



## Strike the "BELL" with Freeman Demo's again! 'FRD' - \$100 Drawing!



Jerry Bell

At the beginning of the October 15th meeting, the final tickets were sold, completing our second Fund Raising Drawing (FRD). Tickets were sold at \$5.00 each 'till we sold all twenty, grossing \$100.00. Our guest speaker Freeman, did the honors of pulling out the winning name—**JERRY BELL!** Half goes to Jerry and half to our treasury. Sorry to say, Jerry was absent at this meeting. Next question.... Do we want to begin a third drawing? Also, do we want to add, "Winner must be present"? Give it some thought.

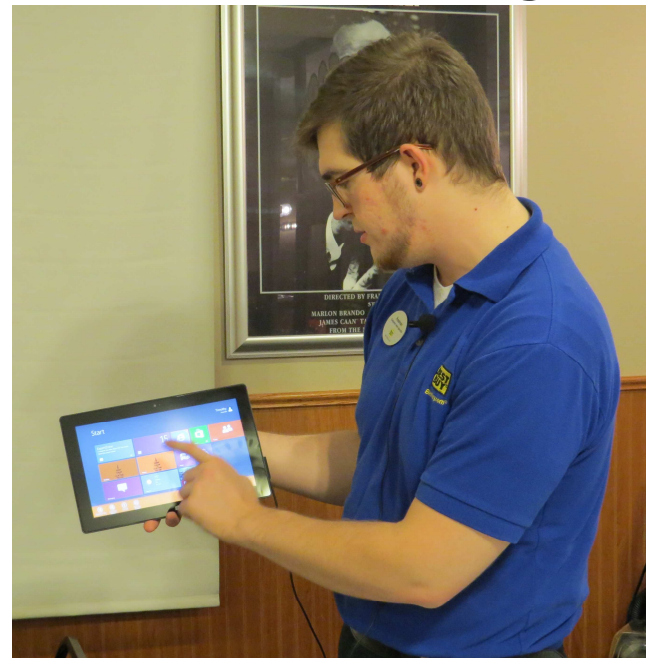
## FREE? NO WAY!

Yes, 'way'! Joe described to members he was able to acquire some equipment from the college he attends, and offered anyone a FREE used hard drive. Also our members voted to purchase a used electronic projector, so we'd



Joe Cavallaro 3rd

have a 'backup' in case of our present projector conking out. Our last bulb replacement cost us well over \$200.00, so the members thought a used but working fifty-dollar projector might be a good investment.



Thanks to our Council Bluffs Best Buy manager, Chris Perterson, we were able to enjoy an excellent demo given by our favorite Geek Squad 'Geek', Tim Freeman. 'Freeman', as he prefers to be called, did a great job showing off Microsoft's SURFACE RT. It's both a computer and a tablet, whichever you want it to be. It's the 'little brother' to the 'Surface PRO'. Either of them can utilize a flat, water-proof 'cover-keyboard' (extra). More Windows 8 features were also shown and discussed.

**Next Demo:** Dean Cumpston showing the Linux operating system. November 19th.

More photos inside...*(Photos by V.P. Fred Veleba)*

## 2013 Christmas Party

Arrangements are officially made now for acquiring the New Horizon Church Hall as the location for holding our Christmas Gathering once again. **WHEN?** December 7th, **WHERE?** 30 Valley View Drive, Council Bluffs. **TIME:** 1-5 P.M. Please mark your calendar now so you won't come-up with conflicting events on that date. That's **OUR** 'together time'. Let's strive for 100% attendance, ok?

# Minutes of the October 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Pres. Joe Cavallaro called the meeting to order at Godfather's Pizza, at 7:P.M.

## **Pizza Winner**

The winner of the FREE PIZZA was Fred Veleba.

## **Minutes and Treasury Report**

Secretary, Lynn Fehr read the minutes of the September meeting, followed by Treasurer, Mary Alice Fehr reading the Treasury Report. Both accepted as read.

## **Fund Raising Raffle**

The winner of the fund raiser was Jerry Bell, (not present), who split \$100.00 with the Treasury, \$50.00 each. Congratulations, Jerry, wherever you are!

## **Free Hard Drives**

Joe Cavallaro 3<sup>rd</sup> procured some electronic projectors and hard drives. The projectors are being sold and Joe gave the hard drives freely, (no charge), to anyone needing them. Members voted unanimously to purchase one of the projectors, as a 'back up' unit for our meetings.

## **Christmas Party**

We were unable to acquire the New Horizon's church hall for our Christmas Party on a Sunday, so we will try to rent the hall on an early December Saturday, from 1-5 p.m.. Mary Alice was to see to this soon after the meeting and let Joe know, so he can post it in the November newsletter. Motion was made to this effect and carried by the 16 members present.

## **Attending Members**

Members who attended this Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> meeting are Amy Bogdanovich, Taylor Cavallaro, Joe Cavallaro, Joe Cavallaro 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dean & Pat Cumpston, Lynn & Mary Alice Fehr, Dee Hindman, Kevin Holloway, Richard Hopp, David Ladd, Librarian, Lem McIntosh, Wm. & Cheryl Pennington and Fred Veleba.

