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CLUBHOUSE 1 * 7:00 P.M.

Rick Thues - the iMentor

“Web 2.0 and the History of the Desktop”



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we are faced with new challenges and opportunities.
Come with Rick Thues!

“Q & A” 6:00 p.m.

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President's Message...



Board Members 2008. Last month I introduced two new Board members. I failed to mention that the Board elected officers for the 2008 term. No news here. The current officers were asked to serve another year. All agreed.

2008 Membership Renewal. The membership renewal process ended with the end of the grace period on January 31. If you did not renew, I urge you to do so. Members are the club. The roster had nearly 500 names before the February 1 cutoff. After the February 1 cutoff, I expect the active membership to be in the mid-300's.

Get Well Soon. Anne and Shell both had hospital stays in December. Anne has cancelled her January classes but will be teaching the Email/Internet class again beginning February 7. Shell plans to return to his Wednesday Supervisor shift this month. Thanks for your good wishes.

Leopard and me. I recently installed Leopard on an iMac G5 with 512MB memory. After reading many tips on the Internet, I decided to choose the 'Archive & Install' feature with 'Preserve user and network settings' option. Before I started, I performed Repair Disk Permissions, Disk Repair, and Disk Warrior checks. All went well. I did notice that the install DVD checks itself before beginning the install process. This 'pre-flight' check took 50 minutes on this Mac. There is a 'Cancel' button available which I may use next time. Michael Moore has long considered the DVD disc check procedure unnecessary. The time for the actual installation was short.

Warning: Geek stuff. The software engine or 'kernel' in OS X is Mach, hidden and invisible. Mach coordinates the microprocessor and memory transactions within the computer. Twenty years ago the programmers went to lunch and were pondering the name of their newly revised UNIX kernel. After stepping around mud puddles enroute to lunch, MUCK was suggested as an acronym for "Multiprocessor Universal Communication Kernel." The acronym was passed to an Italian colleague who pronounced MUCK as "Mach". The name stuck.

Cheers ... Charles



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Introduction:

Rick Thues is known throughout Southern California as the iMentor. He is an expert Macintosh User, trainer and troubleshooter. Since he bought his first Mac in 1984, Rick has helped people use this innovative machine. He has helped Graphic Designers transition from marker presentations to electronic fly throughs. The iMentor's clients range from 5 year old triplets who can use the Dock and Windows to a 93 year old man who can email and manage attachments.

In his real life, Rick is an avid skydiver with over 3400 jumps. Rick can “Teach anyone half as much about a Macintosh as their kids know”.

Company Description:

iMentor provides computer tutoring, training, troubleshooting and installations.

iMentor is referred by 5 Southern California Apple Stores.

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Here are the names of the door prize winners of January 10, 2008, in the order drawn:
Ruth Williams, Mike Ulrich, Judy Malone, Dennis McGovern, Doris Griffi, Murray Massin, Connie Peterson

"Anne's Corner"

iPhoto'08 "Web Gallery"



The fastest way to share your photos on the Internet.

Using the **Web Gallery** feature of **iPhoto'08**, you can share your photos on the Internet in just a few minutes.

1. Use your own dot-Mac account or use the Macintosh Club's account: Go to **System Preferences**. Click on the blue **".Mac"** globe. In the **".Mac Member Name"** field, type lwvmc and in the **Password** field, type lwvmc1. Close the **.Mac** panel by clicking the red Window button.
2. Open **iPhoto'08**, select the photos you want to share on the Internet, and click the **"Web Gallery"** button at the bottom of the . In the dialog box that appears, check "Allow visitors to download photos" and click the blue **Publish** button. Voilà! Your photos will be on the Internet in a minute or two, depending on the number of photos.
3. To see the photos on the Internet, click on the URL that is displayed at the top left of the Web Gallery page in iPhoto'08. Example: <http://gallery.mac.com/lwvmc#100159>. To share the photos with your friends and family, send them this URL by email. They can enjoy the photos and download them if desired.

