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## BREAKING NEWS

### New Workshops on Smartphones Begin June 2

See page 8 and watch your  
e-mail for details.

## JUNE GENERAL MEETING

### ARDUINO TECHNOLOGY

#### Providing Custom Home Automation Solutions Speaker: Ralf Quint, with Maurice Stephenson and Venice High School Students

**R**alf has worked with computers professionally for 34 years. Over the years he has been in software development for civil engineering, embedded development, retail/office application and CAD/CAM before switching to system administration. He has worked for 17 years in the L.A. area as an IT service consultant, the last 3 years self employed.

He has worked with Arduino microprocessors for 2 years. He will describe the history and evolution of these tiny specialized computer boards that can be made to execute very simple, basic or complex commands such as to switch lights on and off or to design drones, robots and even 3-D printers. This will include what Arduino actually is and what it is not, as well as what Arduinos can and can not do

Venice HS students and their teacher, Maurice Stephenson, will also show how they experimented with this technology.

**Tuesday, June 10, 2014, 7 - 9 PM**

**Fellowship Hall, 8065 Emerson Ave., Westchester 90045**

An informal Computer Forum meets from 6:00 to 6:50 P.M. to answer individual questions. All are welcome.

## MAY GENERAL MEETING REPORT

By **Leah Clark**, LACS Editor

### PROTECTING SENIORS FROM MEDICAL SCAMS

**M**aurice Stephenson announced the upcoming field trip to the new Google facilities in Venice on June 2, at 12:30. This campus, known as the Binoculars Building, includes engineering operations and North American advertising sales teams. Google will provide a bus for the students and lunch for all. Check your e-mail for details.



**Charlotte Semple** encouraged the members to attend the Southwest Computer Conference in Pomona, June 27-29.

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**CASH FLOW**

**April 22, 2014 -  
May 19, 2014**  
**Charlotte Semple,**  
Treasurer, Pro Tem, LACS

**Current Total Liquid Assets**

Bank of America Checking **\$13,455.74**

**Gross Receipts**

Member Dues 857.00  
Donation , Charlie Semple  
Memorial Fund 40.00

**Total Gross Receipts \$897.00**

**Expenses**

Fellowship Hall Rental 60.00  
May User Friendly 264.69  
MiFi Expense 50.08

**Total Expenses \$374.77**

**Net Surplus \$522.23**

**WELCOME ALL****Gene Jacobs**

Data Base Manager, LACS

**New Members (2)**

Patricia Dunn  
Pearlie White

**Renewals (28)**

Larry Abe*	Howard Krivoy
Richard Balsam	Nikki Luederitz
Barbara Benjamin	Richard Norlin
Orsie Carter	Joyce Oliver
Terry Carter	Ida Riordan ***
Nancy Cattell *	Larry Schlesinger
Janet Chesne *	Sheldon Shallon
Louis Colen	Elizabeth Stevenson
Gabrielle Crawford	Randy Waller
Armin Dolin ***	Ronald Wisansky
Bob Downing	Sam Zivi *
Hedy Downing	
Ann Duncan	
Kassie Frenselas	
Carolyn Griswold	* Contributor
Sergei Iaresenco	** Supporter
Irv Kornfeld	*** Benefactor

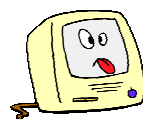
**FROM YOUR EDITOR****Replying to LACS e-Mails**

Lately there has been some confusion regarding replying only to the sender of LACS e-mails. Yahoo Groups made some changes to help prevent spam. Now when we click on "Reply" both the sender's and the group's e-mail addresses may show up in the "To" field just as if we clicked on "Reply to All." Often it is important to reply only to the sender so that the whole group isn't flooded with irrelevant e-mails. Every e-mail client is a little different, so Karl Springer and others are working on how to handle this. In the meantime, please check the "To" field before sending when replying and remove any addresses that don't need to receive the reply. That will be appreciated by the members! Watch UF and LACS e-mail for updated info on this.

**The LACS Mail Lists**

The **LACSPC** list is for LACS business ONLY - messages sent to members announcing general or SIG meetings, special meetings, tours, or anything else pertaining to LACS business. It is a monitored list. There are members of LACS who monitor this list, who can accept, or reject any message sent to it - those messages rejected either contained wrong information, were not LACS business related and should have been sent to LACSLIST, or had nothing to do with LACS. The sender is usually notified, privately, of his/her error in using this list.

**LACSLIST** is a general list where members can post computer related information, ask questions, ask for help with computer related problems, and post solutions to these problems, for the benefit of everyone. It is not a monitored list.

**FIX YOUR PC FOR FREE?**

**Jim McKnight** has an open offer to all LACS members to diagnose, repair, disinfect, or up-grade member's PC's for free.

There are certain limitations to Jim's offer, so see the details by clicking the "Fix my PC for Free?" link at [www.jimopi.net](http://www.jimopi.net).

Non-members can wisely invest in a one- year LACS membership (\$40.00), and Jim will fix your PC problem, too.

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She stressed that it is a lot of fun! They have a photo contest and a fascinating vendor faire, with giveaways. She had registration forms.

**Stephanie** reported on the Software SIG. (See *Smartphone Workshops on page 8* and *How LACS Works on page 13*)

She also reiterated that LACS is in need for members willing to run for treasurer and other offices. More people need to get involved. Elections will be in a few months.

**Lance Hegamin** is organizing rides for those who find it difficult to get to the meetings. Please let him know if you need a ride or if you are willing to provide a ride.

