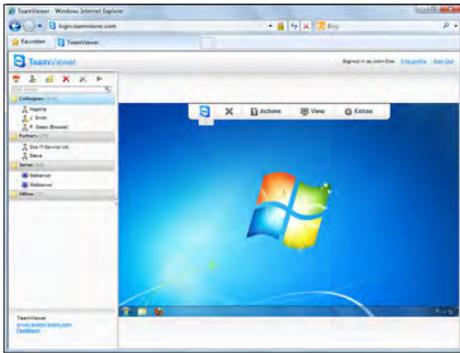


TeamViewer, VirtualBox, and More!

This month, PCC returns to its roots and offers a member presentation of several items that they have discovered and think that you will find interesting and useful.

Though Bud and Diane are unconfirmed at press time, you can be sure that another PCC TeamViewer will step in to show it off.

Verne Perry has turned into a full blown Linux user, and will show how he uses Virtualbox to enhance his computer life. Virtualbox is completely free professional virtual machine software from Sun Microsystems (now Oracle) available for download from Sun's Web site. Verne's demonstration will certainly involve Linux Mint 9 and possibly some lesser used Microsoft operating system of some kind.



Do you have a home network? Are you tired of moving to every computer in the house to see what it's doing? (Software updates and all.)

Have you tried things like PCAnywhere and been put off with the difficulty of setting it up and maintaining connections? Boy, do we have a solution for you.

Bud Gallagher and Diane George will show off TeamViewer, a free remote desktop viewer that allows you to view and control other computers on your network from any computer in the house.

It gets better! You can access your home computers from your laptop while you are out and about with a simple and secure connection, and transfer files both ways. This has to be seen to be appreciated.

Jan Fagerholm will be waiting in the wings with more stuff of a useful and interesting nature, so you can be sure that



you will see many things at this meeting that will send you home enthusiastically to your computer.

As always, there'll be good food, good fun, and good friends all around. See you there!

Raffle!

This month, a 50/50 Split. That's 50% of the ticket proceeds goes to you and 50% goes as a fund raiser to PC Community. It's a win/win situation and you get to buy anything you want, anywhere you want, with your half of the money. Can it possibly get any better than this? And, it's YOURS for the price of a ticket!



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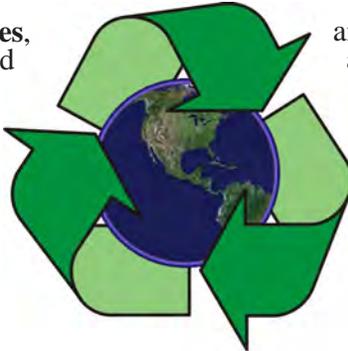


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any of these items off at our Clubhouse or at a Main Meeting. Do your part for PCC and your community! Keep the environment clean by taking a few extra moments to recycle these items with PCC.

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Directions to the PCC Main Meeting

From All Directions: take 880 to the Tennyson Road exit in Hayward. Take the exit toward the hills. Proceed northeast on Tennyson Rd. about 0.7 mile to the 5th stoplight. This will be Ruus Road.

Turn right on Ruus Road and proceed southeast for about 0.4 mile. Look for Calvary Baptist Church on your left.

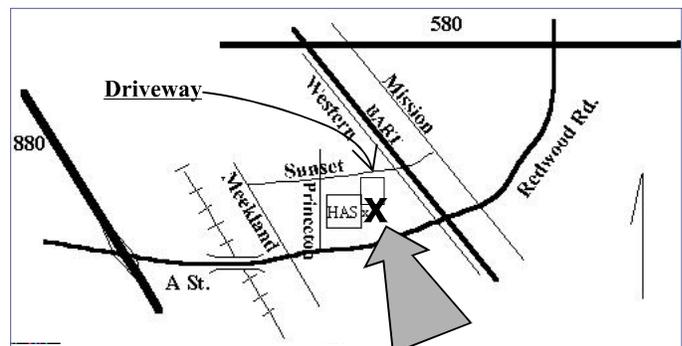
Turn left into the driveway into the parking lot. Parking is available anywhere from the driveway to the back of the lot.

Look for the PCC signs.



