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## Speech Recognition Software

How many times in the past have you sat at your computer and actually verbally spoken to it? I think if the truth were known, we would all admit having done that at times - especially when the computer was not doing what we wanted it to! (*Of course, some of those remarks might not be appropriate for publication.*) Wouldn't it be nice though, to occasionally take a break from pounding the keyboard and have the computer actually DO what you told it to, on its own?

Over the years I have purchased and used two programs: IBM's "Via Voice" and Dragon's "Simply Speaking", (both quite expensive), but over time it didn't take long for me to become dissolusioned with how accurate they were **NOT!**

At the **March 17th meeting** I will demonstrate a program that, (of the now three I've used), is the most accurate to date. Not saying it's perfect; far from it, but I've had much better luck with this one, which I will introduce you to. Hope you're planning to attend this meeting, and remain for the demo. It gets sort of lonely up there when doing a demo if a great majority of you 'disappear' at demo time. Not exactly an 'ego booster':o) Hope to see you then.

Demo by Joe Cavallaro



## Let's Add More Members!



Want more members in our club? I do, and I hope you do too. It's obvious they are not knocking the door down to join our group, so what are we to do? It's going to take a little 'resolve' on the part of each member. Just think; if each one of us was responsible for adding just one new member this year, we could begin 2010 with our numbers at or above 30. Impossible, you say? I disagree.

We each visit doctor's offices, hospitals, church, restaurants, clothing or department stores, pharmacies, Socials, other clubs and a variety of other businesses or places where there are people. TALK to them! Let them know we're around and that we welcome them. Don't overlook your own family either. Sometimes all it takes is to simply issue an invitation and tell them a little about our group. So many folks seem intimidated at first, thinking they're going to be surrounded by a bunch of 'brains'. *Far from it:o)* We're just simple computer users who like to get together and have fun while we discuss computer or software experiences or problems and sometimes we even stray into discussing different interests we've run into because of or while using our computer. Promote our group, explaining we have demos on various topics, picnics, parties, drawings at each meeting and that we may even be able to help them become more familiar with using their computer. Why not make it a belated New Year resolution that you'll keep, to add just one new member this year? (And earn a year's FREE dues for yourself in the process!) **More people -- More fun!**





# Minutes of February 17 Meeting



**Dee Hindman**  
**Secretary**

### The meeting opened at 7:27 P.M.

Bill Pennington won the first drawing and split \$16.00 with the treasury. There were 14 members present. Sorry to learn we were losing members David Ladd and Fred Bartram.

Dee and Mary Alice read the minutes and treasury report. Both were accepted as read.

Bill Pennington offered the evening's demo, showing "Calc" from the free software, **OPEN OFFICE**. Calc is very similar to Microsoft Office Excel.

