

# SeniorNet®

Puget Sound Computer Learning Center

*Where skilled volunteer seniors teach seniors to use, enjoy computers*

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By PHIL SCHEIER, Editor

*Doors open 9:30 am for 10 am start*

## **REGISTRATION TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> FOR EXPANDED COMPUTER CLASSES IN FALL**

By LOUISE FLORA, Registrar

*You can get a head start on the many courses being offered for the August-December 2005 semester by checking the new catalogue on the SNPS web site at [www.seniornetps.org](http://www.seniornetps.org)*

An expanded lineup of computer classes ranging from basic beginners to more advanced students, covering Windows operating systems and a wide list of programs, will be offered by the SeniorNet Computer Learning Center at the Tuesday morning, July 19, 2005 registration at the New Hope Ministries Church, 15760 – NE 4<sup>th</sup> St., Bellevue.

In just a few weeks, students will be lining up for the semi-annual registration by the all-volunteer center, with doors opening at 9:30 am. The in-person registration is for classes starting in late August for the Fall 2005 session.

From past experience we anticipate that eager students will be lined up long before the doors open at 9:30, so registration numbers are handed out for the actual start at 10 am. Due to limited space we are unable to let people into the building before 9:30. Inside workers will be preparing to advise, register, final check and collect fees from those eager to learn.

This session we will be offering 14 spaces in all classes except the Scanning Class so we should be able to accommodate more students. If all spaces are filled we will have a record 500 class spaces filled. Three sessions of the very popular Photo Editing Class will be offered as well as the free Basic Basics followed by Computer Fundamentals, Introduction to Windows XP and Using Windows XP. Have you ever said to yourself “Where did I put that file”? Well, you are a prime candidate for the File Management Class – Where’s My Stuff.

The Scanner Class is limited to 12 students since we have six Epson Scanners with two students sharing a scanner. This has been very successful and has never proved to be a problem.

So we will see you Tuesday morning, July 19<sup>th</sup> at New Hope Ministries Church 15760 – NE 4<sup>th</sup> St., Bellevue. If you have not received a catalog and wish to receive one, call the voice mail 206-232-5892. The catalog and registration information and material will be found on our web site [www.seniornetps.org](http://www.seniornetps.org)

## **IT'S SUMMERTIME! BROWN BAG LUNCHEON GALA, SOCIAL SET FOR THURSDAY, AUG. 18:**

Each succeeding year the SeniorNet Annual Brown Bag Luncheon attracts increasingly larger crowds with its great combination of food, (bring your own brown bag lunch) fun and information gathering, along with prizes and a chance to view computer demonstrations.

This year's Brown Bag Luncheon takes place Thursday, Aug. 18, starting at 11 am, and continuing to 3:30 pm, at the Phantom Lake Elementary School, site of our classroom. The picnic will be held in the covered area at the school. All seniors, whether members or not, are invited. Bring a brown bag lunch (No brown bags? OK, then, plastic or white is OK to sneak in.). Also, bring your favorite non-refrigerated dessert to share with others, or hide from them. Soft drinks and coffee will be provided.

Among the many highlights of this great annual social bash, are the computer demonstrations, workshops on various computer programs, and a chance to visit with skilled instructors and classroom assistants to discuss any computer problems, or ask about new programs. There are the many door prizes, with the grand prize, a SeniorNet membership for one year, and a certificate for one free class of the winner's choice. Mark the date.

## **TWO MEMBERS SWAP COOL MEMORIES OF SERVICE DAYS IN EXOTIC GREENLAND**

Not often two members of SeniorNet here can swap memories of chilly Greenland going back a half century or so.

The first visitor to Greenland back in 1943 was PHIL SCHEIER making a refueling stopover there as a crew member on a B26 medium bomber heading to his permanent air base in England, via the North Atlantic route. The planned short stay at the southern Greenland metal-runway base at the edge of a glacier, extended because of bad weather. Scheier, a long retired newspaper editor, and former computer instructor with SeniorNet, is editor of this monthly online newsletter.

Some 13 years later in 1956, RAY HANSEN arrived in the colder, northern part of Greenland at Thule, not far from the North Pole, as operations officer of an all-volunteer gung-ho 1<sup>st</sup> Engineer Arctic Task Force on a special project. Hansen, a West Pointer, and MIT engineering grad, is our former SeniorNet curriculum coordinator. With the Cold War heating up between this country and Russia, and the Soviets expanding its military reach and research deep into the Polar regions, the United States belatedly took action. Troops had to learn how to operate and build in the freezing Arctic, something the Russians were very familiar with. This was the project Hansen had a key role in, including researching construction techniques on the ice cap.

