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Membership

LCACE membership is open to all individuals and families interested in personal computing. Annual dues are \$20.00 per individual/family. 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!

Newsletter Submissions

Club members are welcome to submit classified ads, reviews, tips and other articles for publication, to our newsletter editor in Microsoft Word format (.doc). **Publication deadline is the 20th of the month for all ads and articles.** Please do not use tabs or special formatting.

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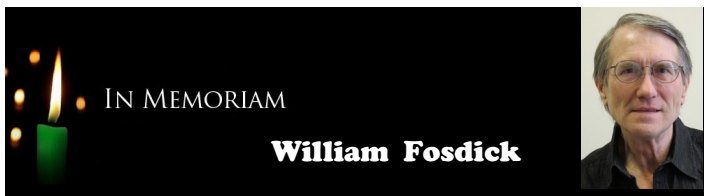
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Phil's Ramblings



In case you did not receive my earlier Google Groups LCACE email, I am sad to report that William "Bill" Fosdick passed away suddenly in late November. He and DeBorah Sirilla have been regulars at our monthly meetings, and hosted our 2016 LCACE picnic at a Vernon Hills Park District location. Bill was an active participant at our meetings, often supplying answers to technical issues that came up and offering constructive suggestions for future action. He was also a major financial supporter for our club through his advocacy for our monthly 50/50 raffle and high ticket sales for our Holiday Party raffles. His contributions, sense of humor and personality will be missed by all!

A recent How-To Geek newsletter included an article about why rebooting your router fixes many problems with your Internet connection. If you are like me, and have experienced Wi-Fi slowdowns, pauses or crashes, I encourage you to check this out. Here's the link: <https://www.howtogeek.com/165110/do-i-really-have-to-unplug-my-cable-modem-for-at-least-10-seconds/>.

Moreover, this article contains links to other How-To Geek articles devoted to different aspects of this

very important component in your home network. One offers simple fixes to Wi-Fi "dead zones" (moving your router and avoiding interference from other devices in your home and/or your neighbors' Wi-Fi networks). Another explains why you should consider upgrading your router, even if you are using older devices in your network (reduced interference, better coverage, improved security, updated software, automatic updating and specialty features).

However, while you are mulling over all this advice about your router and home network, do not forget two crucial actions to take now to protect yourself against intrusion by bad guys and keep your current router operating as effectively as possible. The first is to ensure that you have updated the internal login information in your router from the "admin/admin" combination that it probably came with when you first installed it. If you haven't done this, simply re-visit the set-up instructions that came with your router, visit the manufacturer's website or do an online search for a step-by-step process. A new, longer and stronger router password will help to keep the bad guys at bay.

The second is to be sure that your router's internal software / firmware is up to date. If your router model is several years old, chances are that

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the manufacturer has created one or more updates to improve performance and/or security. (For the purposes of this discussion please note that we are talking about the age of the model itself, not when you happened to buy your device.) Newer router models (and models typically rented to you by a cable Internet provider) may include an automatic update feature. If you have a router that falls into one of these categories, you should verify that this is the case for your model. If so, no worries. If not, or if you have an older model, visit the manufacturer's website to see if there are updates for your router. If so, follow the manufacturer's instructions to download and install those updates.

The How-To Geek website offers quite a few articles devoted to different aspects of your home network. Just go to www.howtogeek.com and post your search query. Ditto for other aspects of your personal computing. And, of course, the Internet offers a huge number of such tips – some better than others. (The benefit of starting your search on a website you trust – such as How-To Geek – is that you are likely to (1) quickly find what you are looking for; (2) have a higher confidence level that you are getting good advice.)

On a separate note, I have been asked to give a presentation about “Digital Afterlife” at the Waukegan Township Park Place Senior Center at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, December 13th. For those who missed our LCACE Digital Afterlife presentation, you are welcome to attend the coming presentation at the Senior Center. The Senior Center is located at 414 S. Lewis Avenue, Waukegan.

Happy Holidays, and best wishes for a happy, healthy 2018!



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Kenneth Nethercote
Barton Berndtson
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Ted Zalewski
Linda Busch



Congratulations Liz Barnett and David Carlson for working on the new elections policy.

Membership

November 11, 2017

Membership Chairperson

Members: 52

Meeting Attendee: 18

THANKS FOR JOINING

Diane Berndtson

THANKS FOR RENEWING

None

THANKS FOR VISITING

Ed Paha

Winners:

50/50: Phil Bock

Door Prize: Deborah Sirilla



Deborah Sirilla



Phil Bock



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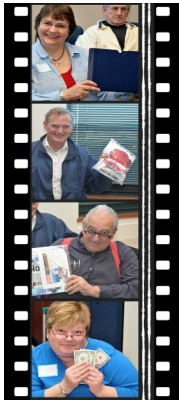
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