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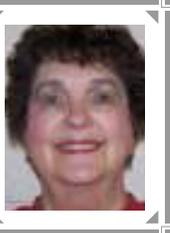
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**General Meeting, 7 p.m.
 Thursday, February 7, 2013**

All Members: Please fill in an Application Blank and send it in or bring it to the February meeting with your dues. We will have Application Blanks at the meeting if you do not want to cut up your WAUCtalk. We need to be sure we have current addresses and email addresses for all members.

Don't forget to renew your membership. Keep WAUCtalk coming.

Digital Photography by Marcia Zientek



Marcia Zientek will share her knowledge and experience of digital photography at the February meeting. Those who have seen her travel blogs and enjoyed her pictures of members in WAUCtalk will get in on techniques and pleasures of taking pictures.

January-February at a Glance

January	13 WAUC Lunch, 1 PM, Old Country Buffet, 4902 S. 74th Speedway Station, 60th & Layton RSVP: rgdurand@yahoo.com
17 Q&A SIG, 7:00 PM	13 Mac SIG, 7:00 PM Villas at the Station, 8935 S. Wood Creek Dr., Oak Creek
23 Investment Tracking SIG, 7:-00 PM Panera Bread, 7840 W. Layton Ave.	14 Windows 7 SIG, 7:00 PM Speedway Station, 60th & Layton
24 Exec. Bd. Dinner, 6:30 PM Genesis Restaurant	21 Q&A SIG, 7:00 PM Speedway Station, 60th & Layton
February	27 Investment Tracking SIG, 7:00 PM Panera Bread, 7840 W. Layton Ave.
7 WAUC General Meeting, 7:00 PM Jackson Park Lutheran Church 4535 W. Oklahoma Ave. Topic—Digital Photography	Future Presentations: • March—Model Mac SIG • April—Model Q&A SIG
7 Executive Board Meeting, 6:15 PM Jackson Park Lutheran Church	

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President's Message—New Life Means Changes



Greetings WAUC Members and welcome to this Special Edition of WAUCtalk for January, 2013. To inform you more promptly about what happened at the

most recent WAUC Board Meeting and General Meeting, and to give you more advance notice of upcoming WAUC functions, WAUCtalk is now going to be sent out about mid-month. The WAUC Bulletin will still be sent out at about the same time as it has been, towards the end of each month. So rather than have you receive the two WAUC publications close together and then have a long interval until the next month, the publications will be further apart from each other, but you will experience a shorter interval in receiving the

newsletter or the bulletin. And in order to initiate this new publishing schedule, we are issuing this special January edition of WAUCtalk even though you should have already received the original January issue at the beginning of the month.

As I write this, I have just completed my first WAUC meeting as President last evening, January 3rd, 2013. Thanks again to everyone who passed along their compliments and encouragement. I expect, and you should expect from me, that I show improvement in running meetings and being club president as time goes on. I want to give special thanks again in these pages to Jackson Park Lutheran Church for their prompt damage recovery from the previous evening's break-in, which enabled us to have our General Meeting as scheduled. As was mentioned during the meeting, the Club is making an advance donation to the Church to show our appreciation.

and now that the club is smaller, the budget for good door prizes is also a lot smaller. Add to that, the effort to unload and load, to pack and repack, all the door prizes for every monthly meeting, has become challenging. After all these years, it is time to put door prizes away. There is still a considerable inventory of prizes to be claimed by members and we'll continue offering them until most are gone. We were going to do this at the January General Meeting but unfortunately had to skip this. I had too much other business to conduct.

Something new we are going to try instead is serving coffee and treats at General Meetings. We did this at the January General Meeting and it seems to have been a success because after the meeting hardly any of the treats were left and the coffee pot was empty. We want to create a pleasant sociable atmosphere at General Meetings and not have it be all serious business. And as I said at the meeting, members are welcome to bring their own home-made cookies, brownies, etc. to serve at future General Meetings.

