

SeniorNet

Puget Sound Computer Learning Center

Where skilled volunteer seniors teach seniors to use, enjoy computers

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Lois Farris, President

I would like to publicly thank all the instructors and Board members for the extra mile they have gone to make up classes due to our crazy weather days. It took a lot of shuffling, phone calls and e-mails to make it happen. We certainly tried to accommodate the majority and I apologize if the revised schedule did not work for you.

Tracy Maury, the principal at PLES has invited SeniorNet to come and share the cultural heritage of the Phantom Lake Community on Wednesday February 7th from 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Families are being asked to bring their favorite food that represents their family's cultural heritage and to dress in their family's ethnic dress. It should be a fun evening.

Due to the various weather problems we had to cancel our December and January membership meetings. We plan on having our February meeting at 10AM on February 20th at the New Hope Ministries Church. We will be voting on our By-Laws and honoring our Life Members. Hope to see you there.

Opportunities for Learning Still Available

Louise Flora, Registrar

Now that the winter snows have gone, hopefully not to return, classes at SeniorNet are returning to normal. While many classes are full, or with only 1 or 2 openings, others have more spaces available.

Travel: Hurry for the February 1st beginning of Travel Planning. Want to get away from the winter storms? Learn how to via the Internet and gain special insights with Joe Hesketh.

Internet: Ross Roberts will be leading you on a trip through the Internet for Information and Fun beginning February 14th. He can give you tips and tricks for easy navigation probably for sites you never knew existed.

Utilities: Gordon Young has many free utility sites that you will learn about in the Utilities class, which is a 1-day workshop on February 14th and the cost is only \$10.00

File Management: Do you ever wonder what happened to that document you saved and now can't find it?! Then File-2 – Where's My Stuff is for you – It begins on February 13th.

These and other classes are available. Call the voice mail – 206-232-5892 or email senior@seniornetps.org

HELPFUL HINTS

Telephone Tax Refund

Dale Steen

A federal excise tax has been charged to you on your phone bill for years. It is an old tax that was assessed on your toll calls based on how far the call was being made and how much time you talked. When phone companies began to offer flat fee phone service, challenges to the excise tax ended up in federal courts. It was pointed out that flat/fee rate phone service had nothing to do with the distance and the length of the phone call. The IRS has now conceded this argument. The challengers demanded restitution, so the IRS has announced that a one time credit will be available on our 2006 tax return. Your credit could be anything from \$30 to \$60, which would be subtracted from any money owed or added to refunds. You can't lose. For more details and background information please go to this website:

<http://www.snopes.com/business/taxes/excise.asp>

Print this paragraph and put it with your 2006 tax information.

TECHNICAL CORNER

Where Did This Email Come From?

Ken Crandall

I often get emails that I strongly suspect are spam or worse. I find it useful to quickly determine where the email came from to decide if it is potentially dangerous. By using the built in tools of Microsoft "Outlook" or "Outlook Express" it is possible to determine where the email originates by using the numerical URL address (i.e. 84.10.59.171 which turned out to be from Poland)

To obtain the numerical URL address using:

Outlook – Right click on the email listing in the inbox and click on the "options" selection. Look for the line starting "X- Originating – IP: (numeric IP will be listed)

Outlook Express - Right click on the email listing in the inbox and click on the "properties" selection and then the "Details" tab. Look for the line starting "X- Originating – IP: (numeric IP will be listed)

Once you have the numeric IP address you can easily find the country of origin (recently I have received messages from China, Poland, and Russia – needless to say that these messages were probably not targeted for my well being).

Use the following web site and select the "IP to Country" option:

<http://www.ipgeo.com/tools/isp.php>

To find ISP information when the originating country is USA, use

<http://ws.arin.net/cgi-bin/whois.pl>

Type in the numeric IP address to find the country of origin (shortly the "IP to ISP free tool" will not only tell you the country of origin but will also have additional information about the sender).

You can use this tool for email source information as well as information that may be provided by your firewall whenever someone tries to access your computer.

YOUR SENIORNET DATE BOOK FOR FEBRUARY, 2007

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday February 20, 2007

New Hope Ministries Church
15760 NE 4th Street Bellevue

Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.

Join us for lunch at Crossroads Mall after the meeting

Free Computer Help Labs

Tuesday Feb 13 and 27, 2007 9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

All Welcome, Members or Not

Phantom Lake Elementary School, SeniorNet Classroom

Instructors will sit with you at a computer to help solve problems

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Get information on our all-volunteer SeniorNet Computer Learning Center of Puget Sound. Find information on our COURSES and SCHEDULES; see photos of our classroom and instructors.

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If you have changed your address, phone number or email address, please notify us of these changes. Unfortunately a number of our 2007 Winter/Spring catalogs were returned. If you did not receive a catalog, that might be the reason. Please call the voice mail 206-232-5892 or email Senior@seniornetps.org and bring us up to date.

If you wish to contribute articles, news items or comments, please contact Nancy Harsh at nbharsh@msn.com.

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