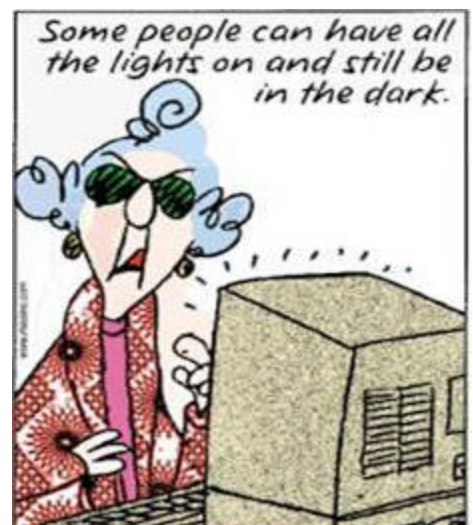
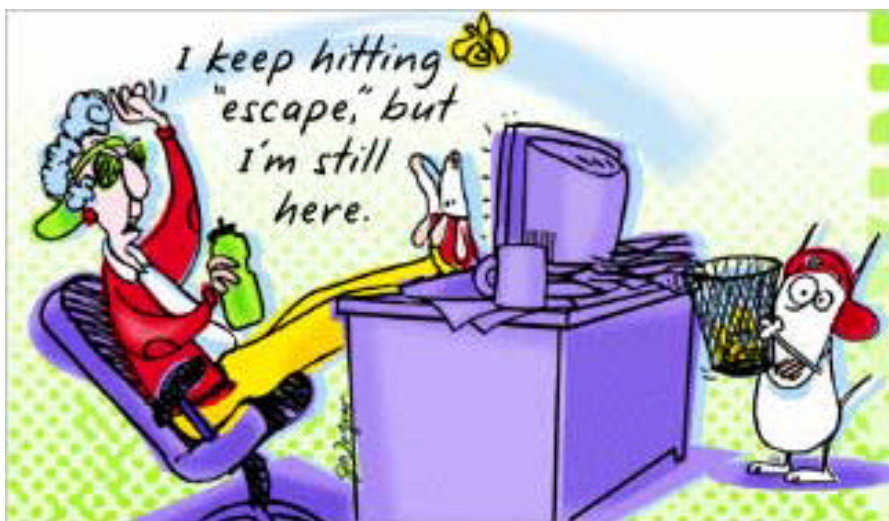
Tammy Cooper donated a brand new MP3 player and Joe offered to hold a 'mini-auction' for the members. It sold to Ann Mailander for \$18.00 which all went into our treasury. **Thanks Tammy! Nice gesture.**

Joe volunteered to do the demo for the March 17th meeting, demonstrating a "**Speech Recognition**", program which is the process by which you speak to the computer and it responds, following your command. Sounds very interesting.

It was suggested we need to come up with ideas to increase our membership. Our group continues getting smaller. Any ideas?

The "Stick-Around" drawing was won by Pat Cumpston, but she and Dean didn't 'stick-around', so it will be TWO gold dollars for the winner of the March Stick-Around drawing. **(IF that winner 'sticks-around'!)** Hope Mary Cavallaro gets to feeling better. Esther Eddi was also still not well enough to attend. Get well gals!

....Submitted by Dee Hindman, Secretary



Also.....Who's bright idea was it to go to START in order to STOP using your computer?



# From Jessie's Kitchen

Heart Healthy Recipe

## CHEESY SPINACH AND ARTICHOKE DIP



Jessie Brant

- 14 oz. Can artichoke hearts, drained and finely chopped
- 10 oz. Frozen chopped spinach, thawed, drained
- ¼ c grated Parmesan cheese
- ¼ c fat free mayonnaise
- ½ c fat free (or 2%) shredded mozzarella cheese
- ½ tsp. Garlic powder

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees
2. Mix all ingredients, spoon into a 9 inch quiche dish or pie plate
3. Bake 20 minutes or until heated through
4. Serve with reduced fat crackers or veggies

Yield: 14 servings (1/4 cup each)  
 Nutrition per serving:  
 Calories: 60  
 Fat: 2 g.  
 Saturated fat: 0.5 g.  
 Cholesterol: 0 mg.  
 Carbohydrate: 4 g.  
 Sodium: 300 mg.  
 Fiber: 0.5 g.



# From the Office of the President

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### Greetings: To all M.A.P.C.C. members and guests!

I would like each of you to invite your friends and acquaintances to our meetings. Our members have many interests other than computer, such as airplanes, coin collecting, photography, cooking, sewing, etc. Since we have all these interests we should not have any problem finding something for a demo each month. I would like to impress upon each one of you that we all have something to share. During the next meeting we will discuss what you would like to see or share for future demos.

I want to thank each of you for the wonderful time and discussion during the last meeting; I hope that you enjoyed it much as I did. I want to encourage you to invite your friends, family, co-worker or any person who comes out of the blue like in the stores who are looking at computers... invite them to come to our meeting and see what our club has to offer.

When visiting with them, don't hesitate to mention our club's activities. And also tell them we meet at Godfathers on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. for our social hour and at 7:30 p.m. for the business portion of the meeting followed by our demos.

See you all at Godfathers

Your President:

William Pennington