On the subject of presentations, we are looking at having the SIGs give them at General Meetings for a couple of reasons. First, without a Program Chair with the necessary expertise, it is very challenging and time consuming to find outside presenters. Second, we want to expose the general membership of the club to what each of the SIGs has to offer. Announcements and SIG reports only go so far. Hopefully, some members will think enough of these SIG presentations to attend the regular SIGs more often. For the more

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WAUCtalk

WAUCtalk is a monthly publication of the Wisconsin All-computer Users Club. WAUC is a computer club dedicated to promoting and instructing the use of computers to WAUC members. Membership in WAUC is \$25 per year (\$12.50 if applying after June 1). WAUCtalk is emailed to all WAUC members.

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As described in the minutes of the General Meeting elsewhere in this issue of WAUCtalk, the Board and I are making some noticeable and substantial changes to the way WAUC has done things for a long time. I won't repeat the changes in detail but I want to describe the reasoning for all of this, especially for those who were not at the General Meeting and are only now reading about this. First, concerning the phasing out of door prizes, I know door prizes are popular but I have gotten the impression over the last several years that they are not as popular as they used to be. The fact is, it takes a lot of time and effort to shop for door prizes that are appealing to members of a computer club

Article 2 – Purposes

The purpose of WAUC shall be to provide an educational forum for people interested in learning about small computer systems. In fulfilling this purpose, WAUC shall provide educational programs for members and the public, establish and maintain a library of software, provide publications as the club shall find useful, and engage in other educational, social and charitable activities as the membership may from time to time determine. However, neither WAUC nor any group or agency acting on its behalf or under its auspices shall engage in any form of political lobbying or in activities prohibited by law.

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distant future, we are looking into holding some online presentations from APCUG.

Another big change in WAUC is going to be the scaling down of our club newsletter, WAUCtalk. From what I have seen of newsletters from other computer clubs, I happen to think that our newsletter is just as good or better than anything else out there. But it takes a tremendous amount of time and energy to produce our newsletter. The newsletter we have has to be something that works for this club, and not something that is an end in itself, however impressive. To serve the club, we want WAUCtalk to be more about WAUC and less about computers and software. There are many other sources on the internet, in computer magazines, etc., that give educational information much more effectively.

To really emphasize the word, "computer," in "computer club," we

are, beginning in February, going to meet you half way by offering one-on-one computer service at the General Meetings. Our most computer-capable members, beginning with Bill Gierach, will be available while the presentation is being delivered, to look at the computer you bring in and see what can be done. Bill has been doing this type of work as his job in the corporate world for several decades and has seen it all. As long as I have been in this club, there have been computer questions raised at the General Meetings or at SIGs and suggestions are offered, but sometimes a machine has to be actually looked at to see what the problem is. If you have a laptop, just bring it in. If you have a desktop, get just the box to the church and we will even help carry it in, and we will have the keyboard, mouse, and monitor to complete the set-up. Of course we can't promise total solutions to everything and sometimes the situation may call for professional services and parts, but this will at least be a

first step. And sometimes the solution may only be a matter of settings, preferences, or file opening associations. So before taking your machine to one of the commercial computer stores and paying big money, please take advantage of your WAUC membership and bring your computer to be looked at during the General Meeting.

Well, that's about all the space I have here for this elaboration. I hope this helps explain our new program for the club and how we are economizing our time and energy in some areas to offer more benefits in other areas. I hope you will stay with us and give it all a chance to see how it works out for you. If you want to discuss any of this further with me, feel free to contact me or corner me at a meeting or SIG. Thanks for reading this message and for being a member of WAUC.

Richard Durand
WAUC President

Board Meeting—Meeting Same Day as General Mtg.

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:15 P.M. It has been decided to keep the meeting on the same day as the membership meeting, which starts at 7:00 PM.

Also the current door prizes will be given out as before, but the practice of door prizes will be phased out. This may take several months.

WAUCtalk will be about WAUC only: what we are doing, meetings, SIGs etc. There will be few, if any, outside articles or SIG write-ups. SIG reports given at the General Meetings will be included in the minutes. The aim is to have WAUCtalk published about the middle of the month and the WAUC Bulletin at the end of the month.

There will be coffee and treats every month at the General Meeting.

Also every month Bill Gierach will be set up at the back to help solve com-

puter problems. Gary Kohler will assist. Members can bring in their computers and have them help solve problems.

At the time of dues renewals everyone will update contact information, especially email addresses. Every month there are a number of WAUCtalks and Bulletins returned due to unreported changes in email information.

