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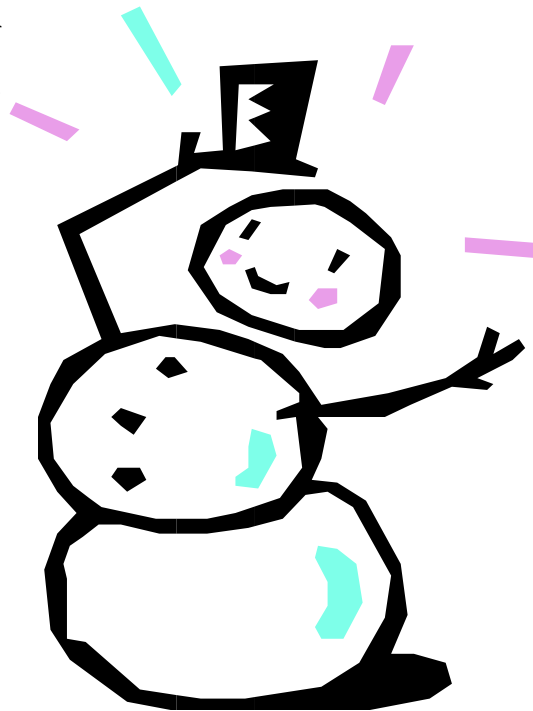
The December 2nd meeting will be held at the Indian River County Library at 1600 21st St in Vero Beach at 7:00 PM in the Multimedia room.

## Mike Mazzarella and Gordon Foster to do the presentation

The Vero Beach Computer Group welcomes Mr. Mike Mazzarella and Mr. Gordon Foster, of Computer Limits at 518 21<sup>st</sup> Street in Miracle Mile Plaza Shopping Center. Computer Limits' phone number is 569-9978. Mr. Mazzarella will talk about computer upgrading and maintenance at the Indian River County Main Library; **