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**GENERAL MEETING * THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2008
CLUBHOUSE 1 * 7:00 P.M.**

Dave Osborne will take us on a trip!

**“The Journey of
AppleWorks
to Pages and Numbers”**



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President's Message...



Board Matters.

Ned Read, long-time member, former instructor and former club president has resigned his Vice-President's position in order to pursue his singing interests with the Laguna Woods Village Chorale. Our board meeting and his chorale meet at the same time. The good news is that he is still a member and still a big help to me setting up the general meeting room, taking attendance, and acting as 'lighting director.'

Leopard OS 10.5.

Last month Anne and I installed Leopard on our iMacs. Before the Leopard install I deleted all third-party System Preferences. A 'control-click' on the system preference icon will remove it. Guess what? The wheels did not fly off. Anne 'loves' her new pet. I like the spotted cat also. Meanwhile, the four new iMacs in the Learning Center have Leopard installed.

Time Machine.

Time Machine is Leopard software that automatically backs up your data every hour to another hard drive. Anne and I are using Time Machine with a newly purchased external 500 GB hard drive. We alternate the use of the drive so that we can back up our files. The only visible sign of backup activity is the little rotating Time Machine icon in the menu bar or the external hard drive's blinking status light. It just works.

Brief Encounter with the OLPC.

OLPC stands for "One Laptop per Child," a scheme to provide \$100 laptops to children of the developing world. The \$100 price point has not been reached yet. The OLPC sells for about \$180. One of our members took advantage of the offer to buy two laptops for \$400. One laptop was sent off overseas and one was sent to the member. On a recent home visit, I saw a small green and white laptop in the corner. It looks like something that Fisher-Price would make.

The OLPC sure is cute and perhaps one day I will be able to take another peek.

You may Google-search 'olpc' for more information.

Cheers...Charles...



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"Anne's Corner"



New In Leopard Mail: Stationery Templates

Add a Personal Touch to Your Email with Stationery and Your Pictures.

- 1) Open a New Message. Click the "Show Stationery" button.**
 - 2) Click on a template thumbnail to display it full size on your email message.**
 - 3) Click on the text and type your own.**
 - 4) To add photos to the stationery from iPhoto, click the "Photo Browser" button and drag one or more pictures from the Photo Browser over the picture placeholder in the stationery.**
- If the photo is larger than the placeholder photo, double-click the photo to display a slider you can use to zoom in on an area of the photo.**
- You can also drag the image around to show a specific area.**
- These steps and more options will be demonstrated in the next Email/Internet class on March 6.**

Enjoy!

Anne Clark

The Learning Center has a new HP color laser printer. The Club has purchased special paper for use with the laser printer. Each copy will be at a cost of fifty cents.

Some of the differences between the ink jet color printer (which continues to cost seventy cents) are:

- The inkjet has a heavier deposit of color.
- With the laser you cannot use a glossy heavy paper.
- The inkjet can smear; the laser will not.

Microsoft Office Suite 2008 for the Mac is now available.

Is the Apple Warranty.....warranted? ... Murray Massin

My Apple iMAC is 2 years old and I bought the Apple Extended Warranty, called Apple Care, last year. It added 2 years to the original 1 year that comes with each new computer that is purchased. In the original first year I needed a major repair and it was taken care of at an Apple Store. Within the second year which ended January 9th, I had no problems with the computer. But about February 1st my DVD discs started being rejected by the computer. They just came back out of the slot after a short wait. I also had problems trying to burn any new ones.

Rather than carrying it to the Apple Store as before, I called Apple's help line.:1-800-MY-APPLE. It does take a while to get an individual rep, but he was very nice and patient with me while I explained my problems. Together we went through a list of tests that included "zapping the PRAM", a "complex disc repair", "permissions", and finally the creation of "another Administrator's Account" that would run my computer. In this new account I still had the same DVD problem, so he gave me a "case number", and told me to take it to an Apple Store for replacement of my Disc Drive.

But I have a problem with that, so I asked if he could send someone to my house to make the repair. He said "yes", but it takes a long wait on the phone until you make contact with the company that is sent out to make the repairs. Contact with them resulted in waiting 3 days until I was called. A date and time was set, and precisely on time, a very nice, very capable, man came and spent an hour in my house. A new drive was inserted and there was no charge, and it all has worked fine ever since. He said that if I had to pay for his time and the part, it would have almost been the price of a new computer.

Is the cost the warranty..... warranted? I think ABSOLUTELY.

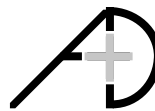


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Metche Franke (Metche is her first name) She is a new volunteer and assists Anne Clark in her Email/Internet class. She also offered to be a Supervisor. She may come into the Learning Center Monday mornings to assist Gladys in helping patrons.

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What a delightful surprise at the last General Meeting. It was Thursday, Valentine evening. We are not used to coming to the meetings where refreshments are being served unless it was for yearly special Holidays . When everyone arrived for this meeting they were surprised to be treated with lovely and delicious Chocolate Cupcakes by another new volunteer, Margot McCartney.

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A bit if news Microsoft Office Suite 2008 for the Mac is now available.

Shell Weinberg's column "Macintosh Learning Center" is on Medical Leave and will return in the PEALINGS April Issue.

Apple - Pro - Pro -Tips

Create Custom Email Stationery

Leopard's enhanced Mail program has a cool new feature: a set of professionally designed stationery templates you can use to spiff up your email.

But you can also create your own custom stationery templates. Here's how.

Create a new email message. Add the elements you'd like to appear each time you load the template, like a signature line. You can also add dummy text to delete later, if you wish.

Under the Format menu, choose Show Fonts and Show Colors and use the Font and Color palettes to specify fonts, text size, colors, and type effects to suit your taste. (Note that the colors you choose for backgrounds might not show up until you've saved your stationery and opened a new message.)

Use the Format menu to set text alignment and styles. You can even add graphic elements, such as photos or logos. When you're satisfied with your work, choose Save as Stationery from Mail's File menu. The program will prompt you to name your creation.

When you want to load your template, create a new message and click the Show Stationery button. You'll see the Apple templates, organized in folders. (You may need to scroll down to see all the folders.) At the bottom of the list is a new folder, Custom, where your template resides. Any additional templates you create will be stored in the Custom folder as well.

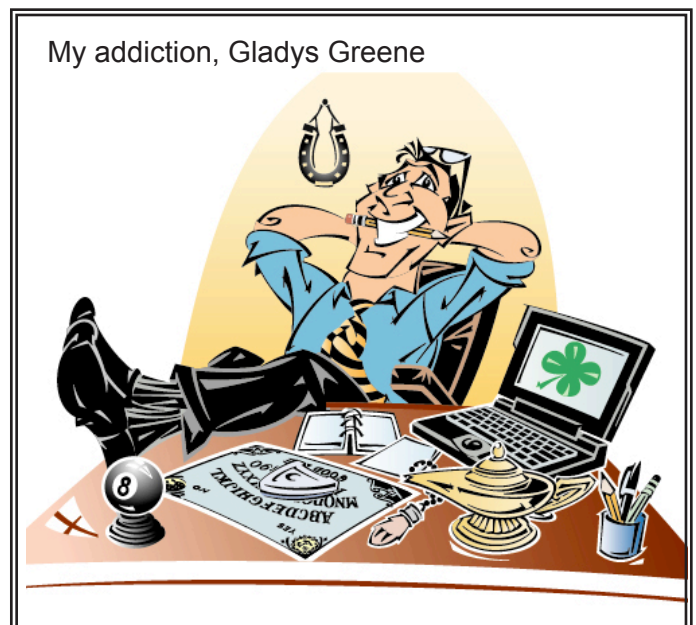
Select the Custom folder, double-click on the icon for your stationery, and the template appears, ready for you to add new text. When you're done writing your new message, send like any other email.

Remember, though: The design professionals who created the Apple templates are professionals for a reason.

Saving Spotlight Searches

Spotlight also lives in your Finder windows (right where the old Search field was in previous versions of Mac OS X), but when you search here, you get a little bonus — savable searches.

So, for example, you search for all the email, images, and other junk sent to you by your friend, Alan. When you do this in a Finder window, the Finder window updates to show the results right there in your window. Oh, but there's more. Now you'll find a Save button near the top-right side of your window. If you click it, it saves your results in a folder in your sidebar, where you can re-access those files at any time. How cool is that! But this is no ordinary folder, my friend. This is a Smart Folder, which means the next time Alan sends you something (or you mention Alan in a document, email, etc.), it will automatically be added to that Smart Folder. It's live, baby!





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* e-Mail / Internet CLASS (<i>Anne Clark</i>)	Thursday, March 6	1:00 - 3:00 pm
Comp BEGINNERS' SESSION (<i>Murray Massin</i>)	Friday, March 7	1:00 - 3:00 pm
* Mac for Dummies CLASS (<i>Shell Weinberg</i>)	Wednesday, March 12	1:00 - 3:00 pm
GENERAL MEETING in Club House 1	Thursday, March 13	6:00 - 8:15 pm
BOARD Meeting in Spruce Room (<i>Adm.Bdg.</i>)	Tuesday, March 18	1:15 - 3:45 pm
* INTERMEDIATE OS X CLASS (<i>Wim Vermolen</i>)	Tuesday, March 25	1:00 - 3:00 pm
iMovie Q & A (<i>Michael Moore</i>)	Friday, March 28	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.

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

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