**Maurice** introduced our speaker, **Laurel Eu**.

Ms. Eu has served as a Public Affairs Specialist at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration since 1992 where she implements public health campaigns and educates community groups, health professionals, consumers, industry, and media about the FDA and the products the agency regulates. The FDA regulates most food, drugs, biologics, medical devices, radiation-emitting electronics, cosmetics, and tobacco products. They do not regulate products regulated by other agencies like the DEA, EPA, FTC, TTB, DEA, CPSC, and the APHIS. (Please Google the acronyms to find out what they stand for. The names are too long to list here!) The FDA conducts many public education campaigns.

It is quite difficult to detect counterfeit drugs, supplements, and other fraudulent products. Medical devices are getting very complicated. Many drugs from Canada really come from other countries. Be sure to buy only from approved sources.

Much harm can come from the misuse of prescription medications. Preventable medicine-related illnesses are caused by errors, overdoses, etc. Education materials are provided with prescription (Rx) and over the counter (OTC) medications. Be sure to read the labels and the drug facts! Hard copy Medication Guides are distributed with Prescriptions.



It is important to be aware of drug, food, and supplement interactions. Some meds don't mix, and some don't mix well with specific substances. It is best to buy drugs from the same pharmacy that knows everything you are taking. Changes in age, body weight, circulation, or liver and kidney function can influence the amount of medicine needed. Tell your doctor if you are allergic to anything, and what other medications, supplements, or healing methods you are using. Keep a record of your medications. Ask about why, how, and when to take your meds. If you are planning surgery, tell your doctor everything you are taking. There is no such thing as zero risk, even with FDA approval.

Ask if there is a generic available. Generics must have the same active ingredients and the dosages must be the same. 70% of all prescriptions are generics which save \$121 billion annually.

Remove the cotton from pill bottles because it can absorb moisture. Don't keep medications too long as effectiveness can lessen.

Take antibiotics only when really needed so organisms don't become resistant to them. Be sure to finish the prescription because weakened bugs can revive.

We must dispose of drugs properly so they can't be misused by others. April 26, 2015 is National Take Back Day. Check in your community for times and places for disposal. Drugs may often be mixed with substances like coffee grounds and put into the trash.

Discovering, researching and marketing new drugs are complicated processes. Things to consider are benefits vs. risks, does it cause cancer or birth defects, short term and long term effects, and controls for age and gender, and clinical trials. Some Rx drugs have been approved for OTC selling after determining that the public can recognize how and when to take the medication.

Go to [www.fda.gov/MedWatch](http://www.fda.gov/MedWatch) to report any serious medical product problem online. All reports are monitored and evaluated.

Go to [www.MedlinePlus.gov](http://www.MedlinePlus.gov) for trusted health information.

Go to [www.ClinicalTrials.gov](http://www.ClinicalTrials.gov) to learn about current trials. ♦

## **SOUTHWEST TECHNOLOGY & COMPUTER CONFERENCE**

**June 27- 29, 2014**

[www.theswcc.org](http://www.theswcc.org)



**W**elcome to SW2014. This 21st annual conference and will again be held at the beautiful Kellogg-West Conference Center & Hotel at Cal Poly Pomona. The environment is relaxing and friendly PLUS the food is amazingly delicious!

Presentations, Seminars, Vendor Expo, Door Prizes -- everything you have come to expect with this long-running event. The Conference always brings new and innovative technology to its attendees.

There will be something for everyone, regardless of your preferred platform or level of expertise. You will have many networking opportunities with PC, Mac and Linux attendees -- computers, tablets, smartphones, take your pick of conversations.

Are you having challenging situations with your user group / computer club? This is the place to talk one-on-one with others who might be experiencing the same challenges. You may find ideas from others to help.

Parking is free and there is free Wi-Fi in the Conference Center and hotel rooms.

### **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

- \$85 if received by June 2, 2014 - includes meals
- \$100 if received after June 2, 2014

Pay via check or PayPal.

There is a fillable Registration form and info on the Registration page. [www.theswcc.org](http://www.theswcc.org)

### **HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

\$89/Single; \$95/Double; \$109/Quad

Call the hotel (1-800-593-7876) to make your reservations.

If you have accessibility needs, please let them know.

There will be a golf cart available to bring attendees from the hotel to the conference center, as necessary.

### **PHOTO CONTEST**

**\*\*New this year\*\*** The 2014 photo contest is open to all attendees who may submit one 8x10 photo -- subject of their choice. There will be Best of Show, 1st, 2nd and 3rd places voted on by the attendees. You will find the photo contest guidelines via a link from the home page at [www.theswcc.org](http://www.theswcc.org).

Southwest will also be home to the 2014 APCUG Photo Contest. Attendees will have the opportunity to vote for APCUG's Best of Show photo.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Judy Taylour. ([JudyTaylour@theswcc.org](mailto:JudyTaylour@theswcc.org)) ❖

*(Editor's note: I hope a lot of LACS members will be able to attend. The more, the merrier!)*

## **DIGITAL PHOTO SIG REPORT**

By **Elliot Silverstein**, LACS

**S**ixteen people attended the April 28 meeting. The presentation was advertised as designed for those who wanted to use digital photography, but were not very skilled.



Elliot started by discussing the lighting considerations for taking a photo, especially with a cell phone camera. The users were urged to avoid having the sun behind them because they wouldn't be able to see the image on the screen, and to avoid having the sun on the opposite side where it results in poor illumination of the subject and probably in an underexposed photo. The camera tends to interpret the bright sun as the light reflected from the subject. It's usually best to have the sun nearly overhead or off to one side. And, of course, a flash can be used for back-lighted subjects. It was also mentioned that one of the advantages of digital photography is that one can take a number of photos in any given situation, thereby experimenting with lighting, exposure, and focus to get satisfactory results.

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Once the pictures are exposed, the next step is to transfer the images to the computer (or to the printer). First it is recommended that you select or create a folder, probably in the "Pictures" portion of the Windows 7 Library. Then create a sub-folder named with the current year. If you expect to take a large number of photos during the year, you can also create sub-folders for each month under the "Year" folder, although these can easily be added or removed later.

