



Puget Sound Computer Learning Center

Where skilled volunteer seniors teach seniors to use, enjoy computers

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In-person sign ups start at 10 am

REGISTER TUESDAY, JULY 18, TO ATTEND FAMED SENIORNET COMPUTER CLASSES

By LOUISE FLORA
 (Registrar)

It's that exciting time again for in-person registration to learn the basic basics of computer skills, or break new ground and expand your computer skills. On Tuesday, July 18th at 10:00 am until noon, the doors will again open at New Hope Ministries Church for SeniorNet in person registration. The church is located at 15760 NE 4th St. in Bellevue.

Again, numbers and an estimated time to return will be distributed at 8:30 am, leaving you plenty of time to go to the nearby Crossroads Mall for coffee or whatever. Return at the time given. Parking is available in either the Church lot or across the street at the school.

Roger Dalton and his eager group of volunteers will be ready for you when the doors open at 9:55 am. There are several new classes on the schedule for this year: Digital Cameras, Utilities Seminar, and Many Faces of Google were introduced late in the Spring and proved very popular. Come early to ensure your space in these classes. The Quicken version of Tracking Your Investments is being offered this Fall session. In addition, the always popular XP classes and the Photo Editing classes are on the schedule.

The catalog was mailed in late June. If you did not receive your copy, call the voice mail 206-232-5892 and one will be mailed to you. The catalog and registration materials plus any questions you might have about either registration or our classes also can be found on our web site – www.seniornetps.org. If you are unable to attend the In-person registration, remember that mail-in registrations are processed after July 18, in the order they are received.

We all look forward to welcoming you on July 18th and another enriching session of learning.

Don't miss it! Mark you calendar now

ANNUAL FUN-FILLED BROWN BAG GALA AUG. 17 FEATURES FOOD SOCIAL, COMPUTER DEMOS

Mark your calendar now for the Thursday, Aug. 17th big annual fun-filled SeniorNet Brown Bag Luncheon, computer show and computer demonstrations, at the Phantom Lake Elementary School, Bellevue, home of our SeniorNet classroom operations. The festivities begin 11:30 am, continuing to 3:30 pm, at the large covered playground shell, along with classroom activities.

Whether a SeniorNet member or not, you are invited to visit with our skilled Instructors and classroom assistants, and meet with other members and SeniorNet volunteers.

In addition to the computer demonstrations, there will be several question-and-answer sessions, an overview of the wide variety of Fall computer courses, a SeniorNet history display and lots of fun.

This event is your opportunity to learn more about the services we provide and to also enjoy each other's company in the relaxed atmosphere outside the classroom.

We encourage you to bring your friends who may be interested in SeniorNet classes. Bring a brown bag lunch for you and your guests, and also bring your favorite non-refrigerated dessert to share with others. The dessert table is always fabulous, and soft drinks will be provided.

SPURRED BY SENIORNET CLASS TECHNIQUES, EAGER SENIORS ARE INTERNET ADVENTURERS

Can't get enough of that internet experience, seems to be the attitude of a growing number of seniors. All those wonderful places to visit, observe and learn from just by sitting at a computer. *Instructor Ross Roberts* at his recent Internet class went through a series of exercises. Included were techniques to find names, addresses, shop online and a dazzling virtual low-altitude space trip via Google. Since all SeniorNet classes are hands-on, students sit before their individual class computers.

This Google Earth program comprising millions of satellite photographs of the ground, can zero in to a street or house. Roberts demonstrated by punching in his home address. The space camera came to rest on his home in Issaquah. Want a better view of buildings or land? You can tilt and rotate the view to see 3D terrain and buildings.

Unsure how to find a travel destination? Just type in an address and zoom in from space right into your destination. But, you say, you're driving at ground level? No problem. Type in the start and destination address for terrestrial driving directions. Up pops a map with detailed directions. Just a few of the many interesting, helpful aids on the Internet. For shoppers, Roberts went through an imaginary purchase of slacks, changing colors on one pair with the click of the mouse, until he found exactly what he wanted.

The SeniorNet classroom not only includes a wall-sized screen showing every move by the instructor, but each student has a late-model LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) individual monitor for clear viewing. Plus, Roberts has created a unique CD lessons disk which he uses, and provides each student to use at home for further learning exercises.

Helping students learn, even as Roberts conducts the class, are his three aides, Joan Thomas, John Tucker and Carl Bennett. In traditional SeniorNet class style, they wait in the rear of the room for a student needing extra help, to look around, or wave a hand for assistance. And they're at the student's side in seconds, working quietly to provide answers or guidance without disturbing other students. A real classy and helpful operation, all conducted by volunteers.

So enthusiastic do some students get in the search for computer skills, they continue taking succeeding courses to advance their learning. One, Carol Anne Wilson, has taken three courses in the nine months since joining SeniorNet. Her goal is to become a teacher's aide working in the classroom. Demonstrating the importance of person-to-person contacts in getting the word around, she learned of the learning center from SeniorNet secretary, Martha Simon.