Directions to The PCC Clubhouse

From 880: take the A St. exit East (toward the hills). Immediately after crossing the overpass, turn left at the light onto Princeton. Go straight ahead to Sunset Ave, then turn right. After half a block, turn right into the driveway where the playing field meets the parking lot. Drive all the way back past two fences. When facing the Gym, the clubhouse entrance is on the left side.



QuickBooks 2010

The Missing Manual

By Bonnie Biafore

Reviewed by Dolly Marston, PCC Member

This book helps you save time when tracking your finances and getting more organized. QB allows you to customize the program to match your business type: service-based or product-based. This is the accounting software that molds to those specific business needs. The Standout Features enables import data from Excel, Quicken and Microsoft products. Credit card payments are accepted directly in the program and up to 5 employees can work in QB simultaneously. QuickBooks is easy to use. The program has simple navigation toolbars that help you find your way around quickly. The main navigation toolbar offers you the easiest route to tools you'll need; clicking it signals a graphic menu to pop up. This shows you exactly what you need to do and in what order. QB installation is fast and simple, and it will run with Vista. The Help Section is great because it's an easy way to find quick answers. It's an easy-to-use search tool that helps you find help on the topic you want quickly and easily. QB also includes a help button on every option, and frequently asked questions that are spelled out in the Quick Help Menu. The book explains clearly the below sections:

Accounts Receivable: QuickBooks' Accounts Receivable tools are in the Customer Section. The only tasks you can't complete in this section are creating recurring invoices and estimating shipping costs.

Accounts Payable: The Accounts Payable features are found in the Vendors Section. Here you can perform all common Accounts Payable tasks, but also you can access some Inventory tools as well.

Payroll: You can find all the Payroll features in the Employee Section of QuickBooks, including direct deposit.

Inventory: The Inventory Section is located under Item in the upper tool bar. From here you can manage all the

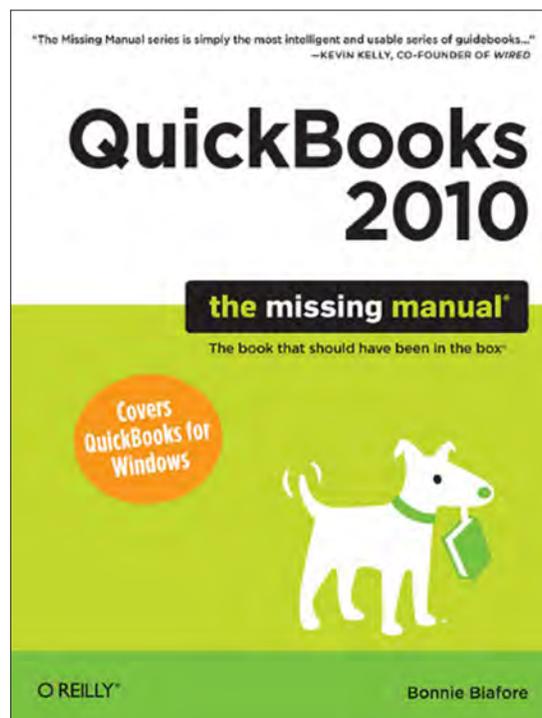
items and services for your business. You can create drop shipments, specify costing methods, and inactivate items. But to make Inventory adjustments and assemblies, you'll have to go to the Vendors List.

Banking: The Banking Section is excellent; however, I couldn't find out how to void existing checks. Credit card processing is offered with this program.

Time Billing: The Employee Section of QuickBooks covers time billing; this isn't a separate section as in many accounting programs. This program allows you to track both daily and weekly time and comes with an integrated timer.

Job Costing: Job Costing tools are in the Customers Section of QuickBooks. From this list you can track jobs, set them as active or inactive, and create job estimates to analyze if the job is worth the cost.

General Ledger: The Company Section is the closest tool we found to the General Ledger, common in most accounting software programs. From here you can set budgets, manage cash flow, perform forecasting and business planning, and view



a chart of accounts.

Fixed Assets: QB doesn't include a Fixed Assets Section, but there is a simple report available to list company assets.

I like the new added features:

- Improved! Stay on top of your business by customizing your Company Snapshot.

