

Metro Area Personal Computer Club

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

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Computer Protection



You can 'over protect' your computer. It's best not to install more than one anti-virus program on your computer that will run at the same time. Often, they will recognize each other as 'malicious software' and delete or quarantine some of the 'good' program. Use one dependable anti-virus program that updates frequently.

If you have separate anti-virus software and anti-spyware program, it's best to install them separated by several days. Install the anti-virus software first, and observe how it works... detecting, updating, etc. Then, two or three days later, install the anti-spyware software.

Identity Theft

This happens every day. In fact, at least one of our club members has already been a victim of this crime. If you become aware of having been 'violated', immediately close any accounts you use on the Internet that could leave you more vulnerable. Contact companies you often do business with to confirm if there have been any recent transactions. Check your credit report to see if there has been any recent access or change. Have 'fraud alerts' placed on your credit reports to prevent further illegal access.

File a report

File a report with the local police so there is an official record of the incident. You can also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission.

Depending on what information was stolen, you may need to contact other agencies; For example, if a thief has access to your Social Security number, contact the Social Security Administration. You should also contact the Department of Motor Vehicles if your driver's license or car registration has been stolen.

Win a Pizza at each meeting!

Yes, you can win a pizza at the beginning of each meeting. Instead of our usual '50/50' drawing we now offer a \$10.00 certificate for any pizza you care to purchase at Godfather's (Co. Bluffs). Kevin Holloway won the very first pizza offered in April, followed by 2nd winner at the May meeting, David Ladd. Same as before, tickets are purchased by a \$1.00 donation. We've also changed the 'Stick-Around' drawing at the end of the meeting. Now, instead of the usual 'Gold Dollar', you can win HALF of the proceeds acquired from the pizza drawing, so it's a win-win situation. Make sure to attend the June 19th meeting. Your input is needed on how to grow our club or any changes you may wish to suggest.



Minutes of May 15th Meeting

(Submitted by V.P. Lynn Fehr)

President Wm. Pennington called the meeting to order at Godfather's Pizza at 7:05 P.M.

Vice President, Lynn Fehr read the minutes in Secretary Dee Hindman's absence. Treasurer, Mary Alice Fehr read the treasury report. Mary Alice received the left-over, "Stick Around" Gold Dollars from Wm. Pennington. We will hold them for future functions. Both Minutes and Treasury Report were accepted as read. Motions were seconded and carried.

Visitor

George Cuffe attended the meeting. It's always nice to see past members. Come back soon George.

Not present

Members not in attendance were Dean & Pat Cumpston, Jerry Bell, Tammy Cooper, Fred Veleba, new member, Kris Veleba, Alan Love family, Cheryl Pennington and Dee Hindman, and of course, out of town members, Fritz & Jo Warden and Fred Champy.

First Drawing

David Ladd was the lucky winner of the ten dollar Pizza certificate. Nice going, David!

New Officers

Nominations of officers was approved by vote. New officers are: President, Joe Cavallaro. Vice President, Fred Veleba. Secretary, Lynn Fehr and Treasurer, Mary Alice Fehr. Lem McIntosh continues as Librarian and Dee Hindman as our 'A-Team Mom'. Welcome to all officers, new and old!

New Business

Joe C. stated he has prepared business cards for the club and will get them printed and ready for use by the June meeting. Lynn Fehr mentioned Copy Cat had a good promotion. Joe also has posted a club ad at Super Saver and invited members to mention where else we might place such posters. Joe also placed an ad on Craig's List. Let's GROW the club!

Demo

David Ladd did an excellent job of presenting the demo, showing the members in detail, what a Virtual Machine is and how it works. After the presentation a question and answer session followed, with more detail on how to set-up a virtual machine. Many members were not aware of what it was or its use. Very good job, David! New knowledge is always gained by attending the monthly meetings.

June Demo

Since there were no offers for the June demo, we will discuss plans to grow the club and review the club website, considering any changes or additions.

