

# *Metro Area Personal Computer Club*

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday at Godfather's Pizza – 30th & Bdwy. Co. Bluffs 7 P.M.

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## Come to the Meeting



## Win a Pizza!

That's right, you can now WIN a pizza at each meeting. A motion was made and unanimously carried at the March meeting to change our drawing policy. Instead of simply handing out half of the 'ticket-money' for the prize, **the first drawing will now be for a \$10.00 pizza!**

Tickets will be sold the same as in the past, for \$1.00 each before we begin the meeting. Then we'll draw a winner's name and he/she will be awarded a certificate toward a \$10.00 Pizza. You can use it just as you would a ten dollar bill at the **West End Godfather's Pizza place**. If your order exceeds ten dollars, just give them the certificate and the amount over the ten and enjoy your dinner while we dig into the meeting activities! Pretty slick, eh?

You say you want more? You're still not satisfied? Well, at the END of the meeting, the new prize for the "Stick-Around" drawing will be HALF of the proceeds gained from the sale of tickets for the pizza. What a deal!

## Nominate Now

**April is Nomination month.** This is the time of year you have the opportunity to select nominees for the various offices, i.e. President/Vice President team, Treasurer and Secretary. Let your voice be heard!

President, Wm. Pennington is looking to hit the 'Retirement Farm' this year so we will have a new president. Bill has done the job as well as anyone could possibly do, considering the shrinking numbers in our group and his past health condition. We're thankful Bill for all your hard work and dedication!

A couple of years ago we fooled Joe into thinking he could permanently retire from presidency but it seems this is not the case.

In an earnest attempt to help our group **continue**, and hopefully **grow**, Joe Cavallaro and Fred Veleba are announcing their candidacy for the President/Vice President offices. Our Treasurer, Mary Alice Fehr has agreed to continue in that office and Lynn Fehr is willing to assume the job of Secretary if so elected. Dee Hindman has done a great job as Secretary but she also has 'retirement fever' this year. Dee, we want you to continue coming to the meetings and social affairs regularly... **"We've grown accustomed to your face"**, (as the old song goes!)

If you would like to nominate someone, or if you would like to volunteer for any of the above offices, speak-up at this, the **April meeting** and let your wishes be recorded. **Election** month is May. All nominations must be recorded during the April meeting. We nominate in April and vote in May.

## Fun Facts



TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be typed using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

While it took the radio 38 years and the television a short 13 years, it took the World Wide Web only 4 years to reach 50 million users.

There are approximately 1,319,872,109 people on the Internet.

"Stewardesses" is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.

Alaska is the only state that can be typed on one row of keys on a QWERTY keyboard.

Hewlett Packard was started at a garage in Palo Alto in 1939.

If you opened up the case of the original Macintosh, you will find 47 signatures. One for each member of Apple's Macintosh division as of 1982.

Computer programming is currently one of the fastest growing occupations.

On an average work day, a typist's fingers travel 12.6 miles.

The Dvorak keyboard is more efficient than QWERTY. 20 times faster, in fact.

On eBay, there are an average of \$680 worth of transactions each second.

80% of all pictures on the internet are of naked women

In the 1980s, an IBM computer wasn't considered 100 percent compatible unless it could run Microsoft Flight Simulator.

The world's first computer, called the Z1, was invented by Konrad Zuse in 1936. His next invention, the Z2 was finished in 1939 and was the first fully functioning electro-mechanical computer.

The first computer mouse was invented by Doug Engelbart around 1964 and was made of wood.

Domain names are being registered at a rate of more than one million names every month.

There are approximately 1.06 billion instant messaging accounts worldwide.

E-mail has been around longer than the World Wide Web.

The average computer user blinks 7 times a minute, less than half the normal rate of 20.

Source: <http://www.funfactz.com/computer-facts/>



# Minutes of March 20 Meeting



Secretary Dee Hindman

Pres. Pennington opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

## **Reports:**

Secretary, Dee Hindman read the Minutes of the February meeting followed by Treasurer, Mary Alice Fehr reading the Treasury Report. Both accepted as read.

## **Drawing:**

David Ladd was the happy winner of our first drawing, splitting \$13.00 with the treasury, \$6.50 each.

## **Old & New Business:**

Discussion took place that Windows 8 is due to be released around October of this year. Joe 3<sup>rd</sup> said he was having a problem getting his wireless mouse to work in certain locations. No idea why. It was suggested he change to a 'wired' mouse since there may be interference from nearby portable phones or other devices. What do you think?

Fred Veleba had questions about the display appearing different on their Kindle Fire, compared to on a computer. There was also discussion concerning Adobe Flash, and the inconvenience caused by tablets that don't support Flash. Also how computers are evolving into tablet form more and more.

## **Visitor:**

The Club welcomed Joe 3<sup>rd</sup>'s guest, Amy Bogdanovich. Hurry back Amy! We'd like to add you to our membership.

## **Nomination Month:**

April is to be nomination month, when members are nominated, or can volunteer to run for any elective office including the President/Vice President team, Treasurer, and also Club Secretary. Voting is to take place during the May meeting.

## **Motions:**

Joe Sr. made a motion that as of the beginning of the April meeting, the club purchase a \$10.00 Gift Certificate for pizza as the prize to the winner of our first drawing, and that the proceeds from the tickets from that drawing be split at the end of the meeting with the winner of the "Stick-Around" drawing and our treasury, 50/50. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **Demo**

Joe 3<sup>rd</sup> offered the demo, showing many features of the popular social site, Face Book. Very interesting demo and a job well done Joe.

