

Bits & Bytes

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Next Meeting is
Friday
Sept. 23, 2011
At

6:30 P.M.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hi Everyone!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and I hope you were all safe from the storms.

Our first Barefoot Bay Computer Club meeting of the 2011 / 2012 season is Friday, September 23.

We'll be discussing our Christmas Party (December 23) at the October meeting.

I'm looking forward to a great year and to seeing you all soon!

Elaine

MINUTES

BBCC Monthly Meeting May 27, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by the President Elaine Magee. The Pledge Of Allegiance led by the President was recited.

Secretary's Report : Marie Rhodes made a motion to accept minutes as published in Bits and Bytes, it was seconded by Kevin O'Rourke.

Treasure's Report : No report was given.

Membership : 22 members were present at the meeting, 2 new members Majorie Rose and Yvonne Sutherland were welcomed to the club.

Old business: Paul Carroll reported that the help line was closed for the summer.

New Business : Ron Witt requested that the club purchase a tape recorder.

Program : Kevin O Rourke gave a presentation on the club's website, and registering for the help line.

The president asked for a motion to adjourn , the motion was made by Bob Preischet, and seconded by Kevin O' Rourke, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm, after which coffee and refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be June 24, and it will be in the round table format.

Respectfully,
Ralph J Thomas

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PROGRAM FOR MEETING

Kevin O'Rourke will be presenting a program on Skype and web cam usage at the September Meeting

Sunshine

If you know of any member who is ill, in hospital, or who has had a death in the family, please call Pat Towne at 664-5396 so that cards can be sent.

PLEASE EVERYONE, LET
PATRICIA KNOW OF ANY
CONDITIONS THAT NEEDS A
CARD TO BE SENT.
664-5396

MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues for 2011 are now due and can be paid at the meeting on Sept 23, or by mailing your check to P O Box 79145, Barefoot Bay - \$10.00 for a single membership or \$15.00 for husband and wife.

Each month I have a complete listing of all members available and would appreciate your checking to make sure your listing is accurate. Our new directories are available. Pick up your copy at the Membership Table.

There are many membership cards that have not been picked up. Check at the Membership table as you come in.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting!
Twila Whitmore
Membership Chairperson

SPECIAL NOTE

I know it's early, but PLEASE plan ahead to attend our planned Christmas Party on Friday, December 23, 2011.
It will be held at the D & E Building.
More details to follow.

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COMPUTER INFO

By Kevin O'Rourke

Welcome Back Snow Birds I hope you all had a Safe and Fun Summer.

We are starting up a new year of our fun little club and I will be looking for feedback on what

YOU the membership will want to learn this coming year so feel free to email me your ideas at RedSoxDieHard@gmail.com .

I would like to take a minute and mention that some of you may have purchased new computers while you were away and Now wonder what to do with your old hardware.

While walking my Dog at night over the Summer I would occasionally find an old Computer / Monitor/Keyboard etc in the trash. I would implore to any member to please find alternatives to throwing your old electronics in the trash.

Not only are there highly toxic materials in computer parts such as Mercury, Lead (Almost 5 Pounds worth in your average CRT Monitor), Cadmium and many many more.

E-Waste (Electronic Waste) accounts for just 2% of landfill space but 70% of the Toxicity.

There are numerous places that will gladly accept your old electronics for recycling Such as Best Buy (even if you didn't buy it there) The Indian River County Roseland Convenience Center located at 7860 130th St. Sebastian, FL And Staples are just a few that accept Computer's & Monitors Even our Library accepts Old Cell phones for recycling!

There are also places online where you might be able to sell your old electronics, such as Ebay, CraigsList, and Gazelle.

Then there is the donation route whether it is to the Thrift Shop on Micco Road a local Resident who might not have a computer. A childrens' Hospital or even the company

My employer goes through the Child's Play (www.childsplay.org) Charity Which fixes and donates old Computers to children's hospitals.

Which ever route you go Please be sure to either remove all your personal info yourself or have someone help you with it.