To transfer photos from the camera to the computer, one can remove the memory card (usually an SD card) from the camera, and insert it into the card slot on the computer. Or one could use a camera-to-computer USB cable, but that is often not readily available. One of our members demonstrated an alternative device. She had a special USB flash drive with a slot for an SD memory card. This drive is inserted into a USB port. Most of the following comments apply specifically to Windows 7, but similar actions should be available in other operating systems.

Once the memory card is in the computer, you should find it displayed as a drive in Windows Explorer, beneath where the C:\ drive is found. Click on this card drive until you see a heading that shows the photos from your card. Then select among these photos, either one at a time, or in groups (by holding down the Control key while clicking on each photo, or by holding down the shift key to include all photos from the first to the last one selected. Right click on any of the selected photos, and select the option "Copy". Then move the cursor to the sub-folder created earlier, right click on it; and select "Paste". All the selected photos will have been copied to the desired folder. It is probably best to leave them in the SD card, where they can later be deleted while in the camera. One can choose to view lists or thumbnails by viewing a box at the upper right of the screen housing the selected photos. By right clicking a photo, it can be renamed, but you must retain the .jpg or other file-type ending. It is also possible to add information to an individual photo by a single left click on the photo,

followed by typing in a title or comments where these labels appear at the bottom of the page. Be sure to hit "Save". These added titles and comments can be used when searching for the photo in Windows Explorer, but only the titles are useful when searching in Picasa. FastStone has no real search function.

Photos in the "Pictures" sub-folder can be viewed by double left-clicking. The default viewing program is probably something like Photo Gallery, but you can select a different default viewing program, such as FastStone or Picasa 3 (both are free programs) by going to the Windows key and selecting "Help and Support." Search for "associations" to discover how to change the default programs that are associated with a given file type. Elliot prefers FastStone as his default viewer. It's simple and effective, and has a good display of features and menus. But Picasa has several useful features, and is a valuable search tool, especially if you have almost no idea where to find a particular photo. You can quickly look through your entire collection. Picasa also has the interesting feature of people recognition. Appropriately identify a person in a photo, and Picasa will show many other photos of the same person.

One can also chose to open a photo in an editing program, such as Photoshop Elements, Paint Shop Pro, or Gimp. Of these three editing programs, only Gimp is available free.

Having finished a bit early with the topics of picture storage and organizing, Elliot took the last few minutes of the meeting to some-

thing brought up earlier by one of our members. Digital photographers are lucky in that none of the following applies to them. He discussed the processes involved in processing black and white photographic film after it has been exposed.

Film is a hardened gelatin substance containing a silver salt, usually silver iodide or



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silver bromide. The developing solution converts the exposed silver compound into metallic silver, but does not affect the silver salt. After development, the film is placed in a stop bath, usually acetic acid, which stops the development process. It is then placed in a bath of sodium thiosulphate, or hypo, which dissolves the silver salt. After this, the film is no longer light sensitive. During all the processes, the solution must be stirred to allow uniform action. After a period of washing, the film is usually rinsed in a wetting agent to prevent water spots, and hung up to dry.

The result is a negative, where the areas exposed to light are dark due to the silver, and the unexposed regions are transparent. When printing paper is exposed to light through the negative (or by light projected through the negative in an enlarger, the lights and darks are again reversed, and a normal print is obtained. Essentially the same processing is applied to the print paper, with the additional step - for glossy prints - of pressing the print face down onto a shiny ferrotype plate so it will dry glossy, and without water spots. The process is quite time consuming, but usually fun.

There are two basic types of film, orthochromatic, which is not sensitive to red light, and panchromatic, which IS sensitive to red light. With panchromatic film, all the steps prior to washing in water must be performed in the dark. So development is done by time and temperature. With orthochromatic film and with print paper, a dark red light can be used. To help with processing film in the dark, a developing tank is generally used. Proceeding by touch, the film is loaded into a spiral spool which is then placed in the light-proof tank, and all the processes, including pouring out one solution and replacing it by another, can be done in a lighted room. ❖

**SOFTWARE SIG REPORT**

By Leah Clark, LACS

The Software SIG met at Santa Monica College, Bundy Campus on May 5, 2014. Paula Van Berkom opened this interesting meeting with a video showing a 12-year-old boy who, with his dad, made his own prosthetic hand. He was born without fingers on his left hand. He can open and close the robotic fingers just by moving his wrist. He built his hand with the help of a 3-D printer.



These high tech machines create 3-D objects using materials like plastic or metal. Like in a 2-D inkjet printer, nozzles in a 3-D printer move back and forth dispensing a fluid. Unlike 2-D printing, though, the nozzles or the printing surface move up and down so multiple layers of material can cover the same surface. Moreover, these printers don't use ink; they dispense thick waxes and plastic polymers, which solidify to form each new cross-section of a sturdy 3-D object. Very complicated machines with intricate moving parts can be printed. Industrial and medical possibilities are endless.

Today, 3-D printers are like mini-factories in people's homes. A home printer costs about \$300 to \$3000. They can save money by making replicas of common items like spatulas, tools, cell phone cases, missing game pieces, etc. Designs can be downloaded from the Internet.

Then Paula showed a video on the Tobii PCEye Go, a peripheral eye tracker that allows you to navigate and control a computer using only your eyes in place of the standard mouse and keyboard. Users with limited motor skills due to ALS, spinal cord injuries or other impairments can benefit greatly from this.

The PCEye Go comes with the award winning Gaze Selection. The technology behind Tobii's assistive devices is simple in concept, with two infrared illuminators shining infrared light (invisible to the naked eye) on the user's

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face, which is then reflected by the cornea, the transparent film covering the pupil of the eye. This reflection is registered by a sensor, essentially a specialized camera inside the PCEye Go. Onboard processing then calculates the position of each eye within three-dimensional space, allowing tracking not only of the eyes themselves, but the direction of gaze. The associated software offers simple calibration achieved by following a moving dot around on the screen.