Instead of the static view in the previous version, now choose the at-a-glance reports that are most important to your business, including 7 new reports this year. Get an immediate view into your bottom line with great new ways to review yearly expenses and income comparisons, detailed expense and income breakdown, and more --- all

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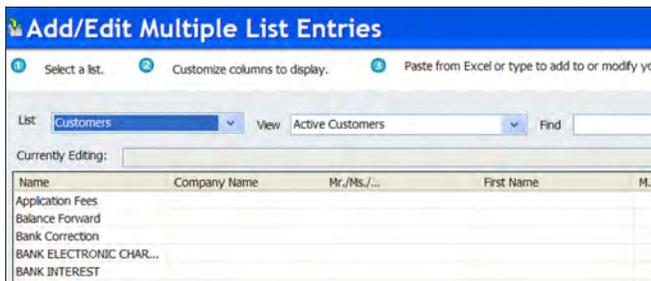
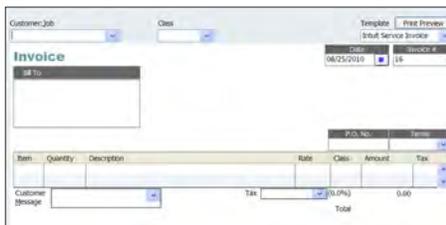
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This book explains how excellent the accounting software is. This program offers most of the features you need, but adjusting to its unique section names may take time. QB explains the program in simple steps. It's easy to use and, produces quality documents. The reports are useful and very adaptable. The new feature allows you to cut and paste from Excel docs directly into customer and vendor lists which is a good idea because it saves time. Having a brief experience with Peachtree, I can say that QB is probably a superior program overall, the biggest advantage being the fine way you can double-click just about anything in QB and drill down for more info. The ease of use and quality of the very basics are what makes this program decent enough and the book goes through it in a step by step way.

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32-Bit vs. 64-Bit What's the Big Deal?

by Jan Fagerholm, PCC Bit Twiddler

In the forefront of PC choices today is between 64- and 32-bit versions of Windows. This is only a new discussion in the Windows world, as 64-bit Windows only became common with Windows Vista and is now half of the PCs sold with Windows 7. If you are considering a new computer, should you go for 64-bit Windows or play it safe with good ol' compatible 32-bit Windows?

First, some tech talk. Wait a minute come back here! We're not going to talk about CPU registers and accumulators and other silicon separates, but rather relate it to performance on the desktop. 64-bit sounds twice as good as 32-bit, right? So, that means it's twice as fast, right? Unfortunately, no. But it is faster in certain applications, and we'll see about that.

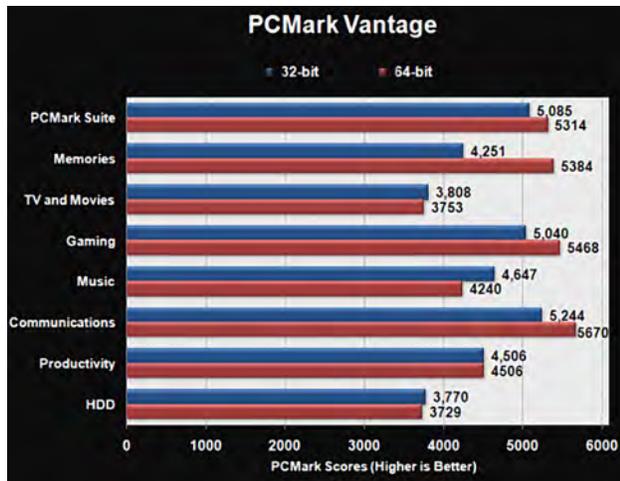
To us deep-dish techies, introduction of the Intel 386 processor was exciting because it was 32-bit, and that meant the possibility of a real operating system, 32-bit Unix, rather than the lamer 16-bit PC operating systems that were common to the PC platform. Unix never dominated the PC platform, largely because of licensing restrictions, but once BSD and Linux came to the PC, geeks at last had a real operating system on the PC platform.

Meanwhile, Apple graduated from its initial 32-bit offerings to OSX on the 64-bit Motorola PowerPC CPU, which distinguished itself by offering faster applications performance on less megaHertz because all applications developers on the Apple platform had to write their applications in 64-bit mode. For years, one of Apple's favorite demonstrations was how Adobe Photoshop on Apple's 64-bit CPU performed operations 50% faster on a CPU that was 50% slower than Intel's 32-bit CPUs running Photoshop in Windows. On the PC side, AMD has been making 64-bit CPUs several years ahead of Intel's 64-bit CPUs, but that was not compelling enough for developers to switch to 64-bit only software. Mostly, they stayed with mainstream 32-bit Windows platform assured the widest market. 64-bit development requires developers to write purchase separate 64-bit compilers to work with. It requires writing and maintaining two different code bases simultaneously, essentially twice the work. We all went through this with the switch from 16-

to 32-bit architecture years ago, and nobody really wants to go through that again.

