008 opened at 7:35 with 15 members in attendance. Both the past Minutes and the Treasury report were read and accepted.

Jodi Veleba, who's birthday was on computer day, accompanied Fred to the meeting after an evening out on the town and she was the winner of our initial drawing. She and our Treasury split \$17.50, 50/50. Happy Birthday, Jodie!

It was good to see Bruce again. Bruce offered the demo, showing many features of Google Earth most of us had no idea existed. Very interesting Demo Bruce, and a good job, as usual.

Larry Puls mentioned the many vacation photos he took but was having problems displaying them on his computer, after loading them from his storage card. Bruce suggested it might be a software problem.

Fred spoke about a problem his daughter Kris was having, installing a new scanner. Her computer didn't seem to recognize the scanner after installation. Joe suggested Fred uninstall and reinstall the software.

We were sorry to hear Pat Cumpston was having problems. She had recently undergone a knee replacement and was unable to attend the meeting. We hope she was well enough to attend the Christmas Party. We'll keep her in our prayers.

Joe mentioned that he 'tuned-up' the club computer and installed a new antivirus program on it and that it needed more memory. While the price of memory is at its lowest level, he suggested we add two gig of memory. The members approved and with Bruce's help, we'll get it done. Bruce suggested now was a good time to add memory if your computer was in need of more. Two gig will cost under \$40.00 for the club's computer. (What would our club do without the helpful advice and unselfish assistance we get from Bruce?)

The "Stick Around" drawing was won by Esther Edie who got the Gold Dollar. Everyone drive carefully going home. Happy Thanksgiving. Be sure to count your blessings. God Bless Everyone. See you at the Christmas Party.

Submitted by Dee Hindman, Secretary





From Jessie's Kitchen



Turkey Tetrazzini

Ingredients:

- 2 ½ cups dices turkey or chicken
- 1/2 pound uncooked spaghetti
- ¼ finely chopped onion
- 1 minced garlic clove
- 1 tbsp tub margarine
- 3 tbsp corn starch
- 15 oz can low sodium chicken broth
- 12 oz fat free evaporated milk
- 4 oz can mushrooms
- dash pepper
- dash of seasoned salt (optional)
- 1 tbsp cooking sherry (optional)
- 2 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 tsp paprika

1. Cook spaghetti according to package instructions
2. In a large saucepan sauté onion and garlic in margarine until tender
- 3 combine cornstarch and broth until smooth & stir into the onion mixture. Bring to a boil cook and stir for about 2 min or until thickened. Reduce heat to low. Add the milk (and sherry) Cook and stir for 2_3 min
4. Stir in the cooked spaghetti, turkey, mushrooms and pepper
5. Transfer to an 8-inch baking dish coated with cooking spray Cover and bake for 20 min
Uncover and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and paprika
Bake 5 -10 min longer

Yield 6 servings	Saturated fat 1 g
Nutrition per serving	Cholesterol 30 mg
Calories 300	Sodium 300 mg
fat 4 g	Carbohydrate 40 g

IMPORTANT BREAKING NEWS!

China will no longer publish a phone directory due to chaos. There are so many Wing's and Wong's in THE DIRECTORY, people were always wingin wong numbers. I felt you needed to know this.

Number One Idiot of 2008

I am a medical student currently doing a rotation in toxicology at the poison control center. Today, this woman called in very upset because she caught her little daughter eating ants. I quickly reassured her that the ants are not harmful and there would be no need to bring her daughter into the hospital. She calmed down and at the end of the conversation happened to mention that she gave her daughter some ant poison to eat in order to kill the ants. I told her that she better bring her daughter in to the emergency room right away.

Duh! Here's your "Idiot" sign, lady. Wear it with pride!

Can Google Lead ANYONE To My Front Door?

Question: I've heard that Google recently implemented a feature that enables anyone to type a phone number into the search bar and be able to see the corresponding address and view a map that shows where that home is located. I'm concerned that this could pose a safety risk for me and my family. Is there anything I can do?

Answer: Google did recently implement the feature you've described and it also provides a link that will give directions to the address. While this feature can certainly be convenient for your legitimate visitors, it could also lead strangers to your front door and create security issues.

