



JULY 2014 Newsletter

Glendora Seniors Computer Club

A Friendly Seniors Group Serving All Computer Skill Levels

General Meetings: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month at 1:00 p.m.

Board Meetings 2nd Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m.

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Happy Birthday USA
July 4th 1776

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES June 11, 2014

President Barbara Denny welcomed 26 members and one guest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Next Meeting Wednesday June 25th will be our annual 4th of July Pot Luck.
- 2) Our Newsletter Editor, Dan Leddy, has moved to Oregon and we are in need of an editor for the Club Newsletter.
- 3) Tomorrow, Thursday, June 12th 9-Noon is Computer Guys; this past Tuesday there were nine Windows updates.

Program

Member Dennis Hoidahl presented a demonstration of Linux a free and open source software collaboration and an alternate OS for XP. Ubuntu is the distributor he uses and demonstrated typical applications.

President Denny thanked Ruthann and new member Helena Masaryk for today's cookies.
Next meeting July 25, 2014. Pot Luck.

PROGRAMS BY: Program Chair:
Annemarie Hunt
(All programs subject to change)

July 9th

GOOGLE EARTH
by Jim Glass

July 23rd

SKYPE (tentative)
by Bill Belcher

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Q&A: Ell Fullmer asked that questions be submitted in writing at the beginning of the meeting and answered questions on the following topics:

- 1) The best freebee Downloads
- 2) Gismos.com
- 3) MajorGeeks.com
- 4) CCleaner

Other - The 50/50 Drawing was won by **Helga Djordjevic**.

Next meeting Wednesday June 25th; Annual 4th of July Pot Luck.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Submitted by:

Secretary Ruthann Mayrose

Approved By:

President **Barbara Denny**

GSCC General Meeting Minutes June 25, 2014

President Barbara Denny welcomed 16 members who enjoyed a wonderful Pot Luck with Patriotic Decorations for our 4th of July Celebration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Next Meeting Wednesday July 9th.
Computer Guys, Thursday July 10th

No formal meeting conducted.

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Sixteen members enjoyed the beautiful decorations, good food and good company today.

Dale Huston, Luis Martinez, Jim Foote, Jeannine Foote, Barbara Denny, Wayne Gue, Rita Norkin, Barbara Klein, Ernie Gagne, Rick Wong, Helga Djordjevic, Helena Masaryk, Michael Dacker, Karol Ward, and Ruthann Mayrose.

Submitted by:

Secretary Ruthann Mayrose

Approved By:

President Barbara Denny



Show this to your friends, children and/or grandchildren!

The year is 1910, over one hundred years ago. What a difference a century makes!

Here are some statistics for the Year 1910:

The average **life** expectancy for men was 47 years.

Fuel for this car was sold in drug stores only. Only 14 percent of the homes had a **bathtub**. Only 8 percent of the homes had a **telephone**.

There were only 8,000 **cars** and only 144 miles of paved **roads**.

The maximum **speed limit** in most cities was 10 mph.

The **tallest** structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!

The average US **wage** in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.

The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a **dentist** \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all **births** took place at HOME.

Ninety percent of all **Doctors** had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!

Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in

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APCUG SUBMITTED ARTICLES
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Windows 7 Live

By Dick Maybach, Member, Brookdale Computer Users' Group, NJ

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Over the years, Microsoft has named several offerings "Windows Live," and the name again returned with Windows 7. However, much of it is available as a no-cost download, rather than being bundled with the installation DVD. To confuse matters further, some PCs are delivered with all or a portion of it installed. Despite this rather off-hand treatment of it, Windows Live can be a valuable addition, one that you may use every day. In this article, I hope to introduce you to what it can offer, but like any complex service, making effective use of it will probably require some study.

Unfortunately, because the service is changing, most of the books and Internet articles on it are out of date. They can be helpful, but you must read with care.

The programs available in a package called Windows Live Essentials and include:

- *Mail* – an e-mail client that replaces Vista's *Windows Mail* and *Outlook Express* from earlier versions,
- *Photo Gallery* – a much improved version of Vista's Photo Gallery, that lets you edit, organize, and publish your pictures,
- *Movie Maker* – provides similar capabilities for movies,
- *Messenger* – a descendant of MSN Messenger that provides access to instant messaging, chat, and social media networks such as Facebook,
- *Family Safety* – allows parents to limit their children's Internet access, and
- *Writer* – lets you create and manage blogs.