Because there was a break-in at the church the night of January 2, 2013, it was suggested that we give half of our normal \$500 donation, i.e. \$250, at this time to help with their extra costs.

The board decided on the "most valued members" for 2012 and granted lifetime memberships to the retiring WAUC officers Bruce Kosbab, Doris Regner, and Tom Hermann in recognition and appreciation of their long service to WAUC. But because there

is such a growing number of lifetime members, President Richard Durand suggested amending the by-laws to state that only elected officers who serve a specified number of years in office be eligible for this honor.

For the annual board dinner the club will buy dinner only for outgoing board officers. They may bring guests, but the club will not pay for the guest's dinner.

It was suggested that WAUC have a Windows 8/Tablet SIG to use the room at Speedway on the date vacated by the Investment SIG.

Respectfully submitted,

Marillyn Evaska
Acting Secretary

General Meeting Minutes—New Activities Abound

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. on January 3, 2013. There were no new members or guests in attendance. President, Richard Durand told everyone about the break-in at the church and explained his thoughts on making at least half of our normal donation at this time to help cover their extra expenses. The motion to make the donation now was made and carried.

The treasurer's report was as follows:

Beginning balance	\$2,538.20
CD of the month	16.00
Dues	<u>170.00</u>
Balance	\$2,739.00

Regarding bad weather: If Milwaukee Public schools are closed WAUC will not meet for either meetings or SIGs.

The raffle was announced by Leo Hoffer. There was a WAUC sweat-shirt, a 4 gig flash drive, and a flash card. The CD of the month includes the latest version of Office Libre, a backup program, Firefox, Skype and many other programs.

For future meetings any members can bring items for sale. We will be limited to two items per person per meeting. This includes software or hardware.

Sig Reports: The Mac SIG is using an agenda free plan, They also use a learning DVD and will continue with the same for the foreseeable future.

The Windows 7 SIG covered how to personalize Windows 7 using the control panel. In January they will cover Chapter 5, Exploring the print features of Windows 7. All SIG attendees will get a copy of a new handout, "Highlights of Windows 7 Differences."

The Q&A SIG talked about how to set up a "good" password and

browser options, among other topics. If you bring your questions, you will always learn something.

The Investment SIG visited many investment websites. They are changing their meeting place to Panera Bread at 6:30 p.m.. on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

We will try to have another sig to fill in the reservation at Speedway. Perhaps a smartphone/tablet sig?

There is a swapfest at Waukesha Expo this Saturday, January 5, 2013. Richard will try to get a monitor for WAUC.

The WAUC lunch is at Old Country Buffet at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 9. They have added a Mongolian grill to their offerings.

New lifetime members are: in alphabetical order: Tom Hermann, Bruce Kosbab, and Doris Regner. Most valued/outstanding members for 2012 are: Leo Hoffer, Ray Jamroze, Peter Lee, Marilyn Schroeder, Ginny Splinter, and Ron Toro.

The plans for 2013 are these. Keep WAUCtalk for WAUC business and events. Keep the WAUC Bulletin for club information. Phase out raffles as prizes are used up. Keep Boardwalk and the Yahoo group.

For the time being we will have programs presented by members, since we have no Program Chairman. The January presentation will be by our own Professor Len Levine. In February Marcia Zientek will speak and demonstrate digital photography. In March the Apple SIG will present Mac stories. Possibly the Investment Tracking SIG will present in April, this by request. Online speakers from APCUG may also be in the future.

The biggest change will be that WAUCtalk will be about WAUC, not about software or computers.

Members can bring their computer

questions to our resident experts at future meetings. You can bring your computer for help in adding memory etc. If you have a desktop it is only necessary to bring the CPU, the club will have a monitor, keyboard, mouse etc. so that Bill Gierach can advise you on how to handle your problems.

Remember to check your spam folder for things that may have been routed there by mistake, and DON'T FORGET TO BACKUP!

Bill Vlach won the raffle and chose the flash drive.

The annual kick-off presenter, our own Professor Levine, was intro-



duced. He gave an explanation of the Electro Magnetic Spectrum, throwing light on many of the differences in electronic devices.

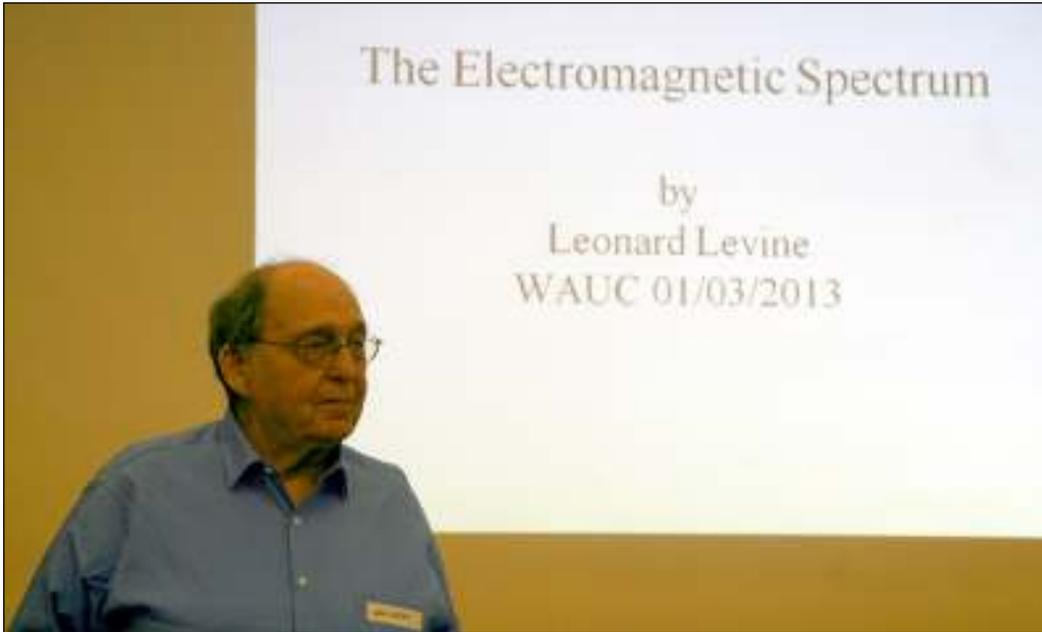
Respectfully submitted,
Marillyn Evaska
General Meeting Secretary

Address Changes

If you are changing your email or home address, please note:

Email address changes should be sent to Richard Durand at rgdurand@bigfoot and Tom Livermore at exyoooper@gmail.com

Home address changes should be sent to Bill Gierach at wdgierach@yahoo.com



Len Levine speaks at the January General Meeting. He described and explained The Electromagnetic Spectrum.

The following articles have been sent to us from APCUG. Are you interested in any of these titles?

Apple, Google, & Microsoft Create Technology Ecosystems;
 Behind the Scenes with Legacy
 Customizing Labels in Word 2007
 Document Your Life with Photo-Graphic Memory
 Follow These Points Before Calling Support
 Get creative with Text Boxes
 Q&A - I'm thinking about getting a tablet computer
 Interesting Internet Finds
 It's almost here...when?...soon...when is soon? (2 parts)
 Keep your friends

Mac OS Lion – A Leap Ahead Making Your Computer Easier to Use
 Microsoft Windows Telephone Scam – BEWARE!!
 Back To Basics: Mouse-speak
 Webpage Font Size too small? - Think about Screen Resolution
 Back to Basics: The System Tray Icons
 Tablet or Laptop, a Popular Question ...and "Cool App Reviews"
 Text Messaging or "Texting" - Have you tried it yet?
 The Mac Corner – May 2012

The Tip Corner – August 2012
 The Tip Corner – July 2012
 Back To Basics: Using Menus Using Virtual Operating Systems
 What you can do if your mobile phone gets wet
 Where's the Technology?
 Wi-Fi On The Road
 Your Own Website

WAUC Membership Application Date _____

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ e-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

How did you hear about WAUC? _____

What do you like to use your computer for? _____

What talents do you have that you would like to share? _____

To join WAUC, please send completed form along with check for \$25 (\$35 if you want to receive WAUCtalk as a hardcopy through the mail) to cover dues from January 1st through December 31, 2013 (\$12.50 July to December 31) to:

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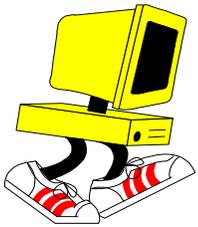


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