We encourage you to take a moment now to look up your own phone number and find out if it is mapped:

1. Go to <http://www.google.com>.
2. Type your phone number (including area code) in the search bar.
3. Press the "enter/return" key or click your cursor arrow on "Google Search."
4. If your address information appears, click on "Map" located to the right of the address information.
5. To remove your name from the Google phonebook, click your cursor arrow on your phone number, and click on "Request to have your name removed from this list." Complete the form and click on "Submit Form." Your removal request will be processed in approximately 48 hours.

If you have an unlisted number or cell phone as a primary contact, this Google map issue will not apply to you.



A tough old cowboy from South Texas counseled his grandson that if he wanted to live a long life, the secret was to sprinkle a pinch of gun powder on his oatmeal every morning.

The grandson did this religiously to the age of 103 when he died.

He left behind 14 children, 30 grandchildren, 45 great grand children, 25 great-great-grandchildren, and a 15-foot hole where the crematorium used to be.



From the Office of the President

Another year 2008 has gone and another year 2009 has come. It is just like wedding anniversaries on December 30 of 2008. Cheryle and I celebrated our 19th year together. Cheryle and her dad asked me how did I put up with her all of these years and it is because of the love that I have for her.

Since this is a new year, let us discuss the different ways to get our membership to grow and people back interested in the computer. Even though almost every person has access to a computer we need to spark new interest and ideas for people to get interest in. Like from editing programs, writing programs, using programs to help them to perform many different forms of tasks. I know a lot of us sometimes use it for the Internet, games, letter writing and many different tasks. Even we will also do work at home or business on your computer.

Hope to see all of you at the January 20, 2009 meeting.

--William

To BCC or Not BCC... That is the question

Getting cards and photos from friends via e-mail attachments can be great fun. What's not so great is when people send a card to you but then "cc:" (carbon copy) one hundred of their other friends on the same message. You see everyone else's e-mail address and they see yours. This may not be so bad unless the e-mail gets forwarded to a spammer who then adds your e-mail address to his spamming list and/or sells it to other spammers.

The correct method of sending a holiday greeting card via e-mail to your friends and family is to use the "bcc:" (blind carbon copy) feature. It's found on all commonly used e-mail software programs. This function hides the e-mail addresses of all recipients of your greeting — which will give them more to be jolly about!

Sending BCC: Messages in Thunderbird 1.07 When Using Mac OS X or Windows XP

1. Click your cursor arrow on the "Write" button.
2. If the "Contacts" pane is not visible on the left hand side of the new e-mail, click on the "Contacts" button and it will appear.
3. Select the contacts in the list by either double clicking on the individual contacts or by control clicking on them and then using the "Add to To:" button.
4. However, you don't want those addresses in the "To:" field; you want them in the "Bcc:" field. You'll notice a small downward pointing arrow button on the left side of the "To:" field. If you click on it, you'll see other header options including the "Bcc:" option. Click on "Bcc:" to select it from the drop-down menu. Do this for all of the contacts you want in the "Bcc:" field.
5. Now, compose your e-mail, give it a subject, and hit the "Send" button.

Sending BCC: Messages in Netscape 7.2 When Using Windows XP or Mac OS X

1. Open Netscape 7.2 and go to the "Window" menu. Drop down to "Mail & Newsgroups" to go to the e-mail client.
2. Click your cursor arrow on the "Compose" button to create a new e-mail message.
3. Click on the "Address" button. The "Select Addresses" dialog box will appear.
4. Click on the addresses to which you want to send the e-mail in the address book pane on the left hand side of the window and click on the "Bcc:" button. The addresses that you selected will move over to the "Address message to:" pane.
5. Click "OK."
6. Now compose your e-mail message, give it a subject, and hit the "Send" button.

Sending BCC: Messages in Mail.app When Using Mac OS X

1. Click your cursor arrow on the "New" button to create a new e-mail message.
2. To see the "Bcc:" field, go to the "View" menu at the top of your screen and drop down to "Bcc Header." The "Bcc:" field will now appear highlighted with a flashing cursor.
3. Click on the "Address" button and the "Addresses" window will appear.
4. Double click on the contact entries to add them to the "Bcc:" field.
5. Close the Address book window.
6. Compose the rest of your e-mail message, give it a subject, and then hit "send."

NOTE: You don't have to put anything in the "To:" field of the e-mail using these programs. However, if you don't, some spam filters may block the e-mail or send it into the recipient's spam folder. To solve this dilemma, put your own e-mail address into the "To:" field. It's already in the message's header as the sender so it's no secret anyway and you'll get a copy of the message that you're sending.