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DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DECEMBER 18, 2007

**NEW HOPE MINISTRIES CHURCH
15760 NE 4TH STREET BELLEVUE**

**HOLIDAY GOODIES & REFRESHMENTS SERVED AT 9:30
AM!**

Come early for the best choices!

The business meeting will start at 10:00 am

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

Our guest speaker will be Ellen Marden from ZoomAlbum, Inc. showing us how to use digital photography to make a small photo album. She will have a PowerPoint presentation of how you can create albums of family activities and special events.



THERE WILL BE DOOR PRIZES!!!



Winter/Spring Registration Louise Flora

Mother Nature was on our side this year – it was cold, but sunny and clear, making easier work for the outside crew. A wonderful group of 52 volunteers took care of all the duties from the parking, to processing students, refreshments and manning the various tables. Over 100 numbers were distributed beginning at 8:00; there were cars lined up in the parking lot well before that time. At 7:45 they were 2 deep. All went smoothly with the first prospective students entering the building at 9:10 with registration starting at 9:30.

By noon when it was all over, we had filled 310 class spaces. Several classes are full – Basic Windows 1 & 2, Many Faces of Google-1 and Using Windows XP-2. Several others are close to being full. Call the voice mail 206-232-5892 to inquire whether a class you wish is available.

Harry Shedd wishes to thank all the volunteers who made this registration so successful and also the students that signed up for the Winter-Spring semester.

BITS & PIECES

Holiday Gift Certificates: And the winners of the \$50.00 gift certificates are: Jean Sturton, Harry Shedd, and John Leggate. It pays to come to meetings!

Detective Chiu: SeniorNet members were privileged at their November meeting to see and hear Detective Chiu from the Bellevue Police Department on the topic of crime prevention. He left us with several important telephone numbers and web sites that we should have available if the need arises.

Fraud Alert

After you have notified your card companies, call **911** and file a police report; check the consumer reporting companies - Equifax **1-800-525-6285**, Experian **1-888-397-3742** or TransUnion **1-800-680-7289**; and check the website ftc.gov/idtheft

Charitable solicitations

Secretary of State at www.secstate.wa.gov Det. Chiu says NEVER contribute to any unsolicited charity without checking them out.

Unwanted credit card applications

1-888-567-8688 or www.optoutpresecreen.com

Make & Take Night! Sponsored by the Phantom Lake PTA, this FREE Family Fun Night of arts and crafts is on Friday, December 14. Make & Take Night begins at 6:30 PM in the Phantom Lake gym. Come and enjoy the time with neighbors while you make holiday gifts for the important people in your life! Treats and apple cider will be provided. Contact Kris Boyle at **425-562-6280** or omegamn@msn.com if you would like to help with a craft or volunteer.

School Closure/Late Start: Inclement weather and snow can create confusion for all of us when it affects the school schedule. Since school busses serve several schools in the

district, decisions to close or delay a school are made at the district level. Sometimes the conditions are dry and clear in one neighborhood, but icy in other areas of the district. For this reason, it is very important to listen to the radio or watch the local TV news stations for announcements of school closures. DO NOT call the school office to determine the status of a late start or closure. You may call the school district's 24-hour recorded school news line at **425-456-4111**. You can also access the Public School Emergency Communication System's website at www.psecs.wednet.edu SeniorNet classes follow the Bellevue School District closure rules. However, a late start for Bellevue Schools would be the normal start time of our morning classes (10:00AM).

E-mail spam!
Kenneth Crandall

Woe is me. I have updated to Microsoft Windows Vista and it appears that my old standby anti-spam program for Outlook (SpamBayes) will not work with Vista. Therefore I am looking into using an anti-spam program called "SPAMfighter". I was alerted to this program by our president Lois Farris.

While I prefer an anti-spam program that relies upon a Bayesian statistical filter, the SPAMfighter program claims to be Europe's answer to spam. It has a free 30-day use of the Pro version that costs \$30 but it will revert to the free version if you do not decide to purchase the Pro version. I like free!

The program is available at <http://www.spamfighter.com/>. It is straight forward to install and it is compatible with Microsoft Windows Vista. It will work with "Outlook" and "Outlook Express" and it integrates into the e-mail program making it very easy to use.

I have installed it into my "Outlook" program and will evaluate it this month. Next month I will provide a review of how effective the program has been for me.

