



Puget Sound Computer Learning Center

Where skilled volunteer seniors teach seniors to use, enjoy computers

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YOUR SENIORNET DATE BOOK FOR MAY, 2007

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

New Hope Ministries Church
15760 NE 4th Street Bellevue

Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.

PROGRAM

Bill Bumpas will present a travelogue on his trip to Vietnam last year

Join us for lunch at Crossroads Mall after the meeting

Free Computer Help Lab

Tuesday May 8, 22 and 29, 2007 9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

All are Welcome - Members or Not

Phantom Lake Elementary School, SeniorNet Classroom
Instructors will sit with you at a computer to help solve problems

LAST CALL FOR CLASSES UNTIL LATE AUGUST

The current session of SeniorNet classes is coming to a close. This is your last chance to register for the few remaining classes.

Still available:

Digital Camera Seminar	DigCam-2	Thurs	May 31 & June 7	1:15 – 3:15
Using Windows XP	UsingXP-4	Fri	May 11 - June 8	10:00 – 12:00
Backing Up Your Data	Bkup-2	Mon	May 21	1:15 – 3:15
Internet for Information & Fun	Net-2	Wed	May 9 - June 6	1:15 – 3:15

Call the voice mail 206-232-5892 for further information

REGISTRATION FOR FALL CLASSES – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday July 17, 2007

**New Hope Ministries Church
15760 NE 4th St.**

We will observe the same procedure as in the past – numbers will be distributed prior to registration; you will pick up a number and then return at the time stated. Catalogs with the class schedules will be mailed in early July. In-person registration takes priority over mail in registration. Mail registrations will be processed by the date received, after July 17.

Attention All You Life Story Writers, especially the students from Delores Davis' classes on "Write Your Life History".

Some former students of the "Life" classes wish to continue sharing their stories, learning additional skills and additional ways of using Microsoft WORD to put that story together. They have asked to have either an ongoing class or a refresher course on writing their stories.

What about you? Have you finished your story yet? Are you interested in getting together again to share your stories with other like-minded colleagues? Have you come to an impasse and need more encouragement, direction and stimulation? And would you like to participate in a 4-session update on continuing your story and be inspired by participating with others who are also writing their stories?

If you, too, would like a refresher course- please let me know your thoughts. Email me at Delor6@comcast.net. Also, I would love to have an update from you especially those who have finished their book. Thanks. *Delores Davis*

TRAVEL TIPS

Elderhostel is to travel education as SeniorNet is to computer education
Hal Mozer

Do you want to travel with your brain as well as your eyes? Try an Elderhostel trip and learn about it as well as see the place you are visiting. Is there someplace in the United States or in the world you want to visit? Check out the well-organized Elderhostel web site, www.elderhostel.org. You can browse for trips in several different ways, and, when you decide on one or more trips, make your reservations on-line.

Sue and I decided we wanted to spend part of January and February this year seeing and learning about parts of the Southeastern United States we had never visited. We checked in the on-line Elderhostel catalog and selected 4 Elderhostel trips (experienced Elderhostelers refer to an Elderhostel trip just as "an Elderhostel") in four consecutive weeks that fit our time schedule. Each of these Elderhostels ran from Sunday afternoon until after lunch on Friday (typical of United States Elderhostels), so we had weekends between each trip to explore on our own. The Elderhostels we took on this trip were at St. Augustine, FL; St. Simons Island, GA; Savannah, GA; and Charleston, SC. To do this trip, we flew to Jacksonville, FL and rented a car. We kept the car for the whole trip and had it available for the few free periods during the Elderhostels and, especially, on the weekends. We returned the car to Jacksonville after finishing the Charleston Elderhostel. Elderhostel is a great way to travel. Give it a try if you haven't already.