Scheier's stay at that Greenland refueling stop was short, less than a week, before his crew could take off, with stops at Iceland, Scotland, before reaching England and their permanent bomber base. Hansen spent a year there, broken into two six-month assignments to handle the rigors of the assignment. He spent much of the time at the base camp, Tuto, at the edge of the ice cap, about 20 miles inland from the Thule Air Base.

## **MEET YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS**

**HAL MOZER AND COMPUTERS** became virtually one some 23 years ago. He began using the then new wonder machines at his work as an electrical engineering consulting, specializing in electric utility engineering. The following year he had his own PC at home. And he was hooked good. SeniorNet has been the beneficiary of his computer skills after he was recruited in 1995 as a Quicken instructor, by a fellow engineer who also had worked at the engineering firm, CH2M HILL, a fellow by the name of RAY HANSEN, who at that time was the SeniorNet Curriculum Coordinator and always looking for talented instructors and assistants.

Mozer took on the challenge of teacher, and has been at it, along with just about every other job he is asked to do, or that he thinks needs doing. One of his big accomplishments is our very professional SeniorNet Web Site, which is loaded with class information, schedules and photos. Included is the newly completed catalogue for the upcoming Fall 2005 season, which starts in late August. Equally important, the web site also carries this SeniorNet Monthly Online Newsletter, and archives past issues for easy retrieval. He is also a regular contributor to this newsletter with computer tips, articles etc. His other interests are world travel with his wife, SUE, visiting all seven continents and more than 50 countries, along with his hobby of photography. "Some say eating is one of my hobbies," he chuckles. "Just look at me."

**JIM BRAUN RECALLS SPACE AGE WORK:** Like many arrivals to the Greater Seattle area down through the years, Jim and his wife, PAT, our former SeniorNet Secretary, moved in 1993 from California to be closer to their three children and six grandchildren Pat had been an elementary school office manager. For Jim, it was the culmination of 40 years as an aerospace engineer. This included working on the Atlas ICBM (Intercontinental Ballistic Missile), then in its early design stages, with the team headed up by Werner von Braun.

Jim and Pat have been busy SeniorNet members for the past nine years after learning about the all-volunteer group's registration announcement in *The Seattle P-I*.

"We went to the registration at the Bellevue Senior Center and signed up for a couple of classes each," Jim recalls. "We had just gotten a spare computer from one of our daughters and felt we needed a lot of help. Since then one thing has led to another. We have become very busy with taking classes nearly every semester, assisting with instructing, participating with registration, helping with Granpals, and with the Brown Bag each year. Pat put in two years as Secretary." For the 22 years previous to the family move here, Jim was doing research and development for Lockheed in the Burbank and Palm Dale areas, working on helicopter, military and commercial jets. He also worked for Convair and General Dynamics in San Diego building, designing and testing bombers and ICBM missiles. This included the development and testing of the liquid hydrogen-fueled engines used on the Atlas space vehicle.

BONNIE PALEVICH is one of the newer SeniorNet members, and comes with an impressive background as a full-time network and tech support specialist at a private school in Bethesda, MD. "I am a newcomer to the area. We moved out here just about a year ago to be near our son and his growing family. MARGE KRUGER told me how much she enjoyed the SeniorNet classes and brought me to the meeting to meet people," she said. Palevich also has some computer specialities such as visual basic

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**YOUR SENIORNET DATE BOOK FOR JULY:**

**Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 am**

**No-Host Kaffee Klatch, Meet, Make New Friends**

**Crossroads-Bellevue Mall Food Circus, 156<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, at NE 8<sup>th</sup>, Bellevue**

**Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup>, 10 -Noon**

**In-Person Registration for Fall Classes**

**Doors open at 9:30 am**

**New Hope Ministries Church**

**15760 NE 4<sup>th</sup> St., Bellevue**

**(Just south of Crossroads Mall)**

**(Numbers will be distributed at 9:30 am)**

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**FREE PRINTER, CARTRIDGES OFFERED**

Offered free on a first-come basis by member JIM BRAUN who says he has a HP DeskJet 660C Color Printer with one black and one color cartridge (both unopened HP packages). Also have two remanufactured HP6578A color cartridges. "I have used the same reworking company's cartridges in the past with no problems," he said. "The only reason I have these printer giveaways is that I purchased a three-in-one to replace the printer only (HP 660C) then was given a new computer for Christmas and thus ended up with a spare printer." Contact Jim at [jpbrn@juno.com](mailto:jpbrn@juno.com)

**MORE HANDY COMPUTER TIPS**

Working two Word documents side-by-side!