The cloud services, which become available when you sign up for a *Windows Live* ac-

count, are:

- *Sky Drive* – which provides a generous seven Gbytes of storage without charge, for your own use or to share with others and
- *Wordpress* – which is a blogging host that replaces Spaces, a similar service earlier provided by Microsoft.

Two other Microsoft services, *Skype* video conferencing and *Hotmail*, are related to these, but so far offered separately, although both can easily be accessed while using Messenger.

You can download the programs from <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows7/products/features/windows-essentials>. Note on the screen-shot below that you can download the individual programs or everything at once.

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Links from “Whats” App, Doc? Wednesdays presentation

Apple Store: www.store.apple.com/

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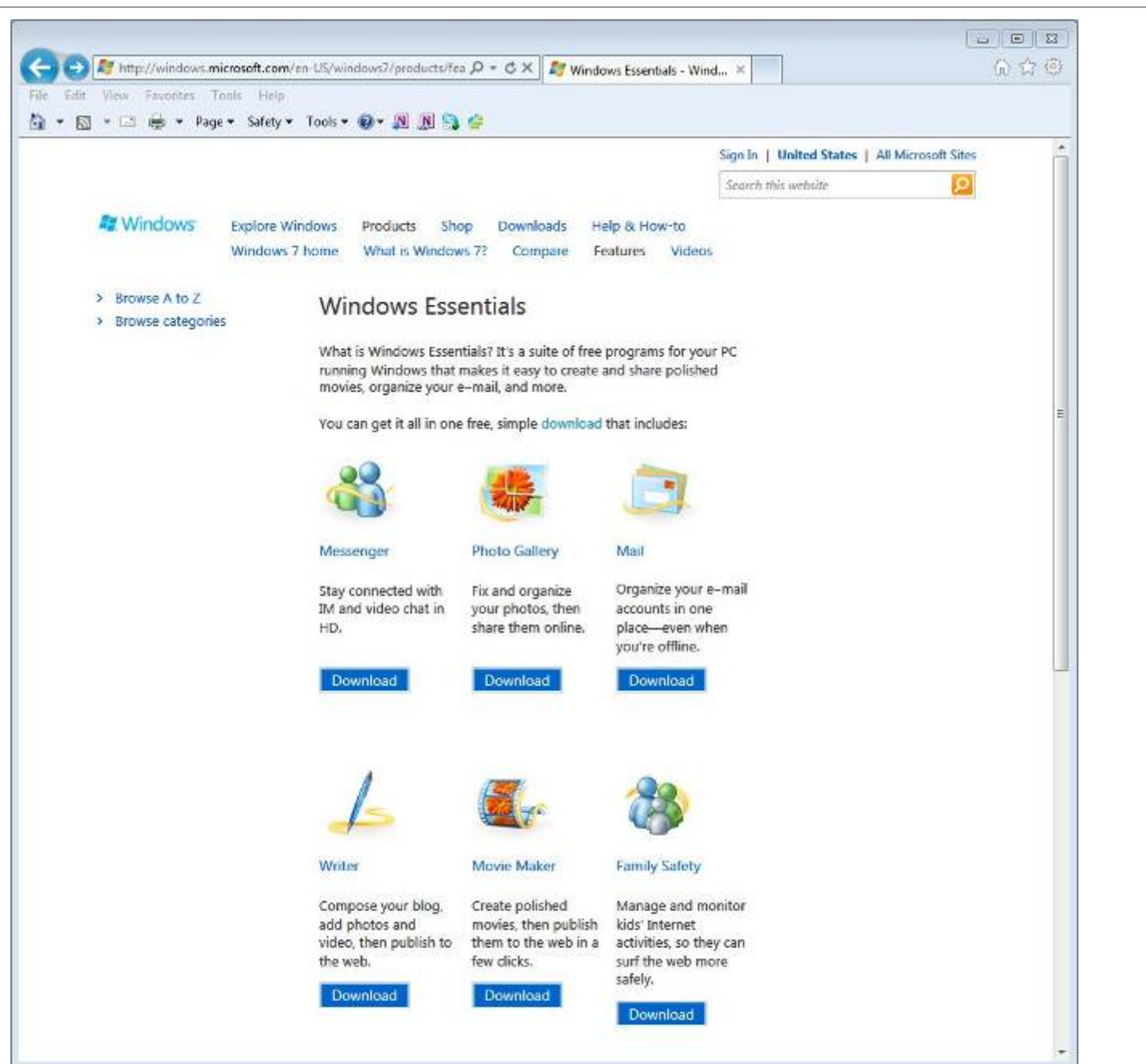
DotTech:<http://dottech.org/22300/best-free-android-apps/>