This technology creates a relaxed and natural computing environment. It allows the ability to hit small targets and to use a built in keyboard to write text. It is light weight and small enough to be easily transported with different computers and tablets for use at home, work, or school. It uses a single USB connection.

Paula showed a video showing The EyeWriter. This enables locked-in artists and paralyzed people to create art and write using only their eyes. The EyeWriter system uses inexpensive cameras and open-source computer vision software to track the wearer's eye movements. Some people are able to communicate and to express themselves for the first time in many years.

After the break Gilbert Ialongo demonstrated how he records the Podcast of the general meetings for our website. He uses Audacity and saves it as a MP3 file. He captures what the speaker says, then edits it to remove noise and interruptions. Paula is planning to record the May meeting since Gilbert will be away. We thank her for doing this, and hope more members will look into learning the procedure. Thanks to Gilbert for making the podcasts available for so long.

The end of the meeting was open for Q & A. A question was asked regarding the recent security update for Windows XP. Microsoft made an exception in releasing a fix for a recent bug.

Another question was asked about http vs https. Several members contributed to a discussion. ❖

- What would you like to learn about at this SIG?
- What would you like to present at this SIG?
- Please give your ideas to the Board. ❖

**BASICS & BEYOND SIG REPORT**By **Kim Stocksdales, LACS**

**T**here were 13 attendees at the May 12 Basics and Beyond SIG held at the Santa Monica College Bundy campus. Topics included: Improve your Internet Search Skills using Google, Advanced Selecting-Copy-Paste, and a website showing dogs in shame.

**Improve your Internet Search Skills using Google**

Many different ways of using Google to search the Internet were demonstrated.

- In Google's default search field: Track a package from any service such as UPS, Fedex, DHL, etc. by pasting the tracking number.
- Find movies playing tonight in a specific city by entering "Movies Culver City."
- Find weather in a specific city by entering "weather London, England."
- Find time in a specific city or country by entering "time New Delhi."
- find the definition of a word by entering "define circumspect"
- Convert from one measurement to another by entering "150 miles to kilometers." Google is good with abbreviations here, as "18C to F" will convert 18 degrees Celsius to Fahrenheit.
- Search within a website better than most website's own search engines; i.e. Search for baseball on NBC.com by entering "baseball site:nbc.com."

Google has been quietly archiving a vast collection of books and magazines. Many magazines date back to their origin, such as Popular Science to the 1870s. Search these books and magazines on [www.books.google.com](http://www.books.google.com).

A 5-minute YouTube video was shown demonstrating how to use this site to re-search the Civil War, finding only free online books written in the 1800's. To view this video, enter into the YouTube search field "How to use Google Books for research."

Google offers a kind of "reverse search" for photos. Paste a photo into Google, and out

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pops a number of similar photos, descriptions, etc. How would this be of use? Well, you could have a photo of a famous person or object and you aren't sure who that person is, or what the object is. Just paste the photo into Google and let the magic of Google find everything related to that picture. To get to the Google Reverse photo search, go to [www.Google.com](http://www.Google.com), then click "Images" and then click the Camera icon.

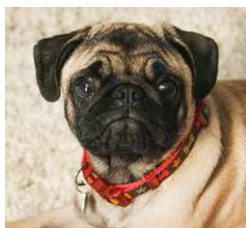
**Advanced Selecting-Copy-Paste**

At the March Basics & Beyond meeting, a very basic method to select - copy - paste was demonstrated that would meet virtually all the needs of the typical computer user for email, browsing the internet, and word processing. At this meeting, that method was briefly demonstrated, and then many advanced methods of select-copy-cut-paste were also demonstrated. For example, 12 different methods were demonstrated to select text in Microsoft Word. One method is to click in any word, then press the F8 key 2 times to select the word, 3 times to select the sentence, 4 times to select the paragraph, and 5 times to select the entire document. To see more, in the YouTube search field enter "selecting text in Word."

"Drag & Drop" was demonstrated as a method to move text and graphics from one place to another. Drag & Drop is a quicker way to do what you can do with Copy & Paste. To see a demonstration, in the YouTube search field enter "drag and drop."

**Dogs say Shame on Me!**

Dogs can do shameful things... Like eating mom's purse or chewing up expensive furniture. And now there is a website where they can confess their sins! We visited "[www.dogshaming.com](http://www.dogshaming.com)," and showed many dogs who came clean by confessing to their mischievous deeds. ❖

**SMARTPHONE, ETC. WORKSHOPS****BEGIN JUNE 2****by Stephanie Nordlinger, LACS**

Instead of having different topics at each Software SIG, we are going to have a series of informal workshops on smartphones and tablets, the most exciting computer developments that we haven't covered adequately before. Because these devices are small and varied, we think the best way to proceed is with less "lecture" and "presentations" and more discussion and learning in small groups. We will meet at Santa Monica College on the first Monday of the month (which has belonged to the Software SIG). We can probably do programs for an entire year and not run out of things to learn. The O'Reilly *Galaxy S4 Missing Manual* has 16 chapters and three appendices.

We will start at the logical place, namely talking about these devices and what you want to look for in buying one and getting phone and Internet service. And what should you avoid? If you have bought either a tablet or a smart phone, please bring it with the early parts of its manual - e.g., its capabilities, RAM, photos or diagrams of its pieces, etc. If you are still considering purchasing a phone or tablet, bring your questions and ideas. We may split up into Apple vs. Android subgroups some of the time. We can use the projector and MiFi to go to websites and play YouTube videos. I can lead the group temporarily, but I would like to delegate at least the Apple leadership and perhaps the Android as well to other members.

