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Where skilled volunteer seniors teach seniors to use, enjoy computers

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DETERMINED TO MASTER COMPUTER SKILLS, EAGER SENIORS ARRIVE EARLY TO REGISTER

By LOUISE FLORA

(Registrar)

More and more seniors are flocking to the all-volunteer SeniorNet Computer Learning Center of Puget Sound in Bellevue to either learn computer basics, or expand their skills in a friendly learning atmosphere where skilled instructors are fellow seniors.

In person registration for Fall 2006 classes was an overwhelming success. When the volunteers arrived at New Hope Ministries Church at 7:30 am on July 18 to set up, there were cars in the parking lot waiting. Numbers were given out at 8:30 with an estimated time to return. Before the formal 10

SEE YOU ALL AT THE ANNUAL GALA BROWN BAG GALA THURSDAY, AUG. 17th AT PHANTOM LAKE SCHOOL

Our great big, exciting annual Brown Bag Social Luncheon, computer show along with computer Demonstrations starts on the grounds of Phantom Lake Elementary School, Bellevue, at 11:30 am, continuing until 3:30 pm. Members and non-members cordially invited. Bring your friends. Also, bring a brown bag lunch for yourself and your guests. Also, why not also bring a non-refrigerated dessert to share with others, and soft drinks will be provided.

o'clock opening almost 100 people had received a registration number.

Many classes quickly filled and by noon there were 18 full classes, many with waiting lists. The Digital Camera class was the most popular with a wait list of over 25 people. Other classes filled were Utilities, Many Faces of Google, Introduction to Windows XP, Using Windows XP, Where's My Stuff, and Potpourri to mention a few. A record number of 70 new or renewed members were also counted.

Some 45 volunteers were able to register the 150 prospective students and the lines moved quickly. At noon it was all over, tables and registration materials were being taken down and packed away until Thursday, Nov. 30 when we will do it all over again.

Without the willing and capable work done by the volunteers, registration of that many people in two hours could not be accomplished as efficiently as it is was. Now we wait for the first day of classes on Monday, Aug. 21. But don't forget the Brown Bag Social on August 17 – it's one of the highlights of SeniorNet of Puget Sound.

INTERNET LEADS TO GRANGER KIN REUNION **SENIORNET CLASS HELPS HER FIND FAMILY**

By **ADELLA GRANGER**
(Past president)

SeniorNet means different things to each of us. I remember the first class I took in 2000. All of the classes were full except the Internet class. At the end of the first class, Instructor Pattison asked if there was anything special that we would like to research. I raised my hand and said I was interested in Family History. He had us go to a Web site and enter a family name. I entered my Great Great Grandfathers name, Ithamer Granger. I was astounded that someone had an inquiry on the website for that exact name. When I got home after class, I entered that website and responded with the list of names and birth dates that were recorded in my Grandmother's Bible.

However, the person who had placed the inquiry had apparently changed his email address and my email came back with a no longer valid comment. I was, to say the least, a little heartbroken.

A few days later I received a phone call from someone who identified himself as Jeff Granger—and a relative. It was his web site and he was just as excited about talking to me as I was to talking to him. His Great Great Grandfather and my Grandfather were brothers. I could not believe what was happening. We talked for over an hour about the Granger family history.

Jeff worked for the FBI and had been assigned to Washington D.C. He had access to the National archives, and had researched the Granger family back to the 1700's. He told me there was a Granger family reunion every year in Michigan and invited me to attend as a guest of his family. Did I go? Of course I did. There were over 150 Grangers at the reunion, but the only one that was directly related to me was Jeff and his family.

The next day my newly-found relative, Jeff, took me to Tekonsha, Michigan, the village where my father was born in 1881. I wanted to get a copy of his birth certificate. Well, at no great surprise, he was born at home and therefore no birth certificate was issued. However, the records did show that the village was founded on part of the Granger family farm. The Granger's had deeded over 300 acres.

Jeff and I drove to the location of the original farm house. Parts of it were still standing, very run down by time, but what an emotional visit that was. We also visited two or three cemeteries, and one that had a huge Granger family plot. I had never before seen tombstones that were over 15 feet high and eight to 10 feet wide.