Gizmos: <http://www.techsupportalert.com/mobile-apps/android>

MakeUseOf: www.makeuseof.com/pages/best-android-apps

Tips,etc: www.makeuseof.com/service/google-android

S Suggest: <http://preview.tinyurl.com/d5bfa3a> (An app itself to download from google play.



You probably already have a Windows Live account. If not, or to make changes, go to <https://account.live.com>.

Set up *SkyDrive* by tapping the Windows key, typing “sky”, and selecting Microsoft SkyDrive. Follow the instructions and you will find the new directory SkyDrive in your home folder. Anything you place in it will be available to your other PCs that also have SkyDrive installed. You may see references to Mesh in some documentation, a service that allowed you to synchronize folders among PCs, but this was discontinued in the 2012 version of Essentials. Instead, just place any folders to be synchronized in

your SkyDrive folder. However, if your PC came with Essentials installed, you may find Mesh in it. The first time you run SkyDrive on a PC, it will take you to the Microsoft Live Web page (<https://account.live.com>), where you will log into your account. After this, running SkyDrive will just open the Directory, and you will have to go to the SkyDrive Web page (<https://skydrive.live.com/>) to make changes in your account. Note that the files in the SkyDrive directory reside on every PC, as well as in the cloud. If you aren't connected to the Internet, you still can access them, but they won't be synchronized until you connect. To share files and directories with others, go to the SkyDrive Web page, right-click on the file or directory, select *Share*, and enter an e-mail address. You will be led through composing an e-mail message to them that will include a link to the item or items to be shared. By default, the *Recipients can edit* option is selected, which allows those recipients who have a Microsoft account to be able to sign in and edit the file or folder. If you are just sharing photos, you probably should disable this option. A second option requires your recipients to sign in with a Microsoft account before they can view the file or folder. This helps prevent your recipients from giving third parties access to your files or folders by forwarding the link to them. The choice in selecting this option depends on trade-offs among privacy, trust, and how much bother you want to impose of your recipients.

Start *Messenger* by tapping the *Windows* key, typing “mes”, and select *Windows Live Messenger*. It provides access to social networks such as Facebook and LinkedIn and provides for the exchange of instant messages. To make it useful you must provide the login information for your social networks and enter the contact information of those with whom you want to communicate. There is a trick to using Messenger – the menu bar is hidden by default; tap the *Alt* key to make it visible.

Start *Mail* by tapping the *Windows* key, typing “mail”, and selecting *Windows Live Mail*. This client program can provide access to any e-mail provider that allows POP access. (Most do.) I find it much more convenient than logging in to each account separately with a browser, since the messages from all your accounts show up in a single *Live Mail* window.

Windows Live Writer is a blog editor that works with many blog services. If you don't already have a blog account, the program will lead you through the steps to create one on *Wordpress*. Then, just start *Writer* and begin composing.

Windows Live Family Safety lets you protect your family by controlling Internet access and computer use. It allows you to block Websites, manage contact lists, limit computer time, and get reports on activity. For it to be effective, each user must have their own account and you must disable the guest account. Properly setting it up will take some time and will probably cause some frustration for your family. An alternate approach is to keep your PC in an area of the house where you can see the screen.

I discussed *Photo Gallery* and (very briefly) *Movie Maker* in my December 2012 BCUG Bytes article, available at <http://www.bcug.com>.

The functions of these programs aren't unique, as there are many alternatives. The Windows Live Essentials programs advantages are that they are free, easy to use, and are updated along with your other Microsoft software. A big plus is that Microsoft provides seven Gbytes of free cloud storage, a larger amount than the two to five Gbytes available with most other free services. A big disadvantage is their poor documentation. You will probably have to do some experimenting and perhaps some Web searches to make good use of them, especially since much of the available material describes earlier versions with different features.