Notwithstanding, some hardware and software gains compelling performance increases by moving to 64-bit architecture. Anything that moves large amounts of data will benefit greatly by 64-bit architecture. Why? Because with 64-bit vs. 32-bit, you can move twice as much data with each clock cycle of the CPU (and memory), so you can move twice as much data with using the same clock speed as a 32-bit CPU, or you can slow down the 64-bit CPU (makes less heat and uses less power) and still pass more data faster than the faster 32-bit CPU.

Fast forward to today, and Intel has been making 64-bit CPUs for about 4 years now, so all the major CPU makers now have 64-bit CPUs. The software developers always move somewhat behind the hardware, so we have only recently seen 64-bit Windows on the PC side begin to catch up with the hardware.



PC Mark 32- vs 64-bit applications performance

Software development has been behind for some time, as anybody who has tried to find 64-bit drivers for their hardware devices has experienced in the recent past. While us Linux users have enjoyed 64-bit operating systems for several years, 64-bit device drivers haven't come to the Linux platform any faster than to the Windows platform, though Apple's adoption of Intel has accelerated that process somewhat. (Apple's OS X is based on BSD Unix, which is architecturally the same as Linux.)

So, if you're stuck in Windows, is it finally time to go 64-bit? If you previously tried 64-bit Windows XP or even Windows Vista, you may be hesitant to go to 64-bit Windows 7. Anyone who has experienced 64-bit support (or, rather, the lack of it) on these platforms may well feel cautious about running into the same limitations on Windows 7.

First, the good news. 64-bit support for Windows 7, both hardware and software, is much better than on either XP

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or Vista. It is still uneven, but much better. You will be better off in 64-bit Windows 7. The bad news is that with a few exceptions, most application software is still 32-bit.

First, the hardware side. If your PC is less than 4 years old, it probably has a 64-bit processor in it. If you installed 4 GB of memory in your PC but Windows only sees 3.2 GB of that, you surely have 32-bit Windows. This is a limitation even in 32-bit Vista and 32-bit Windows 7. If you're not sure which CPU you have, you can download a compatibility checker from Microsoft's Web site that will tell you what your Windows 7 upgrade options are, including if you can run 64-bit Windows 7. The inclusion of kernel patch protection on 64-bit Windows 7 means that only Windows drivers that have gone through the Microsoft WHQL

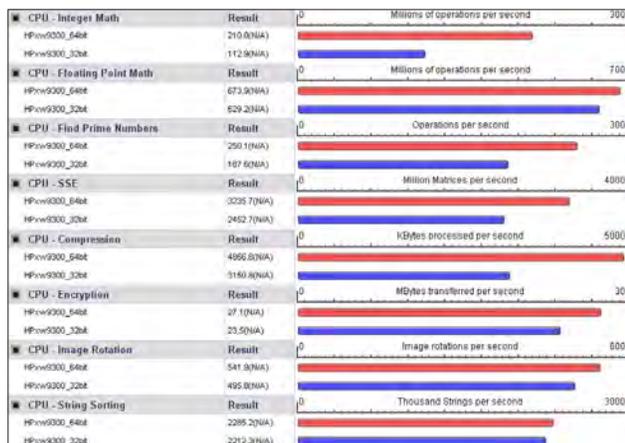
labs will work. WHQL approval is a slow process, so there is a good chance that you own some piece of hardware that will not presently work in 64-bit Windows 7.

On the software side, if you are running 32-bit Windows XP (and odds are 80-to-1 that your XP is 32-bit), there is no direct upgrade path to 64-bit Windows 7. The only install available is the clean install, which means that you must reformat the entire hard drive, install Windows 7, then reinstall all of your applications and copy all of your data back onto the hard drive. Yes there are techie solutions that will allow you to install 64-bit Windows 7 alongside 32-bit Windows XP and decide between them at boot time, but you will still need to install all of your applications in Windows 7 to use them there.

Most applications software is still 32-bit. Even those software suites like Adobe Creative Suite 5 and Microsoft Office 2010 have only a few 64-bit components; most of the applications in these suites are still 32-bit and you will not see any performance increase in this software. If your principle use of computers is office suite software, the difference is negligible. In Microsoft Office 2010, the only 64-bit pieces are parts of Excel, which gains only slight performance in recalc and the ability to save larger-than 4 GB spreadsheets. You decide. On the other hand, if you live inside of Photoshop CS5, you will see dramatic

increases on performance of complex operations. An example of this is what used to be a benchmark operation, the application of a 75 pixel Gaussian blur to a magazine quality bitmap image used to take half a minute or more: with 64-bit Photoshop CS5 it is virtually instantaneous. Similarly, 64-bit Adobe Premier renders video in about half the time it take in 32-bit Premier. If you do a lot of video on the PC, check to see if your chosen video software has a 64-bit version. It will be worth it.

My practical demonstration of 32-bit vs. 64-bit is my old 32-bit 2.8 GHz CPU laptop with 2 GB of memory, 32-bit Windows 7 and 32-bit Adobe CS5. My new 64-bit 1.8 GHz laptop with 2 GB of memory, 64-bit Windows 7 and Adobe 64-bit CS5 is easily 50% faster in nearly all operations. It illustrates the difference when the hardware, operating system, and applications are all 64-bit.



Another opinion - raw performance

Upgrade vs. new computer: If you want to put 64-bit Windows 7 on your old computer and realize the benefits, you must start with a 64-bit processor and 2 GB of RAM. (Never mind what Microsoft says about 1 GB minimum, it isn't practical.) Even with 64-bit Windows 7, you will not experience any real performance gains unless you also upgrade your applications (where available) to 64-bit. Software can easily exceed the cost of hardware these days, so you may think it looks attractive to get a new computer with a bundle of preinstalled software. Be careful here, most of these bundles are of 32-bit

software only, because the vendor can get it cheaper. You cannot take it for granted that because you are getting a 64-bit computer with 64-bit Windows 7 on it that the applications are going to be 64-bit.

That leads to the final point. Most Windows software out there is still 32-bit. This is for the simple reason that the particular application will not realize any performance increase from going to 32-bit. This is true of most productivity software, so we are going to be living with the duality of 32- and 64-bit Windows software for quite some time. Your decision to get a new 64-bit computer with 64-bit Windows 7 on it may be determined more certainly by 64-bit Windows ability to recognize more than 3.2 GB of RAM. This is not a bad reason to do it. The 64-bit applications will come with time.



Several undecided bits

Door Prizes

Congratulations to all the members who won door prizes at the Main Meeting!

General Drawing:

There were no door prizes available at the August Main Meeting.

Jan would be happy to have someone else take on the duties of managing door prizes. If you're at all interested, please contact him - pcc4me@gmail.com.

Raffle Prize:

50/50 Split.....Bob Kiessling

PCC Newsletter Wins 2nd Place

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Membership Dues

As of January 1, 2007, the following changes went into effect:

Regular.....\$35.00
Family (same household).....\$45.00
Educational, Seniors.....\$20.00
Corporate (maximum 5 memberships).....\$100.00

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Dues Expiring This Month!

The following members dues expire this month:

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 Last Saturday of the Month: 2pm



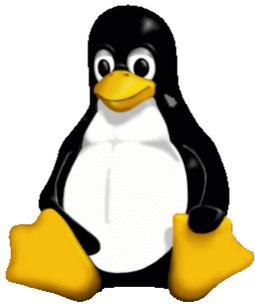
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The Penguin Partition Linux for Human Beings

by Jan Fagerholm, PCC Penguinista

I am a big fan of the OLPC program. Despite its low profile in mainstream media, OLPC is making noteworthy news.

In the last two years, OLPC has delivered two million machines to educational agencies in dozens of countries. For perspective, any commercial maker of laptops is ecstatic to sell 250,000 units a year. The machine has been wildly successful by anybody's standard.

A recent OLPC event can be appreciated by anybody aware of current events. In Afghanistan, ISAF commanders and the Afghanistan Minister of Education met with Matt Keller, OLPC advocacy chief, to get a sense of both intent and capacity of the OLPC program to craft a strategy for the OLPC program in Afghanistan.

Rear Admiral Greg Smith, U.S. chief of telecommunications, asked Keller what it would cost to connect every child in Afghanistan. He reports, "I said it would cost \$1 billion to connect every child. [He] didn't blink. In his words, 'Our job is to end violence, and this is one way we can do it.'" In a war that costs \$6.7 billion per month, that's cheap.

Meanwhile, on the technical front, the OLPC XO machine

v.1.0 is progressing toward v.1.5, a hardware refresh. In order to maximize compatibility with existing software, it will feature a VIA C7-M x86 compatible 1 GHz CPU, 1 GB of DDR2 SDRAM, and built-in storage of 4 GB of NAND Flash with an option for 8 GB. The objective is to use the same case for product recognition and achieve the same or better battery life using the present battery, and at the same cost as the present v1.0 machine. There

are beta versions of the machine available, and I hope to have one "Real Soon Now".

The XO 1.5 project is distinct from the XO 2.0 project, which is a complete hardware redesign along the lines of a folding iPad.

In the meantime, I will satisfy myself with the latest Sugar developer upgrade, which includes a GNOME desktop as well. (I did tell you that Sugar is Linux, didn't I? . . .) Of course, I will be reporting on all these developments as they blossom. In the meantime, try the Live CD version of Ubuntu 10.04 or Mint Linux 9, without fear of losing your Windoze installation. You just might wind up booting from your CD/DVD drive until you can retire that troublesome Windoze partition.



Old, Regular XO 1.0 machine



New, Hot XO 1.5 machine



PCC Main and Executive Meeting Highlights

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Main Meeting Highlights

August 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Chuck Horner. He explained Internet access and welcomed several first-time attendees.

SIG Announcements:

The Mobile SIG meets in the same place as the Main Meeting. It will meet this month on 3rd Monday of the month, as usual.

The Hardware SIG will meet tomorrow at the Smiths'. Please bring the manuals for both hardware and software. If you've got a problem with it, bring it in and it will likely get fixed. More importantly, you'll learn about fixing it yourself.

The Windows 7 SIG will meet at Bud's house on the 14th at 1:00 PM.

The Spectacular Linux SIG looked at the new Mint last month and how to get stuff from Linux into Windows. If you'd like to be on the mailing list to find out the latest, be sure that Jan has your e-mail address.

Other Announcements:

Jan would be happy to have someone else take on the duties of managing door prizes. If you're at all interested, please contact him.

Chuck asked people to verify their e-mail addresses so that information can be updated to members in a timely manner. He circulated a data sheet for people to check or correct their e-mail addresses.

Presentation:

Linda Wyman, Speech and Language Pathologist and Assistive Technology and Alternative Augmentative Communication Specialist for Oakland Unified School District, described alternative access for people who have difficulty accessing computers in the standard way.

Linda started off talking about Brainfingers, an application that allows the user to control a computer with biofeedback

and not much more than the energy of thinking. She described the difference between adult and children as AAC users. Linda reviewed the process of device selection, cost considerations, and acquisition. She demonstrated a number of switches, alternate ways of clicking and mousing on a computer or controlling another device.

The group then adjourned to explore a variety of communication devices that Linda brought. She also handed out a list of resources.

Break:

Thanks to George Kornbluth for taking care of refreshments and Bob Sorensen for bringing apples from his tree.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

The next meeting will take place at the same location on September 3, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Bayle Emlein, Secretary

Executive Committee Meeting Highlights

There was no EC Meeting in August. PC Community business was conducted by way of e-mail.

Treasurer - Tom Smith: Financial status as of August 21, 2010:

\$2,678.92	Checking Account
\$3,366.25	CD
\$6,045.17	Total

VP Clubhouse - Sid Jordan: School starts Tuesday September 7, 2010.

Although the school schedule is in draft form and waiting for Board approval, it is expected to be approved. Once the approval is given we can go according to the schedule I am listing below:

There will be office coverage for the following Saturday dates for Traffic School, CPR/First Aid, and Certiport Testing:

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E.C. Meeting Highlights

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Clubhouse will be open on the Saturdays listed below:

Saturday, September 11, 2010
Saturday, September 25, 2010
Saturday, October 09, 2010
Saturday, October 23, 2010
Saturday, November 06, 2010
Saturday, December 11, 2010

Cook Out:

There will be one Saturday falling on the first Saturday of the month (November 6), the other monthly "Cook outs" will be held on the first open Saturday of the other months.

Wednesday Schedule:

Effective Wednesday, September 08, 2010, the Clubhouse

hours will revert back to its original time of 6 PM- 9 PM.

VP Membership - Jan Fagerholm: Member count as of August 21, 2010

Regular	44	51.76%
Senior	37	43.53%
Student	1	1.18%
Associate	3	3.53%
Total	85	

VP Newsletter - Elsie Smith: Submission Deadlines:

August 21, Saturday midnight, September Newsletter
September 18, Saturday midnight, October Newsletter

Calendar - See the Web site for the latest updates in changes of SIG meetings.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Saturday, September 18, 2010 at 2:00 PM, 28924 Ruus Road, Hayward.

East Bay Stand Down

PCC Donated Computers To EBSD A Success

By Michael Wong, Director and PCC Member

Editor's Note: "Stand down is a term used during war to describe the practice of removing combat troops from the field and taking care of their basic needs in a safe area..." That's what East Bay Stand Down did for four days starting August 5th -- it took homeless, displaced veterans out of the trenches to give them a safe haven, meals, a place to sleep, as well as medical/dental care and legal services.

Please take the time to check <http://www.eastbaystanddown.org/> and read the full story about EBSD.

Michael Wong's e-mail, below, describes the success of East Bay Stand Down and about the four computers donated by PCC. Thanks from the EBSD to PC Clubhouse. Michael also tells us about his volunteer work. Thanks to Michael for his hard work.

The East Bay Stand Down ended yesterday (August 8th). All went very well but especially the donated PCC computers were much appreciated. MS Office 2004 also has been installed for them. I also set up 4 computers from ACCRC for the Army Reservist. They have Ubuntu 8.0 and Open Office. The Statistic Staff worked very hard the four days and had nothing but big "Thank you" for the three hard working computers. The fourth computer was used to compose the daily EBSD newsletter. It had articles of the participants, color pictures and a schedule of events for the day. Over a thousand copies were printed daily for everyone to read at the EBSD. The editor was especially happy to have such a work horse.

There were about 405 participants which includes 38 women (wives, female veterans and children).

This year the volunteers totaled around 2000, up from 2008's 1400 volunteers.

I did the computer set up on August 3rd and 4th. Went in to help August 6th in the kitchen where we ripped up hundreds of loaves of bread for bread pudding. Then I washed pots, pans and coffee pots for 3 hours. We did it Army style, rinse, soap, rinse, disinfectant rinse then dry. Brings back such fond memories of my Army days. August 8th I removed our four PCC computers and the other donated four computers the Army was using, and placed them into a government van. It is now at VA Livermore awaiting me to unload the van and clean them up of EBSD information. After that we will send some of them to our VA Livermore CLC (nursing home) for our veteran use. Others will go to VA Menlo Park CLC, VA Palo Alto Building 7 (Spinal cord injures) and maybe to the Fisher House in Palo Alto. At the Fisher House, family and friends of injured soldiers live there rent free while visiting their love ones at VA Hospital Palo Alto. They can use our PCC computer for e-mail and sending pictures to family back home. The Veteran community has a big win win from your donated computers. The director of the EBSD, Jerry Yahiro, will send us a personal Appreciation Letter in the near future.



September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Check the calendar at www.pcc.org for up-to-date information!</p>			1 → 4 pm-7 pm Clubhouse Open	2	3 7:30 pm Main Meeting	4 → Clubhouse Closed 8 pm-Hardware SIG
5 Labor Day 	6	7	8 → 6 pm-9 pm Clubhouse Open	9	10	11 → 10 am-4 pm Clubhouse Open → Clubhouse Cookout 1 pm-Windows 7 SIG
12	13	14	15 → 6 pm-9 pm Clubhouse Open	16		18 → Clubhouse Closed 2 pm-Exec. Committee Mtg. Newsletter Deadline!
19	20 7:30 pm- Mobile Computing SIG	21 6:30 pm- Genealogy SIG	22 → 6 pm-9 pm Clubhouse Open	23	24	25 → 10 am-4 pm Clubhouse Open 2 pm-Linux SIG
26	27	28	29 → 6 pm-9 pm Clubhouse Open	30	<p>See Page 9 for SIG Meeting information.</p>	