This first meeting will be held just a couple of hours after the tour of Google's local office, so we may not be totally organized, but we'll wing it. It will be useful and great fun. Please contact me if you can help. ❖



June Rose



<b>JUNE INTO JULY 2014</b>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>2</b> Smartphone Workshop 7:00 PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>9</b> Basics & Beyond SIG 7 :00 PM	<b>10</b> General Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>16</b> Board Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>23</b> Digital Photo SIG	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> S.W. Computer Conference
<b>30</b> S.W. Computer Conference	<b>1 JULY</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

Calendar is subject to change. Check your e-mail or with the SIG leader before attending a meeting.

**June 14**  
**Flag Day**



**June 15**  
**Fathers' Day**



### **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)**

SIG meetings are lead by and for LACS members. Visitors are welcome to attend up to six SIGs. meetings (three of the same SIG) before being asked to join LACS. To inquire about a SIG, call the contact person in advance. Acting SIG Coordinator: Heshmat Laaly, [sig\\_coord\(at\)lacspsc.org](mailto:sig_coord(at)lacspsc.org)

Basics & Beyond SIG	Kim Stocksdales	310-720-0603	2nd Mon. 7 PM SMC, Bundy Campus
Digital Photo SIG	Nancy Cattell	310-452-2130	4th Mon. 7 PM, SMC, Bundy Campus
	Elliot Silverstein	310-670-154	
Software SIG	Volunteer Needed *		1st Mon. 7 PM, SMC, Bundy Campus

\* To volunteer, please contact the President or Vice President.

### **ADDRESSES**

Dinah's Family Restaurant, 6521 Sepulveda Blvd., LA 90045 (on Sepulveda, just S. of Centinela)

SMC Bundy Campus, 3171 S. Bundy Drive, LA 90066 (1/2 block S. of Airport Avenue)

## MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

LACS members volunteer to help other members solve hardware and software problems by telephone during the hours listed below. Select the topic from the list and then call a person whose number is listed next to it. Or you may use a Helper's e-mail address, found in your LACS Roster. We hope that you find this free service useful. ***If you are experienced in a particular program or topic, please volunteer to be a consultant.*** To volunteer for this list or to make corrections, please e-mail [editor\(at\)lacspsc.org](mailto:editor(at)lacspsc.org) or call Leah Clark at 310-677-2792. More Quick Consultants are always needed. You may decline or postpone a call if it comes at the wrong time.

America Online - 20	Lotus Word Pro, Approach - 56	Open Office - 60
Anti Malware - 56	Mozilla Firefox, Thunderbird - 56	Picasa - 58
Digital Imaging, Editing - 50	MS Excel - 59	Quicken - 20
Digital Photography - 58	MS Word - 9, 53	QuickBooks - 52
Dragon Naturally Speaking - 9	MS Outlook - 59, 20	Viruses - 46
Genealogy - 20, 34	MS Outlook Express - 59	Visual Basic - 57
Hardware - 55, 56	MS PowerPoint - 59	Websites - 57
LA FreeNet—24	MS Publisher - 2, 52	Win XP/Vista - 56, 60
		WordPerfect - 20

No.	Name	Daytime Phone	Eves/Weekends	From	To
2	Mercer, Bob	310-837-5648	310-837-5648	9:00 AM	10:00 PM
9	Hershman, Irv	310-397-9453	310-397-9453	11:00 AM	11:00 PM
20	Nordlinger, Stephanie	323-299-3244	323-299-3244	5:00 PM	10:00 PM
24	Springer, Karl	424-646-3410	424-646-3410	10:00 AM	10:00 PM
34	Clark, Leah	310-677-2792	310-677-2792	9:00 AM	5:00 PM
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58	Schneir, Jerry	310-451-4140	310-451-4140	9:00 AM	10:00 PM
59	Van Berkomp, Paula	310-398-6734	N.A.	9:00 AM	5:00 PM
60	Johnson, Carol	310-372-8535	310-372-8535	10:00 AM	9:00 PM



It would be nice if more members volunteered to help other members. After all, that's what LACS is all about! We need helpers for some of the newer technologies with which members may be struggling. That would include Windows 8, Linux, Apple, and any Windows, Apple, and Android devices. As noted above, you will not be committed to any specific time. We hope to hear from YOU.

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## SCHEDULED GENERAL MEETING PRESENTATIONS

By **Maurice Stephenson**, Program Chair

- Tuesday, June 10, 2014  
**Ralf Quint, LAUSD Students & Maurice Stephenson,**  
Arduino Robots
- Tuesday, July 8, 2014  
**Westchester Librarian**  
e-Books

While we urge you to mark your calendars now, changes are certainly possible, so please watch your e-mail. If you have ideas for other topics and speakers, please contact Maurice Stephenson, our Program Chair, at [vp@lacspc.org](mailto:vp@lacspc.org).

Gene Jacobs  
and  
Irv Hershman



## GENERAL MEETING SNACK SCHEDULE

By **Sylvia Davis, LACS**

As usual, LACS provides hot coffee (decaf too), tea and cocoa. Please participate by bringing **finger-food** treats such as fresh fruit, veggies, nuts, cookies, brownies and the like. Bottled water and soft drinks (reg. & diet) are appreciated, too. Also, remember to pick up your remainders and serving pieces at the end of the meeting.

Below is the snack schedule for 2014 so you may plan ahead.

June	I through K
July	L through P
August	Q through S
September	T through Z plus H
October	A through C



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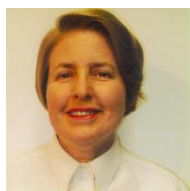
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## HOW LACS WORKS

By **Stephanie Nordlinger, President**  
Los Angeles Computer Society

**A**s many of you know, I have been active in LACS since before it even existed, that is, since the mid-1980s when it was the UCLA PC Users Group and met in a 200-seat auditorium on the UCLA campus. We moved to Culver City High School, changed our name and incorporated as a Sec. 501(c)(3) nonprofit in July 1991.



