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Tammy Cooper

Minutes of October 20th Meeting



Our Secretary, Dee Hindman was unable to attend this meeting, so Tammy stepped-up to the plate and recorded the minutes for the October meeting. Thanks Tammy!

The meeting opened at 7:03 P.M. with 9 members and one visitor, Art Foley. Vice President, Lynn Fehr presided in Bill's absence and did a terrific job. The Pennington's were unable to attend because Cheryl recently had surgery. She is in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

Tammy read the past minutes and Mary Alice read the Treasury Report. Both approved and accepted as read. We split \$12.00 with visitor, Art Foley. *We're nice to our visitors!* Six for Art and six for our Treasury.

Both Roland Lynch and the Fehr's checked into possible locations to rent for our Christmas Party. The members commissioned Mary Alice to see if we can obtain the 'New Horizons' Church Hall on Valley View for either Saturday or Sunday, December 5th or 6th. As the Fehr's friends, we may be able to rent it for \$50.00. Mary Alice was to inform the members of her findings by mass E-mail.

Several discussions took place including transferring data to DVD's for backup purposes, the new HP Web Printing Program and also Google's Chrome Browser.

We approved unanimously, a multiple drawing to be held at the Christmas Party of TEN, \$10.00 cash gifts for a donation of \$1.00 per ticket or SIX tickets for \$5.00. The business portion of the meeting closed at 7:45.

For the Demo, we viewed two movie/slideshows created by Joe: (1) A Timeline History of Henry Doorly Zoo, and (2) The Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge.

Larry Puls, showing his slideshow of **WW 1 Model Aviation**, will offer the November 17th Demo. The

meeting closed at 8:30.
"You must do something" will always solve more problems than "Something must be done."

Google's FREE Operating System

Next year, Web giant Google Inc. will introduce its first operating system, **Chrome OS**. Because it will be a so-called 'cloud computing system' — with many of its operations living on the Internet — it's already hyped to be extremely fast, with the ability to constantly evolve.

Like Windows, Chrome OS will work on PCs. But unlike Windows, it will be free.

At first, Chrome OS will be just for the small laptops known as netbooks. But if it is successful and is expanded to full-size laptops and desktop computers, it could be a formidable challenger.

WINDOWS 7 COMPETING

Which is perhaps why, although there is nothing revolutionary about Windows 7, Microsoft has striven mightily — and in some ways successfully — to at least catch up with and foresee the competition when it comes to user friendliness.

A prime example is its computer search function, which is frustratingly slow on Vista and previous Microsoft operating systems.

The new search on Windows 7 is a tremendous improvement in that it can almost instantly find a word or phrase anywhere on the computer, whether in documents, e-mails or even the names of photos and songs.

But outside of Microsoft, that kind of search is nothing new. Google Desktop gave PC users the ability to do it starting in 2004. And Apple made lightning-fast search part of its operating system in 2005. Finally, and perhaps not coincidentally, Windows has gotten up to speed.

Microsoft is also looking forward by updating its enhancements for tablet computers that use touch

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From Jessie's Kitchen

"SPAGHETTI SQUASH" WITH FRESH TOMATO SAUCE

- 1 small spaghetti squash about 2 lbs
- 1 pound tomatoes about 4 large
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 c finely chopped onion
- 2 tbsp minced garlic
- pinch of dried red pepper flakes
- 1/4 tsp salt (optional)
- 1/2 tsp dried basil
- 1/2 tsp dried oregano
- frreshly ground black pepper



Jessie 'Mom' Brant

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Pierce squash in 6 - 8 places with a thin knife. Bake squash on a pice of foil in oven until it yields slightly when firmly pressed (about 50 —60 minutes)
2. Meanwhile peel tomatoes (BLANCHING THEM FIRST helps) Halve, seed and dice tomatoes
3. Heat oil in medium skillet over medium high heat and add onion. Saute until translucent about 4 minutes. Mix in garlic and cook another 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Add tomatoes, red pepper flakes, salt and herbs. Cook stirring until tomatoes are tender but still hold their shape, about 5 minutes. Season with pepper to taste.
4. Halve the baked squash horizontally, scrape out and discard the seeds. Using a fork scrape out the squash in strands like spaghetti. Divide four cups of the squash into bowls. Spoon 1/4 of sauce over the squash in each bowl and serve hot.

yield 4 servings
nutrition analysis per serving
calories 140
fat 5 g.
saturated fat 1 g.
carbohydrate 25 g.
fiber 6 g.
sodium 225 mg.



Ask The Help Desk

What Does The 'S' In https Stand For?



Question: I've noticed that some website addresses begin with "http" and others with "https." What does that "s" stand for and does it mean anything to me as a user?

Answer: The acronym HTTPS stands for HyperText Transfer Protocol Secure. The word "secure" refers to the fact that HTTPS uses a secure socket layer (SSL) for security purposes when transferring data. Some examples of sites that use HTTPS include banking and investment websites, e-commerce websites, and most websites that require you to log in.

Websites that use the standard HTTP protocol transmit and receive data in an unsecured manner. This means it's possible for someone to eavesdrop on the data being transferred between the user and the Web server. By contrast, secure websites use the HTTPS protocol to encrypt the data being sent back and forth with SSL encryption. If someone were to capture the data being transferred via HTTPS, it would be unrecognizable.