Metro Bus Pass

John Parkinson, a SeniorNet member, is worried that there may be some readers of this newsletter who might not be aware of the Regional Reduced Fare Permit available through Metro Transit. This permit allows you to ride the bus into Seattle or any place in King County, for twenty five cents, or fifty cents during rush hour. Riding the bus saves you the cost, inconvenience and frustration of driving into downtown Seattle or to a Mariners game. It also saves you the price of parking fees! This lifetime permit is only \$3.00. You can phone 206-553-3060 and have the form send to you which you can return with your \$3.00 and a copy of your ID. If you are in a senior center, you might enquire if they have the forms.

Other Discounts/Services for Senior

Another permit that is available to those 60 years and older is the Golden Card for Healthy Aging available from the Seattle Mayor's office. The Gold Card can be used for free entrance to the Seattle Zoo and Seattle Aquarium; it can also be used as a library card at the Seattle Public Library. Just phone this number 206-684-0500, and ask that a card be sent to you. A discount directory can be picked up at senior centers or public libraries. If you cannot find a catalogue of services, my advice is to go to the web site. There you can find service companies that offer discounts for those jobs you need done around the house. The web site address is: <http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/mosc/SpecialDiscountsDirectory.pdf> On page 8 is a table of contents for various services such as electric contractors, furnace services, painters etc.

Another useful phone number is for the Senior Services Agencies. They can put you in touch with any of the agencies serving senior citizens such as where to find home care or adult daycare. Check out their website at <http://www.seniorservices.org/> or phone 1-888-4Elders (1-888-435-3377).

Matching Gift Program

Lois Farris, President

As computers advance, the SNPS Board is beginning to address the need for newer machines to handle VISTA. I would like to remind you that many companies have a Matching Gift Program. If an organization is eligible, and SeniorNet of Puget Sound is eligible, companies will match your contribution or a family member's contribution! This provides an opportunity for a company to join with its employees, and often times retirees, in supporting your commitment.

Contributions to SeniorNet of Puget Sound are recognized by the IRS as tax exempt under section 501(c)(3); therefore, we are eligible for this matching gift program. If you are able to make a contribution to SeniorNet, contact the company's Human Resources Department; they will provide you with a form to complete to forward along with your donation. We will take it from there.

I hope that you are all able to take a walk and get out and enjoy our beautiful spring. We are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful spot. Hope to see you at the May 15th meeting.

National SeniorNet Award

The national SeniorNet organization is going to award \$1000.00 to the local Learning Center that has the best innovative programs and projects. We know that we can win this award but

we need as many of you as possible to help by filling out their entry form and clicking it on to national. Some of the questions look formidable but we do not expect long answers from those of you whose only contact with SeniorNet of Puget Sound has been attending classes. Just indicating classes you have taken and the quality of the teaching would be sufficient and a great help. From SeniorNet members who know about the many other aspects of our organization, we expect a fuller response.

To find the form:

- Go to the SeniorNet web site at www.SeniorNet.org.
- Scan down three paragraphs and find "Awards". Click on the underlined sentence.
- At the bottom of the explanation page find "SeniorNet Learning Center of the Year Nomination form". Click on that to bring up the form.
- Our local chapter is *SeniorNet of Puget Sound*. (question 1)
- The code is *PSD*. (question 2)

Winning this award would really help with the funds for those new computers. And it is always nice to raise money without donating a cent, so please do this NOW!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Are you interested in data entry work? Megan Petchel has a job for you. Megan, who is the volunteer coordinator for the Bellevue Blood Center, talked to Judy Bailey who was working the Crossroads Fair in April. Megan was most impressed with Judy's description of our seniors and their computer skills. Megan said that they were really in need of volunteers who could assist with registering blood donors, which requires accessing their computer program at the Blood Center in Bellevue and also in the mobile units. If this is something that you would be interested in doing, give Megan a call at 425-462-4381 and get further information.

VISIT OUR WEB SITE

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.

<http://www.seniornetps.org/>

Constructed by Hal Mozer, Jay Schlechter and maintained by Hal, Jay, Chuck Goldstein and Bill Bumpas.

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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.
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