You may have heard us ask for volunteers frequently. What do these people do? How are decisions made? What decisions need to be made and what things need to be done to bring to you and the public the programs we have presented over the years?

### To put on each general meeting:

**1. Getting Speakers:** Members have made suggestions and have found speakers, informed them of who we are, what we would like them to speak on, and the time and place of our meeting. Vice President Maurice Stephenson has been doing most of this recruiting recently.

**2. Publicity:** The inviter also obtains biographical information from the speaker. Mark Presky sends press releases to the media. Cora Kamerman designs the flyers which members print and distribute. Karl Springer updates the website, and Leah Clark puts an announcement into *User Friendly*. Lance Hegamin has recently helped to remind members of upcoming meetings via LACSPC.

**3. Meeting Places:** Members found, rented and paid for the auditorium ("Fellowship Hall"). Various members looked for a new place to meet when the Culver City High School auditorium became too expensive and was too large to have good acoustics. The board approves our meeting places, and our treasurer (currently Charlotte Semple) pays the bills. We also bought **liability insurance** for this and our other venues and provided proof of insurance to their owners.

**4.** We negotiated with the church to extend its **Internet connection** to the Fellowship Hall

and several members including Fred Kong did the technical installation work. Later we bought a Mi-Fi device that gives us an Internet signal here and at SIG meetings.

**5. Equipment Purchases:** We have bought many pieces of equipment over the years including projectors, sound systems, computers, batteries, and the duct tape to keep the covered wires between the front of the auditorium and the table holding our projector and computers safely out of the way. The board decides when to make major purchases and our experts to shop for them. The treasurer pays the bills and gives a report at each board meeting on our income and expenses. Board members review and approve or disapprove these reports.

**6.** Our **computer and sound equipment must be set up** and tested before each meeting. Sometimes, a speaker brings Apple equipment that is difficult for us to work with, so we have acquired various cables and adaptors, etc. Jim McKnight does most of this setup, but he is trying to teach some of the rest of us so that we are not totally dependent on him. Gilbert Ialongo sets up and runs the XP computer that records the meeting. He later edits the recording into a podcast, which is placed on our website. Board member Paula van Berkom substituted for Gilbert in making the recording while he was on vacation. She is also learning about the audio system.

**7. Setup:** Various members come at 5:30 (hopefully) to put up the four tables for the computer equipment, the refreshments, the give-away table and the Greeter's/Membership table. Two members lay the cables with electronic wires from the power source to the computer table. Various members also set up the chairs.

**8.** Our **Hospitality** Chair, Sylvia Davis, purchases whatever we need for coffee, tea, other beverages and supplies and gives them to her friend, Linda Williams, who sets the table and arranges the things on it. Jim or whoever gets there early fills the electric coffee pot with water and plugs it in. Members bring snacks according to a published alphabetical schedule although other contributions are also welcome.

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9. Ida Riordan and often Charlotte, Leah or Lee Freehling set up and staff the **Welcome table** near the door and the LACS sign you see outside. They also sign up new members, make and distribute member badges and give visitors bags of goodies. New and renewing members and visitors get their names added to the raffle.

10. Gene Jacobs, our **membership database** manager, maintains an Excel file with detailed information on members. Membership dues is our major source of income. Gene sends out renewal notices, records new and renewing members, provides a monthly report on membership numbers and the names of people who have not promptly renewed. Some of us phone or email those we know on the list who need reminding to rejoin. Gene also extends the membership of anyone who brings in a new full member by three months. Finally, Gene prints and brings to the meetings sheets of labels with member's names. They are hung up at the back of Fellowship Hall. Members select, fold and put their labels into the adjacent paper bag. At the end of the meeting, the bag, and the bags for "News & Renewals" are brought to the front of the room for the Lucky Draw.

11. Fred Kong occasionally picks up numerous (mostly) computer-related **prizes for the Lucky Draw** from a San Diego TV personality who is given them for review. Speakers, members and others also occasionally donate prizes. (Anything of doubtful value, magazines, etc. should be left on the give-away table in the back of the room.) The prizes aren't what they were when the companies were more flush and we demanded and got at least one review copy and one prize from each speaker. Fred and others help with the selection of the gifts and the delivering them to the winners. You are free to reject something that you can't use. You may or may not be offered something else. Please look over the prizes and see what you would like before the meeting or during the break. If we have enough time, we sometimes let people choose. But we don't like to make the

audience wait a lot because the winners are indecisive. "If you snooze, you lose" means that if you don't stay for the raffle, you won't get a prize if your name is called.

Still, - if you come regularly, you should occasionally get something useful. Sometimes, we give a specialized item (e.g., a minor Apple or non-computer item) to the only alert person present who says they want it. We really should put the dog items on the give-away table. And we should more often encourage you to bring your "shelfware" (software or hardware that just sits unused on a shelf) back for recycling to someone who could use it. Many members help to clean up the room. They should take home and recycle properly any items and leftover food they had brought.

12. **The Forum** is a group of about a dozen members who meet informally from about 6 to 6:50 in the front of the Hall to ask and answer computer-related questions. Jim McKnight usually leads it (assuming he has had enough time and help getting the equipment set up). Other experienced members also come and help to answer questions.

13. We may or may not go to **Dinah's Restaurant** after the meeting. If there are going to be a large number of us, we should reserve the back room.

14. During the meeting, our **photographer, Nilan Kincaid**, takes pictures for User Friendly and the website. After the meeting, Leah or someone writes an article on it for User Friendly. Gilbert edits the audio recording, posts the podcast and sends an email stating that he has done so. Some speakers ask that we not prepare a podcast, so we honor their wishes.