A FEABLE ATTEMPT AT HUMOR

During the Revolutionary War, there were British sympathizers known as Tories among the colonists. Some of them would work hand-in-hand with the Redcoats to try to foil the battle plans of the Continental Army.

After a certain skirmish, a group of General Washington's men tracked one of these sympathizers to a farm, which they searched for hours without success. A militiaman then came up with the idea to release a hen into a barn where they suspected the fugitive might be hiding. Sure enough, loud cackling and commotion quickly ensued, and the soldiers were finally able to take their prisoner into custody. This was the first known instance where someone had a chicken catch a Tory

COMPUTER TIPS

How to make the font bigger on websites?

If you are using Internet Explorer, you can make the contents of the entire web page larger. Just follow these directions:

1. Open Internet Explorer and navigate to the page you want to read.
2. In the lower, right corner of the Internet Explorer window, you will see 100% with a small arrow to the right of it.
3. Click on that arrow to display a list of Magnifications. Click on something larger than 100%, you might want to try 150% for starters.
4. If you want to go back to 100%, just click the arrow again, and click on 100%.

If you don't have the toolbar at the bottom of your Internet Explorer window, you will have to turn on the status bar. Here is how:

1. Open Internet Explorer.
2. Tap the "Alt" key on your keyboard to display the menu bar near the top of the Internet Explorer window.
3. Click on "View" in the menu bar, point to "Toolbars" and then click on "Status Bar".
4. A bar will appear across the bottom of your window with the magnification in the lower right corner.

Instant shutdown

If you are impatient. And get tired of clicking buttons to shut down your computer. There is a quicker way to shut down.

You can use shortcut keys instead of the mouse.

In Windows XP, press the Windows key once. Then, press the "U" key twice to shut down your machine. Incidentally, you can press the Windows key and then the "U" and "R" keys to restart. Pressing the Windows key and then the "L" key will log you off the machine.

In Vista, press the Windows key. Then, press the right arrow key three times. Press the "U" key to shut down. You can press the "R" key to restart. Or, press "L" to log off.

Of course, if you're using a laptop, you may not have the Windows key on your keyboard. Or maybe you want an even quicker way to shut down your machine.

In that case, you can simply use the power button on your machine. But before you do this, you need to change some settings on your machine.

Windows doesn't like it when you kill the power without warning. You'll probably get error messages when you restart the machine. You could also lose data.

So you'll want to reprogram the power button on your computer.

In Windows XP, click Start>>Control Panel. Double-click Power Options and open the Advanced tab. Select "Shut down" under "When I press the power button on my computer." Click OK.

In Vista, click Start>>Control Panel. Double-click Power Options. Click "Choose what the power buttons do." Beside "When I press the power button," select "Shut down."

With your power button reprogrammed, you can use it indiscriminately to shut down your machine. You won't need to click anywhere or remember any keystrokes. But if you have programs open, you'll probably be prompted to save your work.

**TELEPHONE HELP
LINE**

**SPECIAL NOTICE
FOR MEMBERS ONLY**

The TELEPHONE help line
is up and running.

The telephone number is

321-541-6381.

This number is a local
call.

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Leave a message and some-
one will return your call.

You can still post your ques-
tions or problems on the
Barefoot Bay Computer
Club Website.

Log on to [http://](http://barefootbaycomputer-club.com)

[barefootbaycomputer-
club.com](http://barefootbaycomputer-club.com)

And click on Help Line.

ATTENTION

If you are having problems post-
ing a question on the Barefoot
Bay Website, please contact Paul
Carroll at ptkaro@yahoo.com
and I will send you a PDF file of
the instructions on how to do it,
that you can print.

When you sign up for the Help Line
on the Web, an e-mail is sent to you
automatically from the Web Site
which lists your user name and pass-
word..

Be assured that your password is not
seen by anyone. It is a computer gen-
erated e-mail and no one sees it but
you.

E-MAIL INFORMATION

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