Interesting Internet Finds – December 2013

Steve Costello, President / Editor, Boca Raton Computer Society, Florida

December 2013 issue, Boca Bits

<http://ctublog.sefcug.com/>

Editor (at) brcs.org

In the course of going through the more than 200 RSS feeds, I often run across things that I think might be of interest to other user group members.

The following are some items I found interesting during the month of December 2013.

Tell Your Relatives: No, Microsoft Won't Call You About Your Computer

There has been a rash of telephone calls from scammers claiming to be from Microsoft. Read this post so you can recognize the problem, and let family members who might not be so tech savvy know about it.

<http://www.howtogeek.com/176605/tell-your-relatives-no-microsoft-wont-call-you-about-your-computer/>

7 business card apps for smartphones: Scan 'em and store 'em

This post from Computerworld talks about some apps to scan and store business cards on your smartphone. I use the Evernote app myself, instead of a separate app just for business cards, but this might be useful for others. If you don't use something to keep track of them, you can never find the proper business card when you look for it later.

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9244134/7_business_card_apps_for_smartphones_Scan_em_and_store_em?pageNumber=1

So You Got a New Android Phone: Here's All You Need To Know

Some of you may have gotten a new Android phone over the holidays. MakeUseOf gives you all you need to know to get started with it in this post.

<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/so-you-got-a-new-android-phone-heres-all-you-need-to-know/>

How to Fix Android's Biggest Annoyances: 2013 Edition

Lifehacker addresses Android annoyances and how to fix them in this post, and others linked to it for specific annoyances. A lot of useful information for Android users here.

<http://lifelife.com/how-to-fix-androids-biggest-annoyances-2013-edition-1488535064>

Get Free TV With Hulu? Thinking of cutting the cord from your cable company? Bob Rankin explores using Hulu to do so.

http://askbobrankin.com/get_free_tv_with_hulu.html

Sandboxie Review

I have been using Sandboxie (the free version) for years now. Check out this recent review to see if this might be helpful for you.

<http://www.ghacks.net/2013/12/11/sandboxie-review/>

Most Fridays, more interesting finds will be posted on the Computers, Technology, and User Groups Blog:

<http://ctublog.sefcug.com/tag/interesting-internet-finds/>

The posts are under Creative Commons licensing.



www.MrModem.com

Restart Print Spooler

Q. When I try to print certain photos, I get an error message that tells me that Windows cannot connect with my printer and that I need to restart the spooler. What the heck is a spooler and how do I restart it?

A. Spooler alert! A print spooler is software that temporarily stores print jobs on your computer's hard drive or in memory (RAM) until the printer is ready to print them. Think of it as a print queue. The way a print spooler is typically restarted is to restart the computer. That clears the queue and resets it.

To manually restart the spooler, be sure you are logged into your Administrator account in Windows, then go to your Control Panel and click System and Maintenance, then click Administrative Tools.

Next, double-click Services. If you are prompted for an Administrator password or confirmation, type the password or provide confirmation. Right-click the Print Spooler service, then click Properties. On the General tab, next to Startup Type, make sure that Automatic is selected.

If the service is not already running, under Service status, click Start, then click OK. If you are prompted for an Administrator password or confirmation yet again (enough is enough!), type the password or provide confirmation.

It is certainly possible that the problem you are experiencing has to do with the source files (photos) and not your computer/printer and if that's the case, that would be beyond your control. If your printer works fine for just about everything other than a few specific photos,

chances are it's the photo files that are the culprit.

Q. I had Hotmail which then changed into Outlook.com and in the process, all my Contacts were lost. I called Microsoft but they have done absolutely nothing to help me. Is there any way I can get my Contacts back?

A. Gosh, Microsoft wasn't responsive to your phone calls? How unusual. I sure miss the old days, back when I had Bill Gates on speed dial. He would answer the phone and I'd say, "Is Ali Gator there?" Oh, how we would laugh. But I digress...