It's common knowledge you can split a document in Word by going to Window in the menu bar, and clicking on Split. But that produces only a horizontal split. The rest of the story:

Now, suppose you want to work with two *different* documents; moving information back and forth, or to get facts from one while creating a second document. And you want to do it the easy way, having the two different documents tiled/split vertically. This writer, despite being a senior senior, only recently learned of the vertical split/tiling trick for separate documents from a very helpful Dummies manual. A very helpful technique whether working with just two separate documents or more, parked in minimize size on the task bar. And here is how this works:

1-Make sure both windows are open and thus have icons that appear on the Windows taskbar (at bottom of screen).

2-On the taskbar, click one window's icon, then hold down Ctrl key, and click the other window's icon on taskbar.

3-Right-click one of the selected icons. A submenu will pop up. Choose Tile Vertically (or Horizontally). The selected windows/documents are tiled. (*Windows XP Time-Saving Techniques for Dummies*)

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**CHEAPER PRINT CARTRIDGES? REFILLS? CHECK IT OUT:** With the amazingly high cost of printer print cartridges, often near the \$30 mark, several members are checking out "unauthorized" replacements for costly original equipment. This includes refilling original equipment, or buying new 'comparable' print cartridges. Also, filling the original print cartridge with cheaper ink, a huge saving when it works, has been thwarted in some cases by the clever printer manufacturer. How? Blame it on a tiny chip in the print cartridge and another one, apparently in the printer. The chips block the printer from working if the "unauthorized" or refilled original cartridge is used. Another ink problem with this writer's Epson Stylus C62 requires me to have ink in both my black print *and* my color cartridges.

There may be some help for you in the area. One here in Bellevue, and the other at Northgate Mall in Seattle. In Bellevue, there is the Save On Cartridge Plus, 14125 NE 20<sup>th</sup> St. between 140<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, and 148<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE. The Bellevue refill also includes some almost-magical electrical tweaking of the chip to make the original equipment print cartridge more friendly to refill. It worked just fine for me on two original equipment cartridge refills—one black and one color cartridge. **Reminder:** While this refill service worked for this writer, it may not work for your printer. But worth checking out. Those using these services do so at their own risk. The Northgate site is in the Food Circus area, near the newsstand.

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**LIKE PICTURES? HERE ARE PICTURES!** An interesting site is [www.webshots.com](http://www.webshots.com). If you sign up (free) and download their software, you will have access to their photo gallery containing over 175,000,000 photos. There are many things to do with the photos. If you have broadband, you can arrange for Webshots to download a new wallpaper every hour. They will also provide screensavers. You can arrange for a small calendar to sit on your desktop. You can send photo cards. You can share your photos with friends. You can order prints of your photos, even poster size. (*Suggested by Bill Bumpas*)

## **THINKING OF A DIGITAL CAMERA? SOME TIPS:**

By HAL MOZER

For those of you considering buying a digital camera, those with new digital cameras, or those who have them and want to brush up on some fundamentals that may reduce your frustration, I suggest checking out the *New York Times* article. "Less Cursing, Better Pictures: 10 Suggestions" on the internet at

[http://www.nytimes.com/2005/06/08/technology/circuits/08pogue.html?incamp=article\\_popular](http://www.nytimes.com/2005/06/08/technology/circuits/08pogue.html?incamp=article_popular)

You may have to sign up for a free subscription to the e-mail newsletter to get access.

I endorse each of the suggestions. To suggestion #6 I would add the web site

<http://www.stevesdigicams.com/> as another good one to check for reliable digital camera reviews.

To suggestion #7 I would add: Be sure to go to a store with a large selection of digital cameras and pick up and get the feel of the cameras you are considering. Being comfortable with the "feel" of the camera you use helps add to the ease of use of the camera. As tempting as the very small cameras are in terms of carrying them around, some people find their hands to large to comfortably handle them.

**BROADBAND USERS:** If your broadband internet connection, either cable or DSL, stops working for no apparent reason, try this before you call for service. Unplug the power to the cable or DSL modem for at least 60 seconds, then plug it back in. Wait while the modem resets itself, about 10-20 seconds or when the modem lights are flashing in a regular pattern. If this doesn't reactivate your internet service, then call your broadband provider.

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