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Say...Would you like to donate an afternoon each week to help the public with computers at the Main Library? There are now two sections that need your help badly. It's good practice, and you meet interesting people.

Annual Meeting

The January 4th meeting at 6:00 PM at the Church will be our Annual Meeting with election of officers. It is also the beginning of our new year and time to pay the \$20.00 dues.



PAUL PAULUS, GUEST SPEAKER

GENERAL MEETING, JANUARY 4, 2005

7:00—9:00 CHRIST BY THE SEA METHODIST CHURCH  
3755 A1A HIGHWAY, VERO BEACH FL

Our guest this month is Paul Paulus, manager of the Everything Apple store on 14th Avenue in Vero Beach. The name of the store gives us a real hint of what's on the agenda of our January meeting.

The new Mac has all the bells and whistles anyone could want in a new computer. A small footprint has always been an Apple feature, but this new version, with its all-in-one flat LCD screen, speakers, and CPU, is state-of-the-art. A wireless mouse and wireless keyboard complete the package.

Of course, for

many years the Mac has been a highly rated choice for users who work with art and photography or who download music. Because Mac computers can use and/or translate Windows programs, the Mac has become a real contender to Windows-based computers for not only the graphics and media users, who were always their biggest fans, but for other application users as well.

We often hear at our meetings that Macs are user-friendly, require no special setup, no requirements to change settings, and have an

all-in-one uncomplicated package that takes little expertise to start up other than plugging it in. Apple has an excellent support program in place and receives high accolades from computer magazines and columnists. The Everything Apple store has demo models and software. At our meeting, Paul will demonstrate and answer questions about Mac computers and programs.

This month Paul is going to demonstrate the new 3-D game Nanosaurs 2. Watch out for that dinosaur behind you!



A NEW SIG?

Since so many people now use AOL, we thought that maybe it would be a good time to have an AOL SIG. AOL is a comprehen-

sive application, and in addition to e-mail, it provides news, information, instant messaging, and many other features. If you would like

to submit suggestions or volunteer, please drop a line to [webmaster@vbcg.org](mailto:webmaster@vbcg.org).



## News Bytes

### *Did You Know That?*

By Staff Writer Jean B Grider

This year has been a real trial for all of us in the Vero Beach Computer Group. We missed two meetings because of hurricanes Frances and Jeanne. Then we were left without being able to meet at the Library. Most of the SIG's were not scheduled after the first hurricane. The New to Computers, Mac and Digital Imaging SIG's were all that survived. We have been told that we can return back to the Library for the year 2005. Some of the dates and times have been changed. **The Computer Basics SIG will meet for the last time in January. So if you have a question that you would like for me to answer, this is your last chance.**

The Vero Beach Computer Group is starting something new. In the past all of the training, questions and answers, have been in the form of a "Special Interest Group" — SIG. We will be offering a Class rather than a SIG on Adobe Photoshop Elements 2. Later, possibly we will go on to Photoshop Elements 3 that just came out in November, but for now we are sticking to Elements 2, which most of the VBCG members who are interested in enhancing their photos already have. This class will be a combined effort of several people. I will be heading it up and Roberta Wehe will be offering her assistance, although she actually knows a lot more about Adobe than I do. Vern Bodker and Frank Lombard will also be on hand to help when we need a little more expert advice. None of us have taken the classes to become certified. We just want to share with you some of the things we have picked up and enjoy using. There will be no charge for the class since we are not experts. We feel you will enjoy the class and be able to learn enough for you to be able to enhance your photos and really enjoy using the wonderful Adobe software. Once the class is started, there will be no going back to catch up for those who didn't make it from the beginning. If you plan to attend, please send an email to [VeroBeachLady@bellsouth.net](mailto:VeroBeachLady@bellsouth.net). Set your calendar so you can attend each class. At the present time we do not know how many classes will be in each series. We plan for the classes to start in February. Once you are signed up for the class you will be kept up to date on the schedule, date and time. In the meantime you could get a head start by trying to learn some of the shortcut keys that come on a special card with your software.

If the classes work out on Adobe Photoshop Elements 2, possibly we could consider classes on other software such as Microsoft Word, Excel, or Corel WordPerfect. WordPerfect has come out with a new Office 12 that gives you the option to open it as the old WordPerfect 5.1 that we used back in the DOS days, or you can open it as a Microsoft Word Document. In this mode it looks exactly like Word and even saves your document as a .doc extension. Then best of all you can open it in WordPerfect 12 with all the bells and whistles that comes with this new Office software.




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# *Meetings and SIGs*

Except where noted all meetings and SIGs are held in the History Room, 2nd floor at the Indian River County Library at 1600 21st Street, Vero Beach, Florida. The Church is the Christ by the Sea Methodist Church, 3755 A1A Highway, Vero Beach FL 32960

## January 2005



**Mon**


**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

						1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 
2	3	4 <b>General Meeting</b> 7:00—9:00 Church	5	6	7	8
9	10 <b>Internet</b> 1:00—3:00 Church	11 <b>New to Computers</b> 2:00—4:00 Library	12	13	14	15 <b>Mac SIG</b> 10:00 - 12:00 Library
16	17	18 <b>Personal Accounting</b> 6:00—8:00 Library	19	20	21	22
23	24 <b>Web Design</b> 6:00 - 8:00 Library	25	26	27 <b>Digital Imaging</b> 6:00—8:00 Church	28	29
30	31					

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#### **Library Volunteers**

**January, 2005**

**Peggy Repass 2:00—4:00 Jan. 13, 20, 27**

**Eleanor Ryan 2:00—4:00 Jan.13, 20, 27**

#### **Volunteers Needed**

**The Library needs your help. Can you donate one to four afternoons a month?**

**Your help is needed in the Media section.**

**Please contact Lucia at 778-1838.**

Vero Beach Computer Group is a self-help group that provides help to members who want to improve their knowledge of computers and accessories. Our motive is to share our experiences to give members a chance to learn and help each other. Every effort is made to share accurate information; however, no representations or warranties either express or implied are made as to its accuracy.