



Puget Sound Computer Learning Center

Where skilled volunteer seniors teach seniors to use, enjoy computers

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AN INVITATION TO ALL GUESTS AND MEMBERS

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2007
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

SeniorNet Annual Meeting

Wonder what SeniorNet has done during the past year? Join us and hear short annual reports from the President, Treasurer, Facilities Coordinator and Curriculum Coordinator. Meet the volunteers that have made this happen.

Reports not for you? Then perhaps humor will tickle your funny bone. Come and laugh your way through “Newspaper ‘FUN’nies” – the other side of Life in the Newspaper World, presented by Sherry Grindeland, the Seattle Times Eastside columnist and feature writer. She has been writing about people and local events since 1989 and is continually inspired by the funny, wonderful and heroic people she meets.

Need more to convince you to come? Attend and perhaps you will win one of the many free door prizes.

Still not convinced? Come and participate in a free light lunch following the meeting. So there will be enough food for everyone, please RSVP your name and ‘yes’ to senior@seniornetps.org by Saturday, March 17.

Where is the action all happening? Come to New Hope Ministries, 15760 NE 4th Street, Bellevue (across from the Jewish Temple)

1986 TO 2006



SeniorNet's Own Valentine Story



SeniorNet members Marjorie White and Carl Bennett were married on January 13th at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. On February 14th an article about the couple, written by Sherry Grindeland, appeared in The Seattle Times. For those who missed the article, click on this web site

http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/eastside/news/2003571049_seniorlove14e.html

E-mail from Phil Scheier

On Monday, Feb. 12th, Lois received an informative email from our own Phil Scheier who is presently residing at the Foundation House at Northgate. It is just three blocks north of the Totem Pole at the Northgate Mall: 11301 THIRD AVE NE APT 361 SEATTLE. His phone number is: 206-788-4811.

The following is an enticing excerpt from that email. Hopefully we'll be able to give you access to the entire content next month. Phil would welcome any of you who might venture out to the Northgate area and would like to meet for a cup of coffee. Give him a call.

I find myself delightfully busy here at this senior center independent living facility, helping the old--er folks with their computer problems, including some who are ready to give up. But I give them the old SeniorNet pep rally reminding them computers help them to keep their minds agile. Oh yes, also frustrated at times. But I stress my personal credo is "A day without some computer frustration, without challenges to heavy thinking, is a day utterly wasted."

SPOTLIGHT! MEET MR. MORRISSON

Many of you first met Bob Morrisson last year as he assisted at many of our computer classes. But this year he is the man behind the scene, so to speak. As the Instructors/Assistants Coordinator, Bob's job is to man all those classes. With classes in progress during the whole of the school year this is no small task, but Bob is obviously up to the job.

At the tender age of five, Bob dismantled his brother's radio to see what made it work. Seeing the tubes, resistors, capacitors, etc, that comprised this vintage 1935 radio started young Bob on his life-time interest in electronics.

In the early 50's, Bob's family moved from Peoria, Illinois to Walla Walla where he graduated from high school. He joined the navy where his interest in electronics led him into his chosen field, the navy helping by sending him to various technical schools.

While in the navy Bob maintained and repaired radar, communication, navigation and various other electronic equipment. After the navy, he focused on the medical electronic field. This took him to Japan for three years. After returning to the US he took a job as a project manager for the Operations Department of ATL. He says that the two most interesting projects were technology transfers to an Indian joint venture and a Chinese company. Bob retired as a project manager.

Today electronics and computers are almost synonymous terms but not when Bob started his career. His first computer was a Radio Shack TRS-80, the high end model with 16K of RAM, tape recorder (before floppy drives) and an elector-static printer on a 4 inch spool of paper. His next computer was a Med Fly. The Med Fly had two processors and could run both Apple programs and programs written to operate with the CPM operating system. In the mid 80's he graduated to MSDOS and never looked back.

Bob has been married for 20 years to Doyne, who has taught school for 44 years and is still trying to decide if she'll make it a career. They are grandparents of twins born last March. Two six pound poodles run their home life.

Bob does have other interests beyond SeniorNet. He is also into woodworking, gardening and photography and enjoys various projects with Doyne. But it sounds as though being Grandpa Bob is closest to his heart.

LAB CLASSES Adella Granger

Many of our members attend the Free LAB classes held on the second, fourth and fifth Tuesday mornings. The classes are open, which means you don't have to be a SeniorNet member to attend. To give you an idea on how successful these classes have been, the following is a brief breakdown of the attendance. In 2004 we had 328 SeniorNet members plus 44 guests; 2005 we had 351 SeniorNet members plus 22 guests; 2006 we had 325 SeniorNet members plus 11 guests. In January 2007, we had 59 SeniorNet members attend the three LAB classes and only one guest. The success of these classes is based on our Instructors who sit with our students and help them individually resolve their computer questions and classroom assignments.

Beginning with the March LAB classes, ***we will no longer be able to accommodate personal Laptop computers.*** This decision is based not only on our inability to connect to the Internet, but also the lack of table space required to accommodate Laptops in our

classroom. However, we have many Instructors who will come to your home to assist in resolving classroom assignments as well as software and hardware questions and concerns. I look forward to seeing you at our next LAB session on March 13th.

CLASSES STILL AVAILABLE

Louise Flora

It isn't too late to sign up for classes at SeniorNet of Puget Sound. The following classes still have openings – several with only 1 or 2 space still available.

- Digital Camera: **Mar 18 & Apr 4 and May 31 & June 7 (2 classes)**
- Where's My Stuff (File Management): **April 17 thru May 9**
- Intro to XP: **Mar 20 thru Apr 3 and Apr 18 thru May 2 (2 classes)**
- Using XP — **Mar 5 thru Apr 2 and May 11 thru June 8 (2 classes)**
- Manage Finances (Quicken): **Apr 16 thru May 14**
- Outlook Express: **Apr 20 thru May 4**
- Photo Editing: **Apr 19 thru May 24**
- Utilities Seminar: **Apr 6**
- Word Processing: **Apr 19 thru May 24**
- Intermediate Word Processing: **May 9 thru June 6**
- Backing up Data: **May 21**
- Burning CDs: **Apr 20 and Apr 27**
- Internet for Fun: **May 9 thru June 6**

It's easy to register – just complete a registration form and mail it along with your class fee to the address on the form. These forms can be downloaded from our web site www.seniornetps.org

FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT!

Delores Davis, SeniorNet instructor and amateur actress, invites you to some light entertainment at an inexpensive price. Her Senior Acting Group is presenting four productions on Friday and Saturday March 2nd and 3rd at 7:00 PM at the Bellevue Youth Theatre. The performances are two one-act plays, "The Challenge of Bureaucracy" and "Mother's Day", plus one scene each from "On Golden Pond" and "Ladies in Retirement".

The Bellevue Youth Theatre is located at 16661 Northup Way. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at the box office or before the performance. Admission is \$5.00. The performance of the four pieces will probably last 2 hours. Plenty of parking is available.

YOUR SENIORNET DATE BOOK FOR MARCH , 2007

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday March 20, 2007
New Hope Ministries Church
15760 NE 4th Street Bellevue

Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.

Free Computer Help Labs

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

All Welcome, Members and Non-Members
Phantom Lake Elementary School, SeniorNet Classroom
Instructors will sit with you at a computer to help solve problems

VISIT OUR WEB SITE www.seniornetps.org

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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