

THE HOMEPAGE

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NOTICE. . . There are now two sections in the Main Library that need your donated time to help the public with their computers. It's good practice and you meet lot of interesting people!

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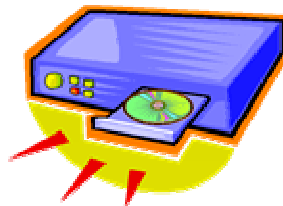
Thank You!



WAYNE KLEINSTIVER, GUEST SPEAKER GENERAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER, 2005

The subject of our September meeting will be how to transfer LP Records and Cassette Tapes to CD's and other portable music playback devices, like the Ipod. The program will be presented by Wayne Kleinstiver, VBCG President. There are many programs on the market for transferring LP Records and Cassette Tapes to CD's and portable music playback devices, for both PC and MAC. Wayne will

demonstrate programs for PC and MAC – from start to finish – that is, he will bring a LP turntable, vinyl records, and a cassette player, and go through the steps 1-2-3-4-etc – on a PC and



MAC. He will provide handouts to attendees for future reference, in addition in Internet interaction.

Those who have attended Wayne's presentations know that they are always very well prepared, informative and presented with "gusto." This presentation will be held in the Main Meeting Room (1st Floor) at the Vero Beach Main Library (downtown Vero Beach, directly north of the Courthouse Parking Garage), on September 6, starting at 7:00

HUMOR



"Hello, Bob? It's your father again. I have another question about my new computer. Can I tape a movie from cable TV then fax it from my VCR to my CD-ROM then E-mail it to my brother's cellular phone so he can make a copy on his neighbor's camcorder?"

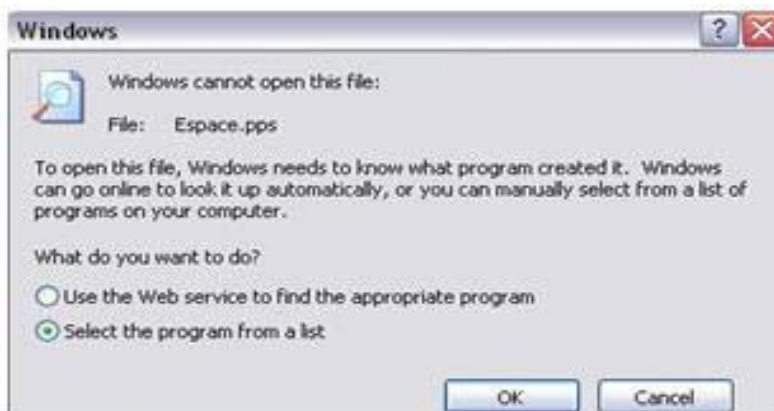
DID YOU KNOW THAT

Did You Know That

By Staff Writer Jean B Girder



I was having a difficult time trying to find something to write about. Then I opened an e-mail that had some beautiful photos from, "The Shuttle and other space pics". The file was generated using Microsoft PowerPoint and I am using Coral's WordPerfect Office. So when I tried to open the .PPS file extension, I was taken to Microsoft Windows File Associations, where I was told it was created by PowerPoint, which I already knew. So when I got this little Window I clicked on Select the program from a list. Then I selected WordPerfect's Presentations and it opened. It was not a slide show, but I was able to view each photo. If you do not have WordPerfect Office, or Microsoft Office, there is a free download from Sun Microsystems.



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<http://www.openoffice.org/> This free download is available for both the Mac and the PC and it is great software. If you have questions send me an e-mail at VeroBeachLady@bellsouth.net and put in the subject line **VBCG OpenOffice** because I have a junk folder and anyone not in my [addressbook](#) will go into the junk folder.

After I saved the space photos, I captured each one using [Gadwin's Print Screen](#) because a full screen shot is less than 200KB and the original photos are huge. The reason for wanting a smaller file size is because I purchased a Jigsaw Puzzle Maker from Shockwave and if you make a puzzle with a large file it takes forever to open, where if you use a screen shot it is almost instant.

I also make flyers for my sister who is in real estate. I have the Text Info, then 2 of 3 photos of the house and end up with 1800 to 2000 KB files. When I try to print them on Photo Paper it takes a L-O-N-G time. I can make a screen shot of the file and it prints in about 1/10 the time and the file size is 76 to 100 KB. The **print quality is the same**.

I have written about [OpenOffice](#) and [Gadwin PrintScreen](#) before, but these are just two of the many really great free software available for the taking. I use [PrintScreen](#) many times each day and in a lot of my e-mail with instructions on how you do different things. In my case I think the old saying, "A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words" holds true.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, WAYNE KLEINSTIVER

Volunteers...without many volunteers, there would be no Vero Beach Computer Group!!! Unfortunately, the same volunteer faces appear year-after-year-after-year...and we thank them profusely for sharing their time and knowledge to make the VBCG what it has been and continues to be today. However, we need to have new people step up, fresh faces, fresh ideas and greater depth of people leading and working in our group. There is an old German saying that goes "new brooms sweep well"! We need some new brooms added to our group...now!

We need more Jean Grider's (Computer Basics SIG Leader and Photo Shop Elements, Past President and Secretary), Jesse Hendelman's (Digital Imaging SIG Leader and Past President), Tim Glover's (Web Page Administrator and New to Computers), Anne and Joe Fredlock (Internet and Office SIG Leaders), Bill Bailey's (Newsletter Publisher), Ione Andersen (Treasurer), Joanne Pannenburg (Personal Accounting SIG Leader, Random Access Leader and Past Treasurer), Eleanor Ryan and Joe Piazza (MAC SIG Leaders), Frank Lombard (Vice President and Program Chairman)...and many others past who have brought VBCG to where it is today...and others who I may have not mentioned (my apologies). Some of this are growing tired, others suffering older age health issues, others just wanting a break. If VBCG is to sustain and grow to higher levels we must have more volunteers step up - otherwise, over time, the group will die...and we don't want that!!

