



# Oakmont PC Users Group

## E-Mail Newsletter

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### We're on the Web!

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### President's Message

This month we greet a new club and Board member, **Ken Kronen**. Ken has lived in Oakmont for a few years but continued to work for the Veterans Administration regional office in San Francisco where he was responsible for computer security. At the beginning of the year he retired to begin the active Oakmont life. Since computer security is a subject of continuing interest for our membership, Ken will conduct a program on computer security at one of the fall meetings. We are delighted to welcome Ken to our club and to the Board of Directors.

Members who volunteer to take on jobs in support of club functions and activities are what make the club an ever better Oakmont resource. We encourage more members to step forward. Currently we need someone to take on custodianship of the club equipment, consisting mainly of several laptops and a portable projector and associated software. The equipment requires operating before the meetings and any outstanding updates installed. The principal laptop needs to be set up before each meeting with help from one or more members.

Or would you like to help set up the programs that are presented on the third Monday of each month (no meetings in June, July, August and December)? The job entails determining members' interests and making appropriate arrangements. We are just getting by at present but with another member participating, the workload would be less for all.

Lastly, we need someone to take responsibility for refreshments (club pays expenses). We have no problem getting volunteers to help set up for a given date but someone needs to be in charge. We do have written instructions to make the start easier.

If you think you would like to help, please contact me, or any of the names in the left column. The jobs we have can be interesting and rewarding and you will be working with a great group of people. Let us hear from you!

**Jack Frantz, President**

### New Members

We welcome the following new members to our Club:

**Cecilia and Alex Bautista**  
**George Flynn**

**Gloria and Eugene Iseff**  
**Heidi Klyn**

All new members are encouraged to become participants and please feel free to contact any of the officers for help or assistance.

***Judie, Thanks!***

### **Thank You, Judie Coleman**

On March 21 at our General Meeting Judie Coleman presented us with a program, which covered the basics on computer files and some tips on *Windows 7*. The program was of considerable interest, especially to members who are relatively new to the PC. Judie talks to our club usually once a year or so and is always well received. Thanks again, Judie.

***Here's Your Chance***

### **Exchange Table**

On the third Monday of every month at our Program Meeting we set up a table in the rear of the room with FREE items that have been donated by our members. It varies from month to month but sometimes includes ink, books, manuals, cables, software, keyboards etc. Please feel free to peruse it before or after the meeting and help yourself to any item. Also, if you have any items you wish to donate please bring them to one of our meetings. If you have something to donate and need it picked up, please call Gordon Ramsey (538-4981) and he will be glad to pick it up at your home.

***Learn from Questions  
and Answers***

### **April Question and Answer Session**

**Monday, April 11 – West Recreation Center at 2:45 p.m.**

If you have a computer question or problem you would like to have discussed at our Q&A Session, Bob Mandelstam is our Coordinator and M/C. E-mail your questions or problems to Bob at [bobmandel@psualum.com](mailto:bobmandel@psualum.com) several days before the meeting and he will work with our experts to determine a solution, which will be addressed at the meeting. We will continue to take questions from the floor but the e-mail requests will have priority.

We encourage our members to attend this session whether you have a question or not. There is always something to learn and sometimes even the most knowledgeable pick up something new. The Q&A session follows our board meeting, which is held at 1:30 p.m. and is open to any members who would like to attend.

***Sonic Sounds Off***

### **April General Meeting**

**Monday, April 18 – West Recreation Center at 2 p.m.**

There was a change in the March program. **Sonic** has been rescheduled to the April meeting: We will hear from **Sonic.net**. on April 18. A large percentage of our membership use this service as their Internet Service Provider (ISP). **Sonic** is favored partially because they are local and help is provided by flesh and blood Santa Rosans. More recently, they have expanded into becoming an FCC Certified Telecommunications Provider. Hear "What's Going on at Sonic" straight from the inside.

***Our New Master***

### **Webmaster's Report**

Krystine Boehme has now taken over the duties of Webmaster in addition to her duties as Communications Committee Chairman. The club website has been updated to be current to this newsletter (will be added shortly). A few touch ups such as photos remain, but all will be updated shortly. All meeting handouts and newsletters are available at <http://oakmontpc.com/>.

## ***New Cycle of Courses***

## ***Time to Get Organized***

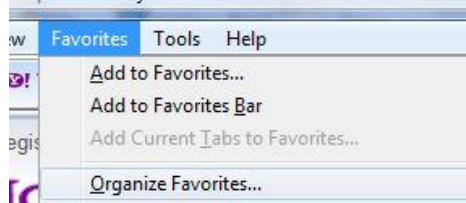
### **OCLC News**

The Oakmont Computer Learning Center (OCLC) resumes classes this month. The schedule of classes for the spring session is published in the current *Oakmont News* and is also available in the OVA office as well as on the Learning Center bulletin board.

### **Technical Stuff**

#### **Organize Favorites in Internet Explorer (IE) or Firefox (FF)**

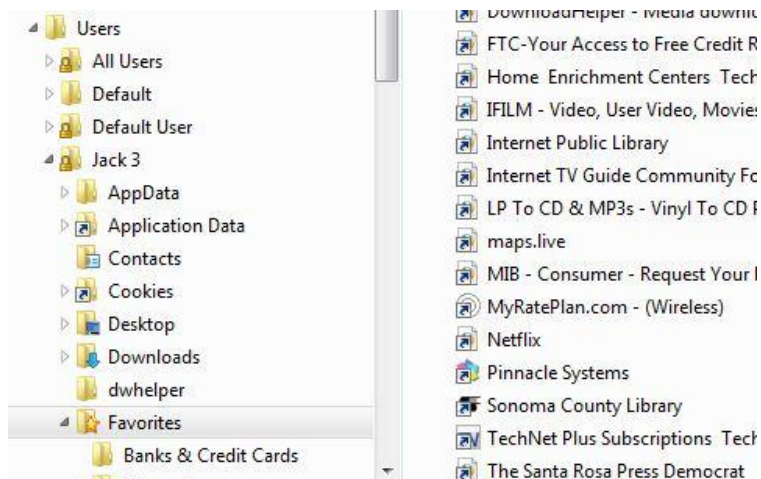
If you browse the internet to a significant extent, you often see web sites that merit return visits. The way to simplify the return trip is to make the site a **Favorite (Bookmark in Firefox)**. Over a period of time, the list gets longer and longer. It's time to organize and use folders.



If you click on **Organize Favorites** the file structure of the **Favorites** will be presented. However, in *Internet Explorer* or older *Firefox* you will not be able to operate on more than one at a time. Multiple

selections using **Shift** or **Control** do not function. If you have many to place in a folder it would be quite tedious to do them one at a time.

If, however, you use *Computer* or *My Computer* or *Windows Explorer*, then, the multiple selection technique using **First** then **Shift + Last** to select all in between or **Control + Click** for interspersed selection works as with any other file. To find the **Favorites** file, in the left Folders column expand users, go to your User name and expand. Go down to favorites and click and the **Favorites** folders and **Favorites** will appear in the right hand column. **Favorites** can be imported or exported between *Internet Explorer* and *Firefox* by clicking **File/Import and Export** in *Internet Explorer* or **File/Import** in *Firefox*. Doing the organizing in *Windows Explorer* is considerably easier and faster than trying to do the job using the browser.



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