## **Demo**

After a ten minute break, **Tim Freeman** from the Co. Bluffs Best Buy store offered the demo, showing the Microsoft Surface 'tablet/computer'. He gave a thorough explanation of both the RT, which he used for the demo, and its' big-brother, the Surface Pro. He also delved into more of the operating techniques of Windows 8 since more members are entering that world. Very good demo. Drop in and offer your thanks, to both 'Freeman', who is a member of the Geek Squad, and also the manager of Best Buy, Chris Peterson, for arranging this demo.

## **November Demo**

Dean Cumpston will offer the Nov. demo, showing the Unix operating system.

## **Stick-Around Drawing**

Mary Alice Fehr was the winner of the Stick-Around drawing, who split \$18.00, 50/50, with our treasury, \$9.00 each.

## **Adjourned**

With no further business pending, the meeting was adjourned at 9:P.M

*(Minutes recorded by Secretary, Lynn Fehr – 10/15/2013)*

# Meeting Activities — Photo Page



As we kicked-off the October meeting, Sec. Lynn Fehr reads the past month's Minutes as Pres. Joe follows along.



Freeman shot a picture of the group as he demonstrated the little Surface RT. Nice, sharp photo of the interested group!



Bill and Richard (Kevin behind) listen intently to all the features of the 'RT'.



Cheryl, working with tickets, as usual, while David, Lem and Dee listen to Freeman's description of the new 'puter.



Winner of the Ten Dollar Pizza drawing: V.P. Fred Veleba said, "It's about time!"



Joe and Amy 'doing their thing'... texting and checking email, during the break.

## .... And more of the same



Wm. (Bill) Pennington listens intently to Freeman as he thoroughly covers many of the features of both the Microsoft SURFACE computer and how to get around in the newest operating system, Windows 8. (Behind Bill: Kevin and Richard Hopp).



Remember back when YOU could relax and compute in such a position? (I don't!) Taylor, our youngest member catches-up on one of her school subjects during the break. Taylor is also very active (and quite good), at playing Volley Ball.



Lem McIntosh, enjoying conversation with one of the members at meeting's end, before beginning his long drive home.

Lem is our Librarian and he takes his job seriously, lugging all the Library contents to each meeting, and then back home. We appreciate you, Lem!



Wm. Pennington and Lem McIntosh. A vivid contrast exists between Bill and Lem. Bill lives only a stone's throw from where our meetings take place and Lem drives all the way from Glenwood, IA. to each meeting. Now that's dedication, eh? Meeting's over.... Heading for home.

# Editor's Comments

It's November. How quickly the end of this year has rolled around! When I was 12 or 13 years old, it seemed to take forever for a year to pass... especially when I was looking forward to Christmas, (and of course, the presents!). Now it seems like we just celebrated Christmas a short time ago and here we are, getting ready to welcome a brand new one all over again. Well I guess that's how it works. Maybe as we grow a little older we lose a bit of patience so the Lord hurries things along so the years whiz by just a little faster each year. Nice of Him to do that for us, eh?

Each year at this time I can't help but reflect back over the past years, when our club was very young and just starting out. When we were only three years old the year 1985 comes to mind when I had some pretty serious surgery scheduled, but I talked the doctor into changing the date so I could attend our club's first Computer Fair, held at McMillan Jr. High School, over in Omaha. Our members were very 'fired-up' over this newfound technology and it was truly an exciting time. Things have simmered-down over the years and practically everyone you talk to now has at least one computer so it's not so new and exciting as it was back then but with all the new and changing innovations that come along, I still find it to be a fascinating field. I hope you feel the same.

This month we will hold the last official meeting of 2013 and it will seem like quite a long stretch 'till our next meeting, which won't be 'till January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014. 1982 to 2014...that's quite a stretch for a club's existence, eh? What does that make us, **32 years old** now? Wow! How many other computer clubs are you aware of that have existed that long? I'm pleased and proud and excited, all at the same time to be associated with such a group.

I look forward to the coming year with the hope that we can still continue to 'Pass It On'. That's what it's all about. We've shared with a good number of people who have come and gone over these past 32 years, but just knowing we may have helped even one person to advance their interest in this field, who in turn will then be able to help someone else, continuing this practice on and on makes it truly exciting. Isn't it great? We really may never know just how many lives we've touched but it's gratifying just thinking about how far we may have reached.

It's my prayer that the coming year will bring each and every one of you good health, many blessings and the incentive to pitch-in and do what you can to promote the growth of our club.

It's been a pleasure serving as your President and Newsletter Editor off and on over these many years. I'll continue to do what I'm able as long as I can. Now it's time to get ready for the fun part of the year... our Christmas Party. I hope each and every one of you will attend and hopefully bring guests along with you. I pray we're all well and will 'join-up' on December 7<sup>th</sup> for this final membership gathering of 2013. Let's keep CHRIST in Christmas!

See you then? God Bless,

Joe