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Lake County Area Computer Enthusiasts LCACE c/o Group Ambassador "J.J." Johnson Membership

Membership in LCACE is open to all individuals and families interested in personal computing. Annual dues are \$20.00 per individual/family. Associate membership is only \$10.00 (out of state, unable to attend meetings). Membership includes a one year subscription to the LCACE News Journal and access to all club libraries and functions. Applications for membership may be obtained at the monthly meeting, by request on the club hotline, and are now available on our web site at - <http://www.lcace.org>.

Meetings

LCACE meetings are usually held on Saturdays at the Grayslake Area Public Library, 100 Library Lane, Grayslake, Illinois. The meeting room opens at noon and the formal meeting begins at 12:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public. Bring a friend!

Advertising

Ad rates per issue: Full page - \$25, Half page - \$15, Quarter page - \$10, Business Card - \$5. Discounts are available on advance purchase of multiple issues. Please send camera-ready copy and payment to the club address by the 21st of the month preceding publication. For more information on ad pricing, please call our Hotline. Ads are FREE to all paid members.

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Robin's RAMblings

Grayslake residents, guests and friends joined LCACE members for our November 6th program, "My Uncle, the Hollywood Producer: a Spicy Tale", which the Grayslake Area Public Library co-sponsored.

Welcome to our newest member, Phil Nocerino, owner of Windy's Computer Service in Lindenhurst. Bob D'Agostino renewed his membership.

We are all looking forward to our holiday party Saturday, December 4th, 1-5 p.m., at State Bank of the Lakes, 50 Commerce Drive, Grayslake. The bank is located east of Atkinson Road and Center Street, and is open until 1 on Saturdays. If you arrive before 1 p.m., PLEASE park on the side of the bank-NOT in front. There is plenty of parking.

The club will provide ham, turkey, rolls, pop and ice cream. Everyone brings a dish to pass. Please think healthy! Our LCACE cooks always bring great food.

Everyone always has a fantastic time at our party. Family and friends are welcome to attend. Please volunteer to help.

Free photo with Santa!

This year a special visitor from the North Pole will attend our party. Club founder and professional photographer J. J. Johnson is again offering to take pictures of any-

one who wants a photo with Santa. You will receive your free photo at the party.

Some lucky people will win our 5 raffle prizes: our big prize is a 17" HP laptop with 4GB RAM and a 320GB hard drive. Second prize is a 10" Acer netbook with 1GB RAM and a 160GB hard drive. An 8GB Apple iPod Touch is our third prize. Fourth prize is a VuPoint Magic Wand Scanner. Last but not least, fifth prize is a one year membership to LCACE.

You can't win unless you buy tickets! Winners do not need to be present so plan to sell tickets to out of town family and friends.

2010 holiday raffle tickets will be available for sale at the holiday party. The person who sells the winning first prize ticket and also the person who sells the most tickets will receive prizes at the holiday party.

Tickets are \$1 each; 6 for \$5, and 25 for \$20. The more tickets you buy, the better your chances of winning one of these fabulous prizes.

In addition to our 5 raffle prizes, we have a large number of door prizes. These include software, an H-P laser printer, wireless mice, flash drives, etc. You must be present to win a door prize.

Mark your calendar for our upcoming meetings :

December 4-Holiday party-State Bank of the Lakes-1-5 p.m.

January 8, 2011-Show and tell and ask the gurus

February 12, 2011-Ubuntu by Julie Bell

March 12, 2011-Staples of Mundelein on the latest in technology

April 2, 2011-Elections, club party, show and tell, ask the gurus

May 14, 2011-Digital macro photography by Wendy Warden

Do you have ideas about programs you would like? Please contact Julio Rivera, programs@lface.org, or email me at president@lface.org.

When was the last time you backed up your computer? Do you store data offsite? Several months ago I read a really sad story about someone who lost thirty-three years of research, family photos, financial records, as well as manuscripts of four books her mother had written. She and her husband dutifully backed up their computers to external hard drives. When their house was robbed, their computers were stolen ... as were their external hard drives. There are online backup services that are relatively reasonably priced. Are you uncomfortable doing an internet backup? If you have an old (small capacity) external hard drive you no longer use, back up to it. Give it to a trusted friend or family member who does not live in your house or put it in a safe deposit box.

The more backups you have, the better. Several years ago, I had a relatively new laptop that was still under warranty. I had neglected to back it up for several months. Finally on the afternoon of May 31st, I did a complete backup. On the night of June 1st, I suddenly heard "click, click, click." I knew that was no virus. It was fortunate that I had backed it up the previous day because the hard drive was so damaged that the computer no longer worked. Because I had a complete backup, I did not lose 10+ years of work. A tech person later told me that there are two kinds of people who own computers: those whose hard drives have failed, and those that are going to fail. As far as he was concerned, the only question was when.

Did you read that many areas will no longer have residential white page phone books? Many of us use our computers to locate phone numbers. One does wonder how future genealogists will be able to locate information.

I recently read an article about technology products that we may not see in a few years: 3D television sets, GPS devices, netbooks, MP3 players, pocket video cameras, etc. Between iPads and reasonably priced ultra light laptops, netbooks have a lot of competition. Many new digital cameras include video cameras and smartphones often incorporate digital cameras as well as video cameras. Fewer people feel the need to buy separate devices.

New vehicles often include a built-in GPS; many cell phones also have GPS capability. It is, however, convenient to have a moveable GPS for travel; telephone screens tend to be smaller and more difficult to see.

Best wishes to everyone for a happy holiday season, and a happy, HEALTHY new year!

Robin

SPECIAL INSERT

State Bank of the Lakes

50 Commerce Drive

Grayslake, Illinois

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Please **DO NOT PARK** in front of bank until after 1:00 pm.

Directions and Map

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HOLIDAY RAFFLE 2010

1st Prize:

HP 17" Notebook

- Core Duo T6600 processor
- 4GB of RAM
- 320GB hard drive
- Webcam and microphone
- Lightscribe Super Multi Dual layer DVD±R/RW
- Windows 7



2nd Prize:

Acer Aspire One 10.1" Netbook

- Intel Atom N450
- 1GB of RAM
- 160GB hard drive
- Windows 7 starter



3rd Prize:

Apple iPod Touch-8GB

A great music and video player, pocket computer and thousands of other uses.



4th Prize:

VuPoint wand scanner

Fast and convenient way to scan, archive & organize for your personal use.



5th Prize:

1-Year's Membership LCACE

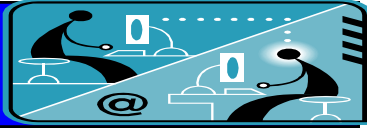
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Drawing December 4, 2010

WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT

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NEXT MEETING

January 8, 2010

Ask the Gurus
Show and Tell

December 4, 2010

Holiday Party

Lake County Area Computer Enthusiasts
409 S. Elmwood Avenue
Waukegan, IL 60085

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