Continuing our trip of family discovery, Jeff took me to the Tekonsha Town Hall to see what their records held. They had a book of the town's history. To my great surprise and delight there was a picture of Ithamer and his wife in the book. He was responsible for deeding the farm to the town. But, the most surprising thing was that I had the original photos of Ithamer in my Grandmothers velvet covered picture album. This trip was just one wonderful surprise after another. I now have over 500 family members on my Family Tree Maker record.

SeniorNet has a very special place in my heart. I am not sure if I would ever have found so many members of my family without that special Internet class which opened a new world of discovery.

RECIPIENTS WILL THANK YOU FOR FASTER DOWNLOAD SHRINK PHOTOS TO SPEED ONLINE DELIVERY

By BILL BUMPAS

Sure, your relatives and friends like to receive photos from you online. But if you send them in their large, original sizes instead of downsizing them for quicker downloading, you may fray some friendships.

With the summer travel season under way, many SeniorNetters are making extensive use of their digital cameras. As we learned in our Photo Editing class, taking pictures at a high resolution gives the greatest flexibility for future editing, cropping, etc. However, high resolution pictures become large files – often approaching two megabytes. While not generally a problem with the large hard drives most modern computers have, it is a problem when we try to share photos with family or friends. If we don't make the image smaller before attaching or embedding the image in an email, it takes a long time to up/download and may be too large to view without scrolling. Fortunately, there is an easy way to "shrink" your photos before emailing them.

Find the photo you want to send, using Windows Explorer (you can access this directly in Windows XP by clicking on the Start button and then clicking on My Pictures). Once you have located the photo you want to send, right click on it. A menu will appear.

Click on Send To and then on Mail Recipient. A new window appears that has an option that says "Make my pictures smaller". Make sure this option is selected (and *not* "Keep the original size"). When you click OK, your email program will create a new email message with your reduced size image file as an attachment. This works with Outlook Express and with AOL and, maybe, other email programs as well.

Folks with AOL can also click on the camera icon in the Write Mail application. This opens up a window where you can browse to find a picture you want to insert in the body of the email. Once you have located the picture, select it and then click on Insert. Another window opens and you will be given a choice of sizes. Select "Optimized: Fast, best for sending in mail". Voila, your reduced size image is inserted directly into the email (as opposed to being an attachment).

Your email recipients will not only be able to download them rapidly, they will find them much easier to view.

IN WIN XP, JUST PRESS PRINT SCREEN KEY WANT TO SAVE THOSE SPECIAL SCREENS?

In Windows XP, you can easily take a screen shot. Just press the Print Screen key on your keyboard, and the entire screen will be copied to your clipboard. To copy only the active window to your clipboard, press ALT+Print Screen.

Now, you just need to paste the screen shot into another program, including Microsoft Word. To save the screen shot, open Paint, press CTRL+V to paste the screen shot, and save the file. Paint isn't the only program that you can paste screen shots into. Some others programs you can paste screen shots into include: Microsoft Word and PowerPoint , Microsoft Outlook ,Other graphics software like Photoshop or CorelDRAW / (From Michelle Castle; Your Guide to About's Focus on Windows)

CLASSES, SCHEDULES ALL ON OUR WEB SITE

Make use of the wealth of information on our all-volunteer SeniorNet Computer Learning Center of Puget Sound. This includes all Courses, schedules and photos of the classroom and instructors at the Phantom Lake Elementary School in Bellevue.

Go to:

www.seniornetps.org

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YOUR SENIORNET DATE BOOK FOR AUGUST:

Thursday, Aug. 17, 11:30 am-3:30 pm

ANNUAL GALA BROWN BAG SOCIAL

Phantom Lake Elementary School

Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 9:30 am –Noon
FREE OPEN LAB CLASS—ALL WELCOME

Bring your questions and concerns regarding PC software, hardware or programs questions where skilled SeniorNet instructors offer hands-on help using class computers. Members as well as non-members welcome.

ANY SPARE COMPUTER TIME??? Our own Hal Mozer is inviting members to join him in an online computer science project. As he explains it, " When you are not actively using your computer that is turned on and has a broadband internet connection, you can put those unused computer cycles to work for science at the Rosetta@Home project. See the web site <http://boinc.bakerlab.org/rosetta/> . If you didn't hear the KUOW story about this University of Washington research project, read the story and listen here: <http://www.kuow.org/DefaultProgram.asp?ID=11130>." If enough SeniorNet members are interested, he writes, he will proceed with the organization of a SNPS Team. For details, privacy and security facts, email him at halmo1927@gmail.com

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