

# SeniorNet®

Puget Sound Computer Learning Center

*Where skilled volunteer seniors teach seniors to use, enjoy computers*

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## From our President

Lois Farris

Our next **Membership Meeting** will be held in the **New Hope Ministries Church** on **September 18th at 10 a.m.** We will have our regular business meeting, hear a report on the successful Brown Bag event and make plans for car pooling to Emerald Downs for our October meeting.

### PROGRAM

**Ken Crandall, with the assistance of Gordon Young, will present to the group information on a free software program: "Audacity "sound recording software. This software will allow you to convert phonograph LP music and tape recordings to either CD's or MP3s if you have the hardware to connect to your computer.**

Looking forward to seeing you on September 18th.

## AVAILABLE CLASSES

Fall 2007 classes begin on Tuesday afternoon August 28 and there are a number of classes that are already full. However, there is still time to enroll in many of our open classes.

Harry Shedd will be teaching [Introduction to Word Processing](#) on Thursday, August 30 at 10:00 a.m. The class is small and there is much to learn about Word Processing.

If you ever use a spread sheet or have wanted to know about spread sheets, you should be taking Ross Robert's [Playing with Numbers](#) class on Wednesday, August 29 at 1:15 p.m.

Have you ever muttered the words "Where's My Stuff"? Hal Mozer will solve all those mysteries in the File Management class beginning Wednesday, August 29 at 10:00 a.m.

These and many other classes are available. Call the voice mail [206-232-5892](tel:206-232-5892) to enroll in SeniorNet Classes. You will be glad you did. It's never too late to learn or re-learn.

## Granpal Volunteering

Nancy Harsh, Granpal Coordinator

It seems hard to believe that school will be starting before you know it! Where did that summer go? The Granpal/Teacher Breakfast will be held August 29<sup>th</sup>. It will be nice to see the teachers and find out who is back and who isn't.

For anyone interested in becoming a Granpal, this is the very best time to join our select circle. The Bellevue School District provides training sessions in September for new recruits. This mandatory orientation lasts two hours but you only need to take it once. Most new volunteers then go into the classroom the first of October and volunteer for a couple of hours a week. Students need help in many subjects so you have the opportunity of helping a child in reading, math or perhaps another field that you are especially interested in. We have a wonderful special-needs teacher who will find the right match for you.

If you think that this is a service in which you'd like to participate, please don't hesitate to email me at [nbharsh@msn.com](mailto:nbharsh@msn.com). I'll be only too happy to answer your email or talk to you by phone.

***SeniorNet of Puget Sound  
Outstanding Volunteer of the Year for 2007***

**\*\*BOB BALSLEY\*\***

Bob Balsley has contributed and accomplished A LOT with our SeniorNet of Puget Sound organization. He has been instrumental in helping our computer curriculum expand and our organization move forward. In recognition of his services to SNPS, he has been selected by the membership as our Outstanding Volunteer for 2007. Here are a few of the reasons for his selection:

- As well as spending countless hours on instruction preparation for classes, he is also an instructor and assistant instructor in the classroom.
- He schedules classes for over 30 sessions twice a year while also researching new topics to teach.
- For the online newsletter, he inputted not only new information into the database for three years, but maintained the mailing list and sent out the newsletter every month during that time.
- As well as serving on various committees he has been a member of the Board of Directors for the past two years as the Curriculum Coordinator.
- He has been an important voice in the facilities management of our computers, is involved with our Computer Lab and course catalog and is an advisor at registration.
- And last but not least, he is always willing to help anyone and he can always be counted on to give advice!

Bob has been an influence with the Friends of the Library of Kirkland (FOLK) where he has become a very active volunteer. In addition, he is a volunteer at the Museum of Flight. Bob represents the epitome of a volunteer for SeniorNet of Puget Sound, and we would like to congratulate him for being chosen our Outstanding Volunteer of the Year.

**\*\*\*CONGRATULATIONS, BOB!\*\*\***

**SENIORNET WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

Remember our Northwest Regional Conference a couple of years ago? If you enjoyed it, then you have an opportunity to participate in a conference that encompasses a more diverse number of SeniorNet centers around the northwest. Our President, Lois Farris, will be participating courtesy of the SeniorNet of Puget Sound members. Everyone is invited to attend. If you are planning to go to California, plan your time around September 29<sup>th</sup>, the date of the conference, being held in Fullerton in Orange County (that is in the Los Angeles area). This is only a one-day conference that will start around 8:30 AM and go until 3 or 4

PM with seminars on various topics that have been submitted by the regional chapters. If you think you will be able to attend, please advise Helen Hesketh by September 6<sup>th</sup>, at [cpioehelen@aol.com](mailto:cpioehelen@aol.com) or call 425-641-0278 and leave a message if a live person does not answer the phone.

## **Bits and Pieces**

**Opening of Overlake Hospital's South Tower:** On Sunday September 23, the new Emergency and Trauma Center, operating rooms, critical care services and patient rooms will be open for viewing by the public. Guided tours will be available. To learn more go to [www.overlakehospital.org](http://www.overlakehospital.org)

**Brown Bag Raffle Highlights:** The winner of a \$25.00 QFC gift certificate is donating it to St. Vincent de Paul. The winner of a free class was the SeniorNet registrar, Louise Flora! She couldn't find a vacancy in any class she hadn't already taken. The next draw for the free class went to Adella Granger who gave her ticket to a friend who, in turn, is donating the actual cost of the class to the school.

**RSVP Volunteer of the Year:** Bob Balsley will be recognized at the Volunteer Recognition event on Tuesday, October 16th at Emerald Downs from 9:30 -11 a.m. The key note speaker will be "Uncle Bob" Santos, retired Executive Director of Inter\*Im Community Development. This is a fun morning with a buffet breakfast, musical entertainment, speaker, door prizes and exhibitor booths. Since it is the same day as our regular monthly membership meeting, this will replace our October meeting. We will try to carpool to Emerald Downs as we did last year.

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### **VISIT OUR WEB SITE [www.seniornetps.org](http://www.seniornetps.org)**

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

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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