I can't promise the following will work, but it has worked for some individuals who had a similar unpleasant experience: First, log into your Outlook.com account and click the drop-down arrow next to Outlook in the upper left-hand corner. You will see options to Choose Outlook.com, People, Calendar or OneDrive. Select People.

Click the drop-down arrow next to Manage at the top of the page and select Restore Deleted Contacts. If there are deleted contacts that Outlook can restore, you can restore all of them or select individual contacts. After making your selection, choose Restore. If the cybergods are smiling upon you, your selected contact(s) should reappear in your Contact list.

Q. A few months ago I changed my Start menu in Windows XP to display the Classic Windows Start menu. I now want to change it back to the default but I can't remember how I changed it in the first place. Can you point me in the right direction?

A. Right-click the Start button and select Properties. That will display the Taskbar and Start Menu Properties screen. Select the Start Menu tab where you can then choose between the XP-style Start menu or the Classic Start menu, as well as a button to make additional customized changes, if you wish. I prefer the Classic Start menu, but try them both and use whichever one tickles your digital fancy.

Mr. Modem's DME (Don't Miss 'Em) Sites of the Month

I Fix It

iFixit is a global community of people helping each other repair things. It is heralded as "The free repair guide for everything, written by everyone." If you enjoy repairing things yourself or if you are willing to share your knowledge, you won't want to miss this site. The Guides sec-

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tion has its own featured items and categories of different things you can find repair guides for, such as iPhone and iPad repair, gaming device repair, cars, trucks, phone repair, cameras, household items, appliances and electronics to name just a few. I checked, and parking tickets are not among the items the site's contributors will fix. Pity.

www.ifixit.com

Perils at the Great Falls

When you arrive at the site you will notice the river water is flowing and there are markers floating like buoys. Click each marker to view an interesting, educational river fact. After you have examined all the markers, you can scroll down and read the article. As you read you will encounter photos of the river with even more markers offering additional information.

<http://tinyurl.com/MrM-FallsPerils>

YouTubeTime

If you would like a YouTube video to start playing at a precise point in the video, this site will allow you to type in the time, then create a URL for that designated starting point.

<http://youtubetime.com/>

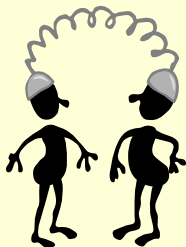
Use Promo Code MODEM when entering your six-month subscription to Mr. Modem's award-winning weekly computer-help newsletter and receive one month for free! Visit www.MrModem.com.

The Computer Guys, , *Ell Fullmer*, and *Jim Glass* will be meeting on the

SECOND Thursday of the month:

July 10th

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon — Second Floor — La Fetra Center



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the press AND the government as 'substandard.'

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their **hair** once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

There was no such thing as under arm deodorant or tooth paste.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

The five leading causes of **death** were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American **flag** had 45 stars.

The population of Las Vegas Nevada was only **30!**

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.

There was **no** Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't **read or write** and only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time **servant** or domestic help.

There were about 230 reported **murders** in the ENTIRE U.S.A.!

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Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years.

(Contributed by Club Member Helga Djordjevic)

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION FOR OUR TECH GUYS, *ELL FULLMER* and *JIM GLASS*

Fill Out the Form Below & Bring it to the Meeting

Name: _____

Cptr Operating System Windows 98 ___ Windows XP ___ Windows Vista ___ Windows 7 ___ Mac ___ Other ___

Question: _____

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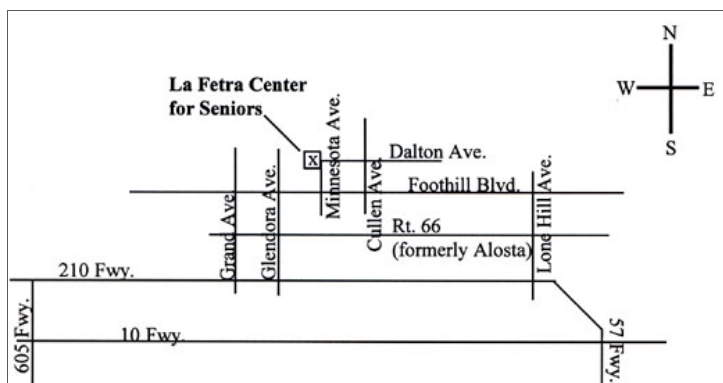
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