I'll be glad to demonstrate these steps in the next Email/Internet class on February 7.

Enjoy!
Anne Clark

Dear Macintosh Club Members - Laguna Woods Village Residents,

Many of you have renewed your membership for 2008 and we thank you very much!

For those of you who have not yet had a chance to renew, we invite you to do so by the end of January, at the low renewal rate of only \$10 per person, \$15 per couple, if renewing together. After January 31, 2008, late renewals will be considered "new members" and will be subject to the "new member" dues of \$15 per person, \$20 per couple, if renewing together.

It's easy to renew. There is a form on our web site that you may fill out on your Mac, print, and mail to our treasurer with your check. To access the renewal form, please click (or double-click) on the following link, or copy it into your browser's Address field: <http://www.themacclub.org/form.html>.

We wish you a Happy, Healthy New Year and look forward to assisting you in becoming an increasingly knowledgeable and independent Macintosh user.

Best regards,
Anne Clark, Secretary

Apple's Market Share...Murray Massin

For many years, a friendly argument between the Mac Users and PC (Windows) computer owners, has centered on "market share". The translation of the term applies to the percentage of people who use the two competing Operating Systems.

Until recently, it was claimed that the PC people were overwhelmingly superior with about 95 to 96 percent of all the computers in use. However, one has only to visit any Apple Store these days, to see that "times are a changing".

On January 02, 2008, Computerworld Periodical reported that at the beginning of 2007, Net Applications pegged Mac OS X's share at 5.7%. They say that for December as a whole, Apple, Inc.'s machines accounted for 7.3% of all systems that browsed the 40,000 sites monitored by Net Applications, Inc.. This put the one-year growth rate at about 28%. However in last two days of 2007, the PC share had dropped to 92% and Mac's market share had grown to 8%, a record mark that a Web measurement company yesterday called "phenomenal."

Meanwhile, Apple's browser more than paced the growth of Mac OS X Safari's share stood at 5.6% in December, up 32% from the 4.3% at the beginning of 2007, said Net Applications.

Mozilla Corp.'s Firefox, which is available in versions for Mac OS X as well as Windows and Linux, accounted for a record 16.8% of all browsers tracked last month, while Microsoft's Internet Explorer's share slipped to 76% from November's 77.4%. IE has lost nearly 4% market share since the start of 2007, with the overwhelming portion of that being snapped up by Firefox and Safari.

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My Autobiography ... Ruth Williams

I was born in a small town in Kentucky and lived there until I moved to Leisure World in 1997. I was fortunate that our small town had good schools and good teachers. I am the oldest in a family of eight with supportive parents.

I was married at age 18 and in eleven years I was the mother of four sons and one daughter. I am very proud of them, as all are college graduates happily married with no divorces. I was a stay-at-home mother, but when the youngest was in high school, I went to college, graduated and five years later earned a Master's degree at the University of Kentucky. My first and only job was as a teacher of Home Economics at Mt. Sterling, KY, where I stayed for 23 years. My husband died in 1991. After retiring, I moved to Lexington, KY, with the plan to get a Ph.D degree but I met and married a second husband instead. We traveled and spent our winters in Phoenix, AZ, but he died suddenly and I was on my own again.

I was visiting my sister who was looking for a retirement home and Leisure World became her choice. I stayed to help her move and in the meantime, I found a manor that I liked. In July, 1997, I became a resident.

I am very happy in Laguna Woods Village. My activities are gym and exercise classes, Garden Club, Mac Computer activities, some ceramic classes, sewing classes, and Christian Church.

I have not had an exciting life but there is not much I would change or regret.

MUSIC TO YOUR FEET ... Louise Dawson

The more I learn about exercise, the more I realize it is a necessity. A great way to motivate yourself is music. Therefore, many people buy an iPod Nano to listen to inspiring music, books or exercise podcasts to keep the workout fresh and fun. It is even possible to buy a water tight case so you can listen to music while you swim. Have you seen all those people with white cords coming out of their ears? They are not from another planet. They are addicted to iPods.