***** From Two of Our Own *****

Reminiscences of two of our veterans on Veterans' Day

Phil Scheier: Phil was first assigned to public relations when he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in January, 1942, but was able to get into flying status when the urgent call went out to get crews fast to man the thousands of bombers coming off the assembly lines. Phil, after training school, shipped to his new outfit at Myrtle Beach, S.C., flying in the sleek twin-engine B26 Martin Marauder medium bomber as a radio operator-gunner. After his 50th mission over Europe, Phil was sent back to the states for a 30-day furlough in his home town, New York City. He had a room at a prominent Times Square hotel as his personal base of operations. His one regret about the welcome furlough was missing the D-Day invasion. Phil rejoined his squadron some six weeks later, for another 15 missions, before ordered back again to the states. After another stint in Army public relations at Scott Field, IL, he was in the first group to be discharged via the point system on the basis of overseas combat, length of service and decorations. He resumed his writing career on a Pennsylvania newspaper, later moving along to publications in Connecticut and then in the Greater Boston area as editor of three daily papers. [Excerpted from November issue of "Foundation House Times" the monthly newsletter of Foundation House of Northgate where Phil and his wife now reside.]

Chuck Hurter: I too was 'processed-thru' Scott Field, IL to be recalled to serve in Korea while in graduate school at the University of Illinois. First let me reflect on how this all got started.

The year was 1942 when I entered the College of Engineering at the Urbana-Champaign campus as a freshman in the Fall of that year. Somehow I was struck by the volunteer bug at the young age of 18 and answered the Army's call to enlist in a branch of my choice provided I enrolled in and completed the ROTC training at this local land-grant cow-college. All went well until the following Spring. A notice was received to report to Scott Field, IL for induction processing as an Army reserve enlisted man, and, subsequently, begin basic training as a Medical Corpsman at Camp Jos T Robinson, Little Rock, AR. This was a far stretch from my former training in the Horse Cavalry the year before in the central Illinois corn and soybean fields! Shortening a much longer story before the SNPS editorial board does, I spent the rest of '43, '44 and '45 enjoying an all-expense-trip including sea, air, rail, 4x4 Jeep and 6x6 truck conducted tour to and from Europe including the beaches of Cherbourg, the canals of Holland, the fall and capture of Cologne, the Remagen bridgehead, the Rhine crossing, and the Nordhausen disaster all before reaching our destination, Halle, just west of Berlin. My folks received a MIA telegram one day while I was recovering in an Aachen field hospital from a concussion caused by an incoming mortar shell.

After a short side trip thru Leipzig en route to LaHarve and the homeward-bound intermediate stop at Ft Dix, NJ, my final Army experience in Dec '45 was an honorable discharge as a buck-sergeant at Camp San Luis Obispo, CA. I could now resume my professional education, I thought (hoped), as an Army reserve non-com. Korea came to a boil in the ensuing months after I finished undergraduate work at LSU, Princeton, Rutgers, CalTech, USC, UCLA and started graduate school back at Illinois. The year was 1949-1950. Still in the Army Reserve, I received a second notice to report for a pre-induction physical, this time to a venue on the shores of Lake Michigan—Fort Sheridan.

My re-entry physical at Fort Sheridan was a resounding success and I was ordered to report to Fort Lewis, WA in 90 days. This led to a plan for the Army to release me from reporting for Korea active duty if I agreed to accept a commission in the USAF upon graduation with a Master's degree in Aero Engineering and then report to Wright-Pat AFB, Dayton, OH. I was half way thru the advanced degree 2-year program and, needless to say, soon I was reported AWOL at Fort Lewis. This SAFU was quickly approaching FUBAR and persisted for several months. Resolution came after successful graduation and accepting a job in industry at a rocket company, Aerojet, in Azusa, CA. The Air Force seemed to have enough R&D 2nd Lt's at that time as long as I was supporting the USAF activity somewhere.

After 10-plus years they allowed me to resign my commission, continue domestic life and raise a family. This led to a full-time domestic stint including two marriages in aggregate over 56 years and still counting, acquiring seven kids, six of whom have successful marriages and careers and Gretel and I enjoying nearly 30 years of retirement living in the 'upper-lefthand-corner USA (aka: the greater Pacific Northwest)!

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