



MARCH 2016 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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GLENDORA SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB General Meeting Minutes February 10, 2016

President Annemarie Hunt called the Meeting to order at 1 PM welcomed twenty seven (27) members and four (4) guests – John and Susan Carr, Cindy and Beverly Min.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) A correction to Minutes of January 27: MOTION: **Jim Glass** moved we approve \$1100.00 for the purchase of two new computers; seconded by **Barbara Denny**; Motion carried.
- 2) Please silence your cell phone, new name tags are now available (thanks Helga); please sign-in downstairs (data proving use of the room).
- 3) 2016 Dues are now due & payable \$12.00 for the year.
- 4) APCUG's FREE 2016 Winter Virtual Technology Conference (VTC) will be held on Saturday, February 20, from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Eastern Time. Some Subjects to be covered: Laptops, I

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

March 9th

AVAST, an up- to- date
safety tool
-Bob Gosticha

March 23rd

PayPal, as a secure
shopping source
- Jim Glass

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Cloud, Windows 10. As a member of the GSCC, a member of APCUG, you are eligible to participate in this informative session.

5) Brief discussion of Verizon to AOL move. Google “Verizon to AOL” for information on changes to your email.

6) Computer Guys tomorrow – Thursday, February 11th 9-Noon.

Program:

Program Chair, **Barbara Denny**, presented **Tip, Tricks and “I didn't know that” part 1** “Some Fun Things to Do” including: 1) Changing Icons (Short cuts on the desktop); 2) Snippet – a program for cutting and pasting information; 3) Belarc Advisor - analyzes software, hardware, and OS components, as well as security configurations; 4) a “sticky notes” app for your desktop.

5) SiteAdvisor.com – tracks safety of websites; 6) ABT – stock quotes & News.

Break:

Q & A – Annemarie, Jim Glass, and Ell Fulmer answered questions covering the following: 1) Samsung Galaxy vs. Apple I phones; 2) Verizon stores vs. franchise stores; 3) Wi-Fi and hot spots;

4) Live mail.

Next meetings: February 24, 2016 Tip, Tricks and “I didn't know that” part 2. March 9th Avast, Bob Gostiascha and March 23rd – PayPal/secure shopping, Jim Glass. Thanked Barbara Denny for today’s cookies.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Submitted by:

Secretary Ruthann Mayrose

Approved By:

President Annemarie Hunt

GLENDORA SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB**General Meeting Minutes****February 24, 2016**

President Annemarie Hunt called the Meeting to order at 1:05 PM and welcomed members and guests.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Jim Glass unable to be here today to report on the February 20 APCUG Virtual Technology Conference. Available Online classes include: Information on Genealogy, I Pads, and Windows 10.
- 2) 2016 dues (\$12) for the GSCC are due no later than March 1. Pay Treasurer, Rita Norkin, or mail to GSCC, LaFetra Center, c/o City of Glendora, 116 East Foothill.
- 3) The Annual Southwest Technology Conference for 2016 has been cancelled
- 4) Vice-president, **Connie Lang** gave us an update on the Verizon to AOL email transition. The change affects the Verizonemail.net only.
- 5) **Debbie Dozal**, the Human Services Superintendant at the La Fetra Center introduced us to the Hearing Loop Technology that was installed at the Center recently, which will make it possible for our hearing-impaired members and guests to link to and to hear better when there are presentations and programs. Ms. Dozal explained in detail how this will benefit the people with hearing difficulty at our meetings. Literature on the technology and the available equipment was provided.

Program:

Program Chair, **Barbara Denny** provided information on the following:

- 1) System Restore (Bill Belcher's manifesto)
- 2) Adobe DC - reading PDF docs, signing docs, creating a signature.
- 3) Belarc – program keys (print a copy of your program keys).
- 4) SIW a free program that gives you extensive and detailed info about your computer programs, hardware, program keys and much much more.
- 5) Tip, Tricks and “I didn't know that” part 2 “Some Fun Things to Do”

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Note: Only Members in the Month's attendance will receive an email with notes of this program; they may be shared to encourage growth and attendance.

Thanks, Annemarie for cake today. Barbara Denny is providing cookies for next meeting.

Break:

Q & A – Annemarie, Barbara Denny and Ell Fulmer addressed questions on the following:

- 1) Windows 10 – get it now.
- 2) Burn a restore CD.
- 3) Email accounts (client/server).

Next meetings: March programs --

Wednesday meetings in March. On March 9 "Bob" Gostischa, from the national organization APCUG will present Avast an up to date Internet safety tool. March 23 Jim Glass will share information on PayPal as a secure shopping source

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Submitted by:

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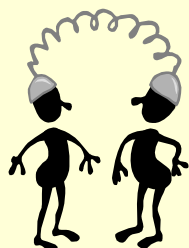
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President Annemarie Hunt

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

SECOND Thursday of the month: , March 10th

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



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APCUG SUBMITTED Articles
Furnished by Judy Taylour, Santa Clarita Computer Club

Useful Bits & Pieces

Lorrin R. Garson, Columnist, Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society, MD

May 2013 issue, PATACS Post

www.patacs.org

newslettercolumnist (at) patacs.org

Open Garden

Open Garden has nothing to do with horticulture. It's a technology that interconnects devices such as smartphones, laptops and tablets to form a wireless peer-to-peer mesh network for access to the Internet. For example, by installing Open Garden on your cell phone and laptop (PC and Mac), your laptop has access to the Internet via your phone when Wi-Fi hot spots are not available. If others have Open Garden installed on their devices you would all share connectivity and bandwidth. It is the digital equivalent of

grazing on the commons. Open Garden provides an "automatic path choice." When the software detects multiple Internet connections, it will select the fastest one available and will switch to another connection if the original slows or goes off line. The advantage is that it can offload traffic from an overburdened access route to one less utilized, say from a 3G or 4G connection to an enabled Wi-Fi__33 connection.

Currently Open Garden is available for Android, Windows, and Macintosh operating systems. An iOS version (for the iPhone) is planned for the future. In principal widespread deployment of this technology could reduce capital expenditures for wireless carriers such as Verizon, AT&T, Sprint, etc. by transferring traffic from their cellular circuits to Wi-Fi__33. However, the carriers might revolt if they perceive they will lose revenue that is not made up by lower capital investments. It is a com-

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plex business situation and no one knows at this time how the cell phone companies will react or if

consumers will adopt Open Garden. For more information see <http://opengarden.com/>,

<http://opengarden.net/> and <http://opengarden.com/story.php>.

Improving PC Performance by Adding Memory

Increasing the amount of memory in your PC is the simplest and least expensive way to improve performance. The procedure is quite simple even for those who are hardware challenged. These instructions pertain to desktop PCs, although adding or changing memory in laptops is similar (see <http://www.wikihow.com/Upgrade-YourLaptop%27s-RAM-Memory>).

1. Determine how much memory is currently in your computer (instructions for Windows 7) by: left-click on Start, right-click on Computer, then left-click on Properties. Under System will be a line "Installed memory (RAM)".
2. Determine how many memory slots are available in your computer. This can be done by consulting your PC owner's manual, opening up your computer for inspection (more on this later), or using one of the tools such as that available from Crucial.com (see below).
3. Determine how much memory you need. This is rather subjective. Many will advise "you can't have too much memory", but 4-8 GB is probably adequate for most people. 12-16 GB or more may be advisable for those doing video or photo editing. For those playing computer games or doing heavy duty processing, the more the better.
4. Determine the correct memory needed for your computer. Again, this information should be available in your PC owner's manual. For example, for the HP Pavilion HPE h8xt the memory specified is SO-DIMM, 204-pin DDR3DIMM, PC3-10600 (1333 MHz) DDR3-SDRAM, Unbuffered, non-EC (64-bit) DIMMs, 1.5 V memory only. It is crucial that you buy the correct memory; there are many kinds of memory (DDR, DDR2, DDR3, RDRAM, SDRAM, etc.) sold by numerous ven-

dors (Amazon, Newegg, TigerDirect, Micro Center, etc.) including some manufacturers. Companies that sell memory will sometimes provide a tool you can download that will tell you the type of memory your computer uses, the number of memory slots available on your machine, etc. For example see Crucial.com at <http://www.crucial.com/store/drammemory.aspx>. It is generally advisable to use exactly the same brand, model with the precise specifications for all memory rather than just add additional memory.

5. Installing the memory.

a. Unplug everything from the computer, although some recommend leaving the power cord plugged in to ground the computer, but be certain the computer is not running.

b. Be sure to ground yourself to the computer case before working on the machine. Static electricity can seriously damage components of your computer. It is preferable to use an antistatic wrist strap for this purpose (see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antistatic_wrist_strap). These devices are quite inexpensive.

c. Open up the computer's case. This will be somewhat different for every machine. Sometimes a screw driver will be needed.

d. Locate the memory module(s) and carefully remove them, assuming they are being replaced. Some memory cards have clips at the ends while others tilt forward or backward to remove. Look carefully and go gently.

e. Snap the new memory module(s) in place taking care to seat them correctly. Apply pressure evenly across the width of module. Often you will hear a "click" as the module is seated.

f. Close up the computer and reattach all the peripherals.

g. Boot up the computer and check to verify (step #1) that the computer "sees" all the memory you installed.

6. See <http://www.microsoft.com/athome/setup/addmemory.aspx#fbid=jzzxbLYldz7> for useful information on this topic from Microsoft.

Interesting Internet Finds

By Steve Costello, Editor / President, Boca Raton Computer Society, FL

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

In the course of going through the more than 300 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 February 2015.

76 Google Now Voice Commands You Should Be Using

<http://www.lifehack.org/articles/technology/76-google-now-voice-commands-you-should-using.html>

If you use Google Now a lot, like I do, this post is really helpful. Like me, you most likely won't use all of these voice commands, but I am sure you will find some useful to you that you didn't know about already.

Going Paperless: Distraction-Free Evernote

<http://www.jamierubin.net/2015/02/02/going-paperless-distraction-free-evernote/>

Jamie does an excellent job of explaining the distraction free features of the re-vamped Evernote web application. Like Jamie, I prefer being as distraction free as possible.

Beware This Hacker Trick To Get Your Information

<http://timetowrite.blogs.com/weblog/2015/02/beware-this-hacker-trick-to-get-your-information.html>

The trick referenced here is not something I have seen yet, but I think it is important to know about anything that might concern my security on the internet.

How to Stream Office Documents and Presentations from iOS and Android to Chromecast

<http://www.guidingtech.com/39044/stream-office-documents-chromecast/>

A lot of people think that Chromecast is only for putting up videos on their big screen TV. This post will tell you how to use that same large screen TV for showing presentations, and generally working on office documents, without having to squint at the small screen of the smartphone, or tablet. I frequently work from my recliner using my Android phone and my 37" flat screen.

Download.com and Others Bundle Superfish-Style HTTPS Breaking Adware

<http://www.howtogeek.com/210265/download.com-and-others-bundle-superfish-style-https-breaking-adware/>

This has important information for Windows users. Make sure you read this before downloading [from any of the sites you think are safe.](#)

Also, check out the HowToGeek post [Google is Now Blocking Crapware in Search Results, Ads, and Chrome](#), which tells about Google Search helping to find the official installer for a download.

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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.

Spread the Stupidity

**Why.....do drugstores make the sick walk
all the way to the back of the
Store to get their
prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the
front.**

Why

**.....do
people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet
coke.**

**Why.....do
banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the
counters..**

Why

**.....do we leave cars worth thousands
of dollars in the driveway and put**

**Our useless junk in the
garage.**

**whydo we buy hot dogs in packages
of ten and buns in
Packages of
eight..**

**Whydo they have drive-up ATM machines
with Braille lettering.**

**EVER
WONDER**

**Why
the sun lightens
Our hair, but darkens our
skin?**

**Why
don't you ever see the
Headline 'Psychic Wins
Lottery'?**

**Why
is
'abbreviated' such a long word?**

**Why
is it that
Doctors call what they do
'practice'?**

**Why
is lemon juice made
With artificial flavor, and dishwashing
liquid made with real lemons?**

**Why
is the man who
Invests all your money called a
broker?**

**Why
is the time of
Day with the slowest traffic called rush
hour?**

**Why
isn't there
Mouse-flavored cat food?**

**Why
isn't there Cat flavored
Dog
food?**

**Why
didn't Noah
Swat those two
mosquitoes?**

**Why
do they sterilize the**

**Needle for lethal
injections?**

**You
know that
Indestructible black box that is used on
airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that
stuff?!**

**Why
don't sheep
Shrink when it rains?**

**Why
are they called
Apartments when they are all stuck
together?**

**If
con is the opposite of
Pro, is Congress the opposite of
progress?**

Why do we drive in a parkway and park in a driveway?

**If
flying is so
Safe, why do they call the airport the
terminal?**

Email: Now

**that you've smiled at least once, it's your turn to and send this to someone you
want to bring a smile to
(maybe even a chuckle)**

**....in other words, send it to everyone. We all need to smile every once in a
while.**

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 XP ___ Windows Vista ___ Windows 7 ___ Windows 8 ___ Mac ___ Other _____

Question: _____

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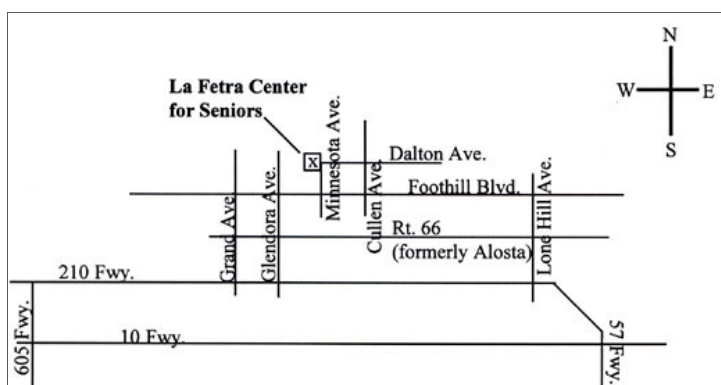
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