15. **User Friendly:** Leah Clark is the editor of our 20-page magazine, *User Friendly*. It is published monthly and is put on our website. If we publish reviews or other original material, other PC user groups are allowed to reprint it with credit to us and the author. Stephanie, Charlotte, Jim McKnight, and Virginia Ford proofread the issues.

16. **Website:** A committee totally redesigned our website ([www.lacspc.org](http://www.lacspc.org)) and continues to update it. Major contributions came from Gilbert Ialongo, Paula van Berkom, Karl (**How**

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Springer, Bob Tomasso and others. Gilbert is our webmaster, and Karl helps with announcement updates.

**17. Various members attend regional user group meetings** and learn about new speakers, hardware and software. Charlotte is our representative to the quarterly SCRUGS meetings, and some of us are planning to attend the Southwest Technology and Computer Conference in Pomona in late June.

**18. Special Interest Groups (SIGs):** Kim Stocksdales does an outstanding job of leading the Basics and Beyond SIG (formerly the Beginners, Internet-Email SIG). Nancy Cattell and Elliot Silverstein have been leading the popular Digital Photo SIG for some years. Gilbert and Paula often lead the Software SIG. Paula is also helpful in reminding SIG leaders to advertise what they will cover in their upcoming meetings. Several of the SIG leaders and sometimes others write articles describing the individual SIG meetings for User Friendly. Various members take the equipment home and bring it back to the next meeting - an essential task when we don't have secure storage and use the equipment at different times and locations.

New SIGs are formed from time to time as people's interests change. A **Smartphone - Portable Devices** workshop series to learn about this ever changing subject will start on June 2.

**19. List Serves:** Karl Springer does a great job setting up and running our list serves - LACSPC, LACSLIST, and one for the directors and officers. There are several specialized ones including ones for individual SIGs and former SIGs (Genealogy). LACSPC and DIRSLACS are moderated to avoid unnecessary emails. The moderators are Charlotte, Heshmat, Karl, Lance Hegamin, and Stephanie.

**20. Field Trips:** Emil (E J) Rozek was instrumental in setting up a very successful field trip to the International Printing Museum earlier this year. Maurice and Paula have set up the upcoming trip to Google. These trips are fun and informative - we hope to do more.

**21. Members Helping Members** is a free service advertised in each issue of *User Friendly*. New subjects and new volunteers are wel-

come. Jim McKnight's free help in cleaning up or repairing members' computers is outstanding.

**22. Our December general meeting is a pot-luck Holiday Party.** Lee Freehling is chair, and others help to set up and clean up.

In the summer I will appoint a new **Nominating Committee** to recommend persons for our four offices and half of our board positions.

Now that you understand that this club cannot run properly without a lot of help from a lot of people, we hope that you will be willing to serve in some capacity from time to time. It's fun you meet nice people, and you learn a lot. ❖



## VIRTUAL TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCES

**From the APCUG "NOOZ" Newsletter, May, 2014**

The May VTC videos are now on YouTube as well as links to them on APCUG's website: [www.apcug2.org/](http://www.apcug2.org/) 2014 SpringVTC11. We had over 200 registrants; 77 attendees responded to our conference survey. Those responding to the survey were entered into a drawing. The winner of Acronis' True Image 2014, donated by Gene & Linda Barlow (User Group Relations), was: Henry M. Whitney, Co-chair of the Capital PCUG Seniors SIG.

### TRACK 1

Photoshop Elements

<http://apcug2.org/content/photoshop-elements>

How Inkjet Printers Work, Tips & Hints

<http://apcug2.org/content/how-inkjet-printers-work-tips-and-hints>

Linux: Winning Pretty Much Everything

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**TRACK 2**

Mavericks & iDevice Benefits

<http://apcug2.org/content/mavericks-idevice-benefits>

De-Mystifying Windows 8.1 & the Latest Update

<http://apcug2.org/content/de-mystifying-windows-81-and-latest-update>

Creating a Website in WordPress

<http://apcug2.org/content/creating-website-wordpress>

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**WINDOWS XP HAS BEEN RETIRED**

By **Gene Barlow**, User Group Relations

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A major change happened to the Windows Operating System family on April 8, 2014. Windows XP was retired and will no longer be supported by Microsoft. Since many computer users (20% plus) are still using WinXP, this is a major concern for them. This article will point out what this announcement means to WinXP users and what steps they need to take to better protect themselves from these added risks.

**What Does this Change Mean?**

You can breathe a sigh of relief; this change does NOT mean that on April 9<sup>th</sup>, your WinXP computer will stop working. It may continue to work just fine for the next several months or years, especially if you follow my suggestions in this article.

In the short term (a few weeks or months), your computer safe-guards will probably be compromised and your computer will become



the target of Internet attacks by hackers. Once Microsoft discontinues its effort to correct any weak point in WinXP that hackers use to gain access to your computer, your computer will become open to all hackers to enter your computer and cause mischief or damage. This is sort of like requiring that any home over 12 years old must no longer lock their doors at night. Now any thief can easily enter your house and steal what they want. Hackers will publish exact descriptions on how to break into WinXP computers and put these guidelines on secret hacker websites. By running crawler bots, the hackers can quickly find all computers still using WinXP and go after them in a mass attack. It will take hackers a few weeks or months to get this attack organized and running. If they miss your computer in this attack, you will be very lucky.

In the long term (many months or a couple of years), you will find that new computer hardware devices and new versions of the computer software that you use will not be supported on your WinXP computer. Making a decision to remain with WinXP means that you have decided to lock yourself in the past and you will not be able to move forward in your hardware or software. Just don't be disappointed when you cannot run that new printer you want or cannot install a new favorite software version on your old WinXP computer.