## **April Demo**

Joe Sr. will be doing the demo at the April meeting, showing some of the features of Adobe's Photoshop ELEMENTS. (Elements is the 'poor man's version of Adobe Photoshop.)

**Final Stick-Around Drawing** for the gold dollar was won by Lynn Fehr.

Members were asked to keep Mary Cavallaro in their prayers. She was admitted to Mercy Hospital with a very high fever, shortly before the meeting took place.



## Don't Stay Connected

*(Hints from 'Max Secure Software')*

Disconnect your computer from the Internet when you aren't using it: The developments of technologies such as DSL and cable modems have made it possible for users to be online all the time, but this convenience comes with risks.

The likelihood that attackers or viruses scanning the network for available computers will target your computer becomes much higher if your computer is always connected.

Depending on what method you use to connect to the Internet, disconnecting may mean disabling a wireless connection, turning off your computer or modem, or disconnecting cables.

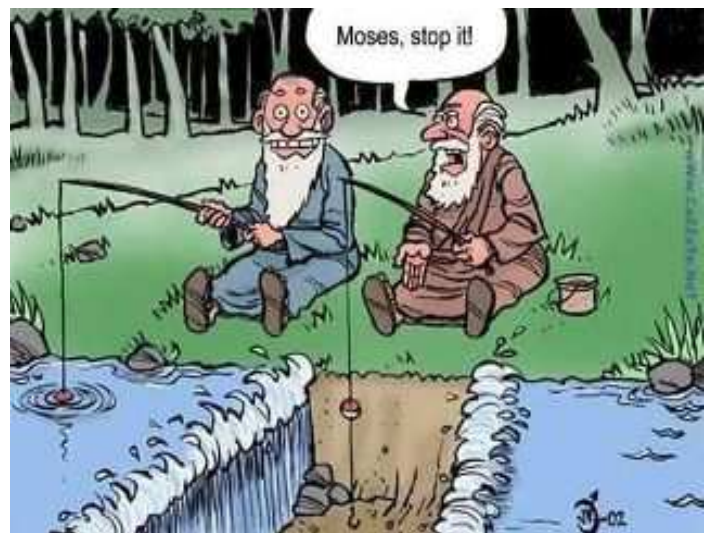
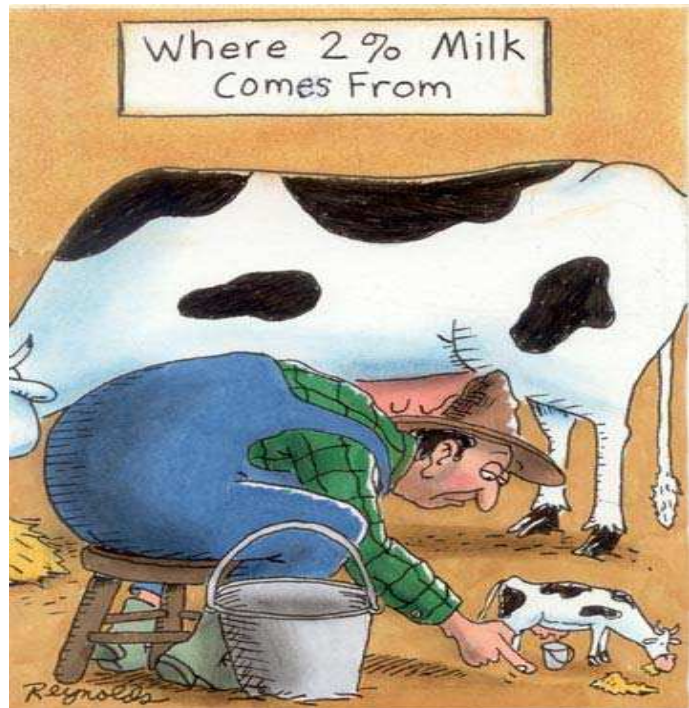
When you are connected, make sure that you have a firewall enabled.

Lock your computer when you are away from it: Even if you only step away from your computer for a few minutes, it's enough time for someone else to destroy or corrupt your information. Locking your computer prevents another person from being able to simply sit down at your computer and access all of your information.

Are you thinking, **"I've never had a problem up 'till now, so why bother?"** There is always a first time and that can be the critical one that does the damage. Better safe than sorry!

## DID YOU KNOW?

Just in case you've forgotten, (or didn't know)... you can earn yourself a 'Dues Free Year' by adding one (paid) member to our club. That's right! If you are responsible for a member signing-up as an MAPCC member, either single or family membership, YOU get your dues paid for a full year. How much easier could it get? Get busy talking to your friends, family or any prospects. You not only gain free dues for a year, but most importantly, the club grows. That's our goal for this coming year....**GROW THE CLUB!** Let's all take an interest in that goal, ok?



# Larry and Bernice Puls Celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Getting Ready for the occasion....



Daughter, Karrie 'pins' Larry for the banquet



Mr. & Mrs. Puls... Congratulations Folks!



Mark Brandenburg makes presentation to Larry



Pastor Simmons says blessing before the meal



State Representative, Mark Brandenburg presented friend Larry with an award of recognition from the House of Representatives.

Pizza King's hall was packed to capacity!  
3/25/2012





# From the Office of the President

Well I want to say to all of you I am happy that I served as your President for these last four to five years. I think it is time now for some 'new blood'.

Take care,

Your President:

William L Pennington