As with all SeniorNet classes, every effort is made to help seniors by designing the classroom procedures for a comfortable, relaxed learning experience.

HOW IT WORKS

As long-time instructor Roberts explains, "The Instructor PC has a monitor facing the Instructor. The instructor's actions are projected on the large screen in the front of the room for the students to see. Because some students had trouble seeing the large screen (too far, too small, etc) we added repeaters (monitors) in rows two and three in the classroom.

"The students each have a monitor for their own PC. It displays what the student actually does. We hope that learning has occurred and that students will successfully replicate what the instructor has demonstrated. The CD also contains PowerPoint presentations for each class session.

"The Internet class relies on a large number of Uniform Resource Locators (URL), also known as web addresses, to visit web pages. Therefore, I provide a Word document for use in each class session. Each word document contains the links as well as instructions,

background material, reference material, homework assignments, etc. I suggest that the students Click (in modern Microsoft Word Documents, it's actually Ctrl + Click) on each Link to insure that typing is minimized in the class."

WORLD TRAVELER DAVIS NOTED COLLECTOR: The current issue of *Black Enterprise Magazine* features the achievements of *George Davis*, a business executive and noted collector of historical books. Davis, son of our *Past Pres. Delores Davis*, is a senior vice president of Technicolor Network Services for the Americas. The 48-year-old businessman, according to the article, "owns an illustrious collection of more than 1,000 historical books and literature he's gathered during his business trips around the world." I traveled a lot, and I noticed a companion of mine collected Chinese art and artifacts," the article quoted him, "I figured that I needed a hobby because I was visiting all these great countries and needed something to remember these places later on." Davis began collecting the literature of prominent, politically minded African American leaders and entertainment figures, the article noted. "Many of these books printed by African Americans during the 1920s through the 1960s were not mass produced. There would be only one or two copies, which would be personally engraved to friends." The book-collecting hobby that began some 10 years ago continues to flourish today

FLOATING DOWN THE DANUBE--without a computer. Just returned home from extensive travels throughout Europe are SeniorNet veteran *Gerald Morrow* and his wife, *Helen*. Ger says he now rarely takes a computer on their various journeys because the idea of the trip is to fully sit back--and observe. In earlier days, when he took a laptop, "it just sat there, unused." Ger said he and Helen didn't try the appropriate Danube waltzes when they cruised down the famed river. Something about his leg problem. After some airport delays heading to Europe, and also at London's Heathrow, Ger and Helen finally reached Vienna to board their river cruise vessel. "It was a good trip down the Danube," he wrote. "We got to Constanza, Romania, where Helen dabbled her feet in the Black Sea while I watched from the veranda, drinking beer. We visited all the places we expected and learned a great deal about the Balkans' problems. Back to Budapest where we departed the group and went to Krakow, the same day that Pope Benedict XVI said a mass for a couple of million people. From there we went to Prague, yes, it's still raining, then on back to London. We 'did' the British Museum again, and went out to Kew Gardens, and the Royal Botanical Park. Unfortunately, we went on a weekend, they had closed parts of the tube for repairs after last summer's terrorist bombings."

HOW TO AVOID PASSING ALONG HOAX MESSAGES: Just keep in mind that there is no free lunch. Amazing how many people innocently fall for hoaxes. And, worse, making themselves look silly by sharing emails about things that sound too good--or too bad or too weird--to be true, whether asking for money, or asking you to spread some kind of a plain dumb message. Here are easy ways to check for such sham and chicanery--and keep from being seen as gullible: Go to "URBAN LEGENDS": <http://www.snopes.com/>. In the Search box near the top of the page, type in key word(s). Try, for example, entering "Oliver North"--which is one of the latest hoaxes going around.

Or just poke around, for there are lots of chuckles to be found! This snopes.com site is probably the easiest site to use. Or, go to "HOAX BUSTERS," at <http://hoaxbusters.ciac.org/> Click on Hoax Categories (or Hoax Index or Hacked History--they work too). Select a topic (e.g. political, etc.), then look around for the subject matter. Or, go to "ABOUT.COM," at <http://urbanlegends.about.com/> Then, in the Search box near the top of the page, type in key word(s). Try, for example, "Bill Gates"--which has some outrageous stuff. Now you should have a better idea what to avoid. (*Our thanks to Ray Hansen and Hal Mozer*)

MICROSOFT TO END SUPPORT FOR WIN 98, ME: Effective July 11, 2006, Windows 98, Windows 98 Second Edition, and Windows ME will be changed to a non-support status by Microsoft. After that date, it was announced, the company will no longer provide any incident support options or security updates. Current support documents, however, will continue to be available through the [Microsoft Support Product Solution Center Web site](#).

YOUR SENIORNET DATE BOOK FOR JULY

Tuesday July 18th, at 10 am

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New Hope Ministries Church, 15760- NE 4th St., Bellevue**

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