NEW SIG - "MOBILE COMPUTING" - SEPTEMBER 28

VBCG will host a new Special Interest Group on Mobile Computing, to be held at the Vero Beach Main Library first floor meeting room, September 28, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. This SIG is aimed at those who are looking to exchange information with others on all aspect of mobile computing, mobile communications (cell phones and data devices) and mobile entertainment. Wayne Kleinstiver, VBCG President will facilitate the September 28 SIG, and he will be looking for others to volunteer to facilitate future Mobile Computing SIGs.

I have asked Past President, Jesse Hendleman, to Chair the Nominating Committee for Year 2006 VBCG officers and directors. I ask any of you who would like to step up and become more active in our group to please contact Jesse or any of the other VBCG Officers and Directors, who are identified on the VBCG website - www.vbcg.org - and the monthly newsletter which is also posted on this website. Help us make our group better and stronger.

ANNUAL DUES SHORTFALL CANNOT CONTINUE....

we show 347 members on our records, 256 households, but only 128 have paid their \$20.00 annual dues for 2005. (Remember a few years back, VBCG decided to have household memberships only - i.e., \$20.00/per/household, regardless of the household size). This means we now have a VBCG 2005 budget shortfall from member dues of \$2,560 for unpaid members. Dues notices will be sent to these unpaid members shortly. We are trying to get away from "paper notices", posting dues notices on the VBCG website. Unfortunately, it appears that we will have to continue with paper invoices for a while longer - this takes up more volunteer time and postage costs. While we now have slightly over \$7,000 in our account, giving us a comfortable reserve, we need to collect member dues to sustain our programs at our current level and move to higher levels. \$3,000 of this \$7,000 is to be set aside to fund the annual VBCG Scholarship to Indian River Community College.

Mark October 4 on your Calendar...a representative from Smart Computing will make the presentation at the VBCG member meeting that evening. I saw this presentation at the Florida Association of Computer User Groups Conference last year, and I must tell you it was one of the best presentations I have ever attended - filled with so much useful information.

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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.

VBCG MEETING MINUTES**Vero Beach Computer Group August Board of Directors Meeting**

The August 15th meeting was called to order by President, Wayne Kleinstiver at 7:00.

Present were: Wayne, Frank, Eric, Ione, Jesse, Joan, JoAnne, Lucia and Jean.

Joan made a motion to accept the May minutes as sent to the board via e-mail. Frank 2nd the motion.

The treasurer reported approximately \$7000.00. The membership showed 245 households on the books with 128 households paid for 2005. Invoices will be sent out to the members who have not renewed. It was suggested that a copy of the Homepage be sent with the invoices.

Frank reported that Wayne will be the featured speaker at the September meeting. The topic will be on how to take your old vinyl records and burn them to a CD or DVD. This will be done using free software downloaded off the Internet. The October meeting will have a representative from PC Computing. PC Computing has already sent some information about the meeting and Wayne said they will probably send more as the final arrangements are made. Frank said he has lots of old copies he can bring for members to see. Mike Newel of Senior Net is scheduled to be the featured speaker at the November meeting. Senior Net has grown from just instruction on the operating system and how to use your computer to having classes on software. Bill Bailey is to send out the announcement of the general meetings to the Press Journal and Lucia will send it to the Hometown news, which is doing a great job announcing the SIG's

It was suggested that we have the phone numbers of the officers listed on our web page. Also, when a message is sent to a SIG leader it goes through another service as does the reply. Confusing!

It was requested that the Adobe class have more time to instruct the ones who need to learn the very basics, like opening the browser, downloading the photos to the computer and scanning the images into Adobe. There was some discussion on the class and suggested that the SIG's are Special Interest Groups. There are a lot of members interested in Adobe so it sounds like it should be called a SIG rather than a class since it does fit the description.

Wayne and JoAnn are meeting to try to bet the information together for the scholarship to IRCC for next year.

Wayne named Jesse as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Jesse will present the slate of officers at the November Board meeting for approval.

Ione made a motion to adjourn at 8:15, 2nd by Joan.

MEETINGS AND SIGS

All meetings and SIGs are held in the Indian River County Main Library

S E P T E M B E R 2 0 0 5

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

				1 Computer Basics History Room	2	3
4	5  Labor Day	6 GENERAL MEETING 7:00-9:00 Main Room	7 Adobe PhotoShop MultiMedia Room	8	9	10
11	12	13 New to Computers History Room	14	15	16	17 Macs History Room
18	19	20 Personal Accounting History Room 6:30 - 7:30 PM	21	22	23	24
25	26 Microsoft Office History Room 6:30 - 7:30 PM	27	28 Mobile Computing Media Room 6:00 - 7:30 PM	29	30	

NAME	LEADER	DATES & TIMES	LOCATION
GENERAL MEETING	Wayne Kleinstiver	Tuesday, Sept. 6 7:00-9:00	Main Library 1600 21 St, Vero Beach
Computer Basics	Frank Lombard	1st Thursday 3:00-5:00	History Room
Macs	Eleanor Ryan	3rd Saturday 10:00-12:00	History Room
New to Computers	Tim Glover	2nd Tuesday 2:00-4:00	History Room
Adobe PhotoShop	Jean Grider and Frank Lombard.	1st Wednesday 12:00-4:00	Multimedia Room