Drawing

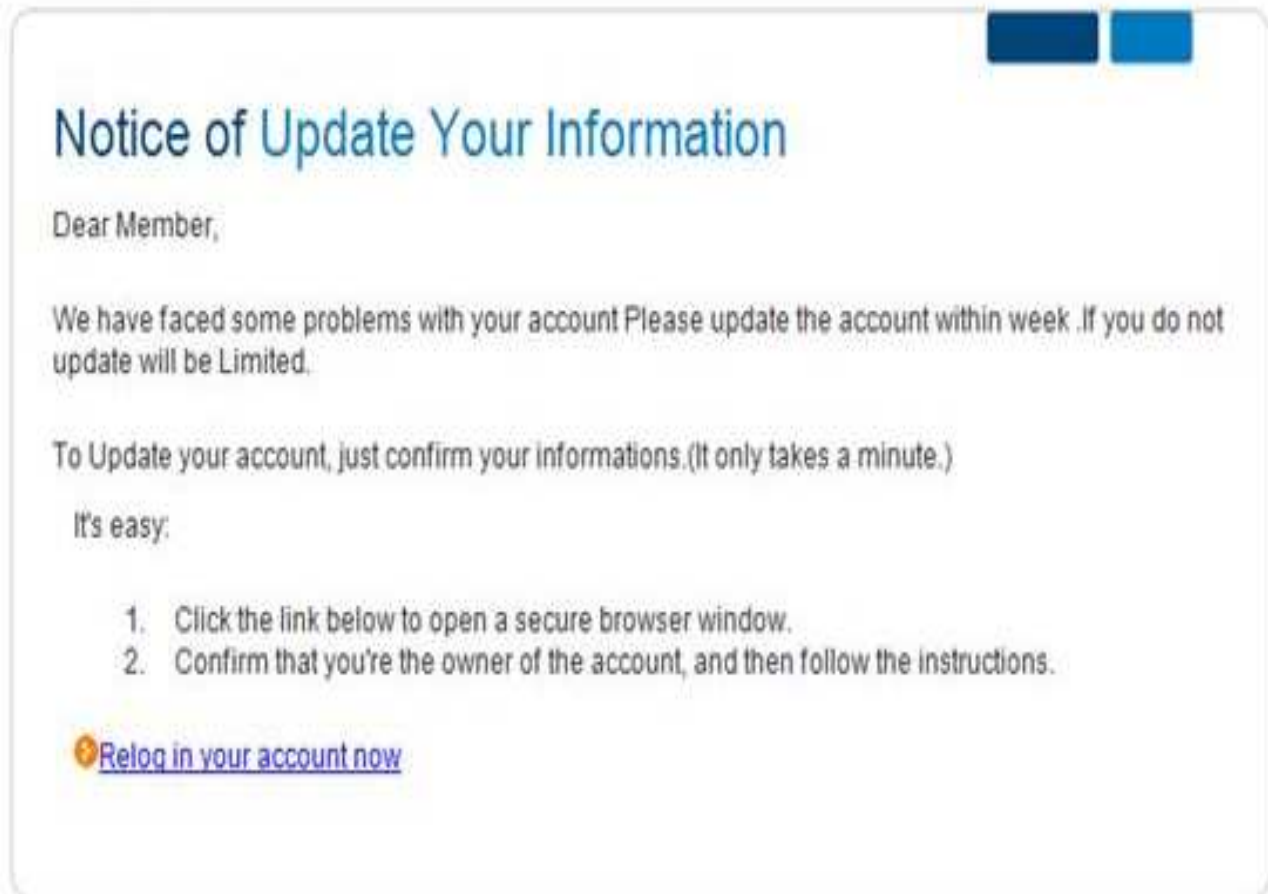
Larry Puls was the winner of the "Stick-Around" drawing as the meeting ended and Larry split \$12.00 with our treasury, \$6.00 each. We're pleased to see Larry attending the meetings once again, after such a long illness. Keep at it Larry!

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Minutes recorded and presented by V.P. Lynn Fehr, in Secretary Dee Hindman's absence.

False Notice — Don't fall for it!

Have you received 'notices' like the one below? Most computer users have, and believe it or not, some people will respond, feeling threatened of losing their account if they don't, sending all the magic information that will allow the thief who sends this garbage to access your account and buy whatever he/she is inclined to buy, leaving YOU with the problem of explaining that you never made the purchase. Then, you are at the mercy of the company—if they believe you and cancel the debt, or hold you responsible for it. There are many such notices. Another popular one is from **Cox**. **IGNORE them! DELETE them! DON'T respond to them!** Alert the company they pretend to be, and let *them* track the thief down but **DO NOT send your user name, password or any private information on line!** **If in doubt, contact the company to confirm the authenticity of the notice.**



Let's GROW the club! Need your input....



President's Corner



Joe Cavallaro

Well, it's 'Back in the Saddle Again'! Thanks for allowing me to act once more as president of this terrific group! I thought my retirement would last longer, but oh well...

We all owe a huge THANK YOU to **Wm. Pennington**, who stepped-up as president when no one else would, and has done an admirable job. You're appreciated Bill! I also offer my sincere appreciation to those members who have remained as officers or volunteered to perform in new positions. Let's team-up and see if we can help the club grow. Let's keep the new V.P., Fred Veleba in prayer for healing. I'll need all the help I can get, and Fred will be a fine co-officer to the benefit of the club, but we need to get him 'up and at 'em again!

I don't have any magic bullets to offer but will do what I can to help the club survive and more importantly, to GROW. It's my goal to fill Godfather's party room with our members. No one person can accomplish this job so let's hear what YOU want. Let's hear YOUR ideas, suggestions, etc. on how we can improve things. Feel free to contact me, during or between meetings with any ideas or suggestions you may have. **COMMUNICATION is the key word.** Let's keep in touch with other members between meetings so we're all aware of the latest events, OK? Now let's get busy! ...Joe

Explore online games together

Play with your kids or sit with them while they play. You will have fun and learn about their gaming, too.

Check the ratings of the games your kids want to play. In the U.S. and Canada, most games sold at retail stores are described and rated by the [Entertainment Software Rating Board](#) (ESRB). Use these ratings as you discuss the most appropriate games with your child or teen.

Teach kids rules for safer gaming:

Keep personal information a secret. Advise kids never to share personal information about themselves or their family with other players—their real name, email or home address, age, gender, pictures, and the like.

Protect game accounts with strong passwords: Strong passwords are at least eight characters (longer is better) and include a mix of letters, numbers, and symbols.

Make up a safe gamer name. Help children choose screen names and gamer tags (such as Kinect ID) that do not reveal anything personal, are not suggestive, and do not make kids easy to locate.

Get help from technology:

Defend your computer against Internet threats. Install antivirus and antispyware software. Never turn off your firewall. Keep all software (including your web browser) current with automatic updating.

What to do if there are problems:

Teach kids to trust their instincts. Encourage kids to tell you if anything unsettling occurs—not to keep it secret or pretend it is okay. Make clear that you will not punish them or take away game privileges for telling you.

Microsoft's BING goes to war with Google

Computerworld - Microsoft's move to boost Bing's social networking features could finally give it an opportunity to truly take on Google's dominant search engine, analysts say.

The updated Bing search engine, unveiled on Thursday, can now include the user comments, likes and activities posted in popular social networks like Facebook and Twitter. Patrick Moorhead, an analyst at Moor Insights & Strategy, agreed with Microsoft's contention that the redesign is "the most significant since Microsoft launched Bing three years ago."

"The Bing redesign really is a search revolution and the biggest change I have seen from them in years," Moorhead said.

"Bing could revolutionize social search by tapping into Facebook's and Twitter's capabilities. Unlike Google, Bing and Microsoft aren't vying to create their own social media destination, so they can access the best-of-breed social media sites like Facebook and Twitter," Moorhead added.

Bing's new interface, which is expected to move from a private to a public beta test period soon, offers users a sidebar that focuses on people in the user's social networks and their opinions and search queries, Microsoft said.

Contrary to their history of unnecessarily overcomplicating software, Microsoft has shown a knack with Bing for boiling down functionality to a useful level," said Brad Shimmin, an analyst at Current Analysis. "I think if anything, it will entice consumers to try Microsoft Bing."

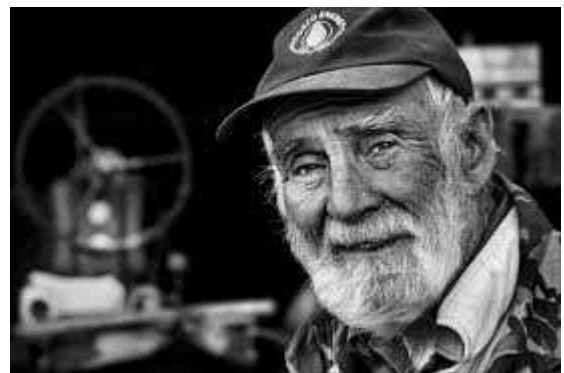
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LIBRARY..... Have you taken the time to browse through the various books, CD's, etc. that are made available by our **Librarian, Lem McIntosh**? Lem has faithfully carried the library contents to and from each meeting, displaying them all for you to check over. Keep him busy... borrow something from him 'till the following meeting. He needs a little more action to make him feel loved! :o)



Demo's

Would you like to offer a demonstration to our members? Do you have a friend, (member or not), who might be willing to show something new, old or interesting? You never know if you don't ask! We need to line-up some demo's for our members to look forward to. —



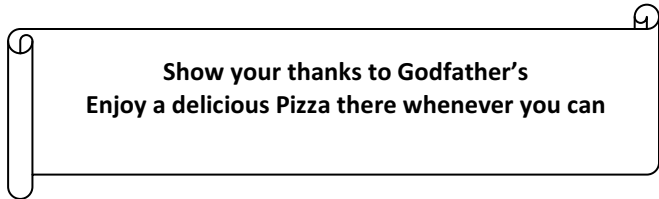
The 'Old Farmer' Says..

"Keep skunks and bankers at a distance".

Let's GROW
Our Club!

Pay your dues
with *Add a
Member!

*Add a member to the club ——— your dues are paid for one year



Show your thanks to Godfather's
Enjoy a delicious Pizza there whenever you can