Quick Tweaks for Windows XP

1. Disable the annoying search helper.

The Fix:Click “Start”. Click “Search”. Click “Change Preferences”. Click “Without animated character”.

2. Resize the Recycle Bin. Why:The default setting wastes too much hard drive space.



The Fix:Right-click on “Recycle Bin”. Click “Properties”. Move the “Maximize size of Recycle Bin” slider from the default (of 10%) down to 1 or 2%. Click “OK”.

3. Resize the System Restore. Why:The default setting wastes too much hard drive space.

The Fix:Right-click on “My Computer”. Click “Properties”. Select “System Restore” tab, then select the drive (C) and then “Settings”. Move the “Disk Space to use” slider so than System Restore only uses 500MB to 750MB of hard drive space. Click “OK”.

4. Show filename extensions and hidden files. Why? It’s nice to know what’s on your computer.

The Fix:Open any folder on your hard drive. Click “Tools”. Select “Folder Options”. Select the “View” tab. Look in “Advanced Settings” and uncheck “Hide extensions for known file types” and check “Show hidden files and folders”. Click on “Apply to All Folders” button. Choose “Yes”. Click “OK”. **Reboot.**

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Windows 7 Is Here!

The new version of Windows has made its appearance. I usually wait a couple of months to a year before I try the new version because of the bugs that are still in the newer versions of Windows. If you are like me, the majority of us started with Radio Shacks Color Computers to Dos machines then to Windows 3.1; 95, 98, Windows XP, and Windows Vista, and now it’s Windows 7.

One thing of windows 7 that looked very interesting from the commercials I’ve seen is the touch screen to help make it easier to navigate. It’s also a help toward the different kinds of machine that will handle windows 7.

Sorry for missing the meeting last month Cheryle was under the weather and I was not feeling that great either. I hope to see you all at the next meeting.

...Wm. Pennington, President

MALE OR FEMALE?

If you're like most people, common everyday items look inert to you but what you may not know is that many of them have a gender.

For example:

1. **Ziploc Bags** — Male, because they hold everything in, but you can see right through them.
2. **Copier** — Female, because once turned off, it takes a while to warm up. It's an effective reproductive device if the right buttons are pushed, but can wreak havoc if the wrong buttons are pushed.
3. **Tire** — Male, because it goes bald and it's often over inflated.
4. **Sponges** — Female, because they're soft and squeezable and retain water.
5. **Hot Air Balloon** — Male, because to get it to go anywhere you have to light a fire under it . . . and, of course, there's the hot air part.
6. **Web Page** — Female, because it's always getting hit on.
7. **Subway** — Male, because it uses the same old lines to pick people up.
8. **Hourglass** — Female, because over time, the weight shifts to the bottom.
9. **Hammer** — Male, because it hasn't evolved much over the last 5,000 years, but it's handy to have around.
10. **Remote Control** — Female . Ha! You thought it'd be male. But consider — it gives a man pleasure, he'd be lost without it, and while he doesn't always know the right buttons to push, he keeps trying.

If there is something to gain and nothing to lose by asking, then by all means ask.

-- W. Clement Stone

SMILE TIME



What lies at the bottom of the ocean and twitches?
A nervous wreck.

What's the difference between roast beef and pea soup? **Anyone can roast beef.**

FREE GOOGLE O.S.

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screens. Indeed, the company says that on the day Windows 7 officially debuts — Oct. 22 — several manufacturers with which it works will introduce PC-based tablet computers.

That's a proactive move to head off Apple, whose long-rumored tablet is reportedly in development for introduction early next year.

Microsoft has already made copies of Windows 7 available to the press, which is a sign of either hubris or confidence.

Luckily for the software giant, a preliminary look at the operating system hints mostly at the latter.

Windows 7 has a look that resembles Vista, which is to say ugly. But early testing by me and a couple of colleagues found the new operating system to be faster and less troublesome than its predecessor.

It's also not nearly as bulky. The standard version of Windows 7, unlike Vista, will run on netbook computers.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-windows4-2009oct04,0,6051119.story>

The 2009 Summer Picnic and Auction!



Our "Action Auctions" are always a fun event. This year was no exception. Even with a smaller crowd, we all enjoyed the food and auction activities and many went home with some real bargains!



"If it was good enough to sell in the auction a year ago, it ought to be good enough again this year!" shouts Joe, as he offers this Macrame plant hanger.



Going Once, Going Twice..

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"What am I bid?" shouts Lynn, as he conducts a sale to anxious bidders.

Our Vice President, Lynn Fehr unselfishly volunteered to help with the auction process on September 27th at Haworth Park, Belevue.



Hard working Dee Hindman and Cheryl and Wm. Penningtin take a well deserved break to pose for photographer, Tammy Cooper, who was kind enough to shoot all these pictures for us. Thanks Tam!

\$ AUCTION RESULTS \$
\$213.50
Not bad, considering the small group we had.



No, Dee is not Hitch-Hiking! She's just taking a relaxing break from all the activity. Delicious sloppy-joe's Dee. Thank you for all you do!