But the motivation tool I love the best is Nike Plus. With the iPod Nano (\$149), a Sensor Kit (\$25) and a sensor pouch (Marware \$10), you can keep track of how far you walked or ran and how often. The sensor on the Nano communicates with the sensor on your shoe. After exercise you attach the Nano to your computer and it automatically sends the info to Nike's website. There you keep a permanent record of all your runs. You can compete with yourself or join the hundreds of challenges such as "Dog lovers versus Cat lovers" and get inspiration from your teammates. You can buy special shoes from Nike but they will cost you at least \$89. The pouch from Marware <amazon.com> can be attached to any laced shoe and the Nike Plus service is free. There are many iPods but only the Nano works with Nike. Even if you don't use the Nike resources, an iPod is a great tool for music, audible books, watching movies and TV shows, having your address book and calendar with you at all times and even learning to play Poker.



NO MORE SQUINTING... Louise Dawson

If you are having trouble reading mail or if the font in Safari is too small for you, try this: Hold down the Command key, the Shift key and the Plus key at the same time and the font size will grow. For the opposite effect use the Minus key instead of Plus key. The Command key is the one with the Apple on it.

TIME MACHINE FOR AUTOMATIC BACKUP.... Louise Dawson

If you are using Apple's latest operating system, 10.5.1, known as Leopard, you have access to an amazing piece of software called Time Machine. This application automatically backs up everything on your computer and continues to do so quietly in the background with no effort on your part. All you need is Leopard installed on your computer and an external hard drive with a lot of space. I recommend the lomega UltraMax Desktop Hard Drive which costs \$170 and holds 500 gigabytes of storage. You can buy it or many other external hard drives at an Apple Store. I prefer shopping at Apple Stores because I know I will get reliable advice.

Once you have your new external hard drive home, just plug it into your computer, go to System Preferences, System, Time Machine and click "On". The first back up will take several hours but from then on Time Machine will backup hourly, daily and weekly. When your computer's hard drive crashes, and it will, or when you have deleted a file or email and want it back, you will be able to use Time Machine to retrieve as much or as little of lost data as you want.



TIP OF THE MONTH - You Can Never Have Too Many FriendsLouise Dawson

One of the most underused resources for technology enthusiasts is Apple's Discussion Boards. Go to <discussions.apple.com/index.jspa> and join in. Let's say you're having problems with Appleworks. Look under Applications and click on Appleworks. Now you can see problems other people are having and their solutions. By registering, you will be able to post your question and receive email when someone responds, usually within 24 hours. Also go to <apple.com/findouthow> to watch tutorials and get tips on using your computer and its applications.



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* e-Mail / Internet CLASS (<i>Anne Clark</i>)	Thursday, February 7	1:00 - 3:00 pm
Comp BEGINNERS' SESSION (<i>Murray Massin</i>)	Friday, February 8	1:00 - 3:00 pm
* Mac for Dummies CLASS	Wednesday, February 13	1:00 - 3:00 pm
GENERAL MEETING in Club House 1	Thursday, February 14	6:00 - 8:15 pm
PRESIDENTS' DAY (L.C. CLOSED)	Monday, February 18	
BOARD Meeting in Spruce Room (<i>Adm.Bdg.</i>)	Tuesday, February 19	1:15 - 3:45 pm
* INTERMEDIATE OS X CLASS (<i>Wim Vermolen</i>)	Tuesday, February 26	1:00 - 3:00 pm
iMovie Q & A (<i>Michael Moore</i>)	Friday, February 29	1:00 - 3:00 pm

ALL CLASSES (*) ARE DROP-IN with a request for a \$2 donation

Macintosh Computer Learning Center is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

EXCEPT when Classes are given it will be closed, and on **February 18 (Holiday)**

Schedule subject to change, see <http://www.themacclub.org> for the latest information

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