**How to Protect your Computer?**

There are several steps you can take to better prevent bad things from happening to your WinXP computer. Here are the most common steps you should consider taking.

**Move to a New Computer:**

Microsoft will continue to support Windows Win7 and Win8 computer Operating Systems for several more years. So, if you still are running an old WinXP computer, now would be a good time to consider upgrading to something newer. Powerful new computers with the latest operating systems are widely available at great prices today. So, bite the bullet and move to a newer computer. While it may take a while to get used to the new computer, once you do, you will really enjoy the new system.

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Picking which new computer system to move to requires a choice on your part.

Let me offer you some suggestions: Windows 7 computers are stable and very reliable. You can still find companies offering new Win7 computers at great discounts.

I would strongly recommend looking at a Windows 7 computer to move to. Windows 8/8.1 computers are what you will find mostly in your local computer store. While this is the latest Windows interface available, it is dramatically different than WinXP, Vista, or Win7 computers. This major difference is why many users of Win8/8.1 computers are not happy. I would suggest you avoid the new Win8/8.1 computers for now and find a solid Win7 computer to replace your WinXP.

Making the move to a new computer system involves a lot of steps. Just getting to the new computer will take you some time. Moving the application programs that you use to the new computer can be a lot of work. And, having all of your important personal data files on your new computer is critical to continue using your computer. I wrote a technical paper a couple of years ago that identifies the many ways to move to a new computer system and it points out the pitfalls and weaknesses of these ways. I end up recommending how best to move from WinXP to Win7 in the article, but this paper applies to moving to any new computer from any old computer. You can find this article at <http://www.ugr.com/nl0511.html>. Make sure you print out this article and follow it as you move to your new computer system.

#### **Disconnect your WinXP Computer from the Internet:**

I have heard many users say they plan on staying with their old WinXP computer, but will disconnect it from the Internet to avoid hacker attacks. Since many of the advantages of using a computer today are to stay in touch with email, Facebook, etc., and browsing the wealth of information available on the Internet. I find those pulling the Internet plug are a bit drastic. There are less dynamic changes you should consider instead of totally disconnecting from the Internet. A few years ago, we connected to the Internet with a dial-up

connection. The speed of dial-up was very slow and you always had to connect before you could use the Internet. Today, you are constantly connected to the Internet and that means your WinXP computer will be open to hackers 24 hours a day. To reduce this risk, you may be able to plug into the internet only when you need to. Then download your email messages and disconnect. You can compose your replies off-line, and then reconnect to the internet to upload your replies. If you use one of the web email clients, like gmail or hotmail, then this approach will not work. Also, greatly limit the amount of time you browse the internet. Staying under 15 minutes a day connected to the Internet is much safer than staying connected 24 hours a day.

#### **Strengthen your Other Internet Security Tools:**

If you are now going to live with open security doors in your WinXP computer, make sure you have the best other protection in place to protect your computer. Make sure your hardware router is strong and if you use a wireless router, make sure you password protect against those that can access it. You also need a strong bi-directional software firewall to keep hackers out and make sure this firewall is turned on at all times to protect you. Get rid of the limited free anti-virus software you might be using and invest in the best protection software available. Personally, I have used Vipre security software for the past several years and it is a strong product to protect you. If you chose to remain on WinXP, at least get the most powerful Internet protection you can. The free stuff is not nearly as good.

The most important security software that all users should use on a regular basis is a good backup utility. With unprotected holes in your WinXP operating system and even with strong Internet security software, hackers can still break into your computer. You will end up with a crashed computer and all of your important files lost. If you do regular backups of your computer to an external hard drive, at least when the attack comes,

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you will be able to quickly get your system back up and working again.

Since you are using a security weakened system in WinXP, you should backup more frequently than normal. A daily backup of your entire hard drive would not be unreasonable to do.

This should be an image backup that will backup not just your data files, but your WinXP system and all installed application programs and settings.

Disconnect your external backup hard drive between backups so that hackers won't have access to it and destroy your backups. A good backup is the ultimate line of defense against hackers.

I highly recommend **Acronis True Image 2014** as the best backup utility available today. To order *Acronis True Image Home 2014* from us, go to [www.ugr.com](http://www.ugr.com) and select the product you wish to purchase. Once you are on that product's page, click on the appropriate Buy Now button to place your order. We charge only \$25 for a single license or \$60 for a three license Family Pack. You can order a download copy or we can mail you a CD with the software on it. (There is a \$5 shipping fee per order if you order the CD.) When checking out of the shopping cart, enter in the special order code of UGNL0514. Not only do we provide the best prices for this excellent backup utility, we also give our customers much better support than they will get from Acronis or other distributors.

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**LAUGHING OUT LOUD**

- In a few minutes a computer can make a mistake so great that it would take many men many months to equal it.
- It is easier to write an incorrect program than understand a correct one.
- If a program is useful, it must be changed.
- If a program is useless, it must be documented.
- It said "Insert disk 3..." but only 2 fit.
- It's not a bug; it's an undocumented feature.
- It works! Now if only I could remember what I did...
- The less time planning, the more time programming.
- I wish life had a scroll back buffer.
- The only thing good about "standards" in computer science is that there are so many to choose from.
- Keyboard : Instrument used to enter errors into computer.
- Never put off till run-time what you can do at compile-time. - D. Gries
- If your computer says, "Printer out of Paper," this problem cannot be resolved by continuously clicking the "OK" button.
- Breakthrough: It finally booted on the first try.
- I have a dream: 1073741824 bytes free.
- I haven't lost my mind; it's backed up on tape somewhere.
- I hit the CTRL key but I'm still not in control!
- Diagnostics are the programs that run when nothing else will!
- I'm writing a book. I've got the page numbers done.



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In addition to monthly general meetings, members enjoy these special benefits:

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- ◇ Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to help solve your problems regarding selected topics.

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