

The Interface

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President's Message By Tom Telford

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

I hope that everyone had a pleasant Holiday Season!

We are excited to offer our members a special "one on one" tutoring program!!

Due to the wide range of skill level within the membership, it is very difficult for some to understand the procedures and explanations being presented in the main program.

We are, therefore, going to open up on meeting days at 11:00 AM, for some "one on one tutoring", starting in January. If members have some specific thing they would like to learn or problem to be solved, we will try to do some teaching, time permitting. We will also attempt to provide help outside of this setting if anyone needs extra help.

Reservations for these sessions will be necessary as there will be 4 tutors, more or less.

If you have something you would like to learn, please contact me to reserve your spot.

We have two reservations for the January 4th date and two open spots as of this writing. If members have a laptop, they should bring it fully charged. We will also have laptops available to demonstrate issues for desk top users. No one should have any inferiority issues because they don't know computer operations. The Tutors will never "look down" on someone who asks a question, because all questions are important. We all started out knowing nothing about computer operations.

We continue to request that someone volunteer for the Program Director position, which is currently vacant. Members must volunteer for administrative positions, if the group is to be sustained. The group cannot continue with everyone being a spectator!

If anyone has suggestions for meeting speakers and/or topics, pass these on to a Board member.

Remember that after December 31st dues are \$20.00!!

Please be aware of the meeting and help desk items and schedules, which appear in other sections of the newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom

Program Schedule

January 2018: Introduction to Open Office by Tom Telford

Basic Computer Commands and Functions by Hart Rowland

February 2018: Open

TLCUG meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 2 P.M. at the Donald W. Reynolds Library at 300 Library Hill, located on Highway 201 South in Mountain Home, across from the ASUMH campus. The Help Desk will open around 1:00 p.m. Guests and visitors are welcome to attend.

December General Meeting Minutes By Sue Seils, TLCUG Secretary

1) CALL TO ORDER:

The group meeting began at 2:00 PM.

2) ATTENDANCE:

Total attendance was 43 people, with two new members and the speaker.

3) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Tom welcomed the members and gave the treasurer's report.

Tom reminded the members that dues are due by December 31 for \$15 per family. After that, renewal is \$20.

Tom introduced our speakers for today's meeting.

4) PROGRAM:

Today's program was given by Chris Hickman, an energy advisor from North Arkansas Electric Cooperative. His topic was "Using Smart Technology to Manage Energy Savings". Chris explained that using smart technology means having things work smarter. With smart technology, we can control comfort in our homes easily,

control entertainment, and monitor security. All this can be conveniently done. He talked about using motion sensor lights, having life alert systems, programmable thermostats, lighting and window coverings, all of these help to save energy costs. Many of these can not only be done remotely with a smart phone and apps, but they can send alerts or reminders to you.

5) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Vice-President Hart talked briefly about recent phone scams, especially those concerning Microsoft or Windows. The best way to handle these is to just hang up, not giving any personal information or credit card information.

Tom announced that we will do tutoring for members from 11:00am to 12:30pm on meeting days. Reservations need to be done with a phone call to Tom (phone number is on the website). There will be several people available to help with individual problems that a member may be having or need help with. Members are encouraged to bring their laptops (although laptops will be available).

Tom introduced our new members: Roger and Harriet M. and Carol B.

6) DRAWINGS:

The winner of the monthly drawing for a certificate to the Bookworms Café was Chuck N.

7) ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Members Photo Gallery



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From the Help Desk By Ann Neuenschwander

If you have a question that is not or cannot be adequately addressed at our regular Help Desk meeting, you may email questions to the Webmaster (contact info is on the Officers page of our Website), or write it down and bring it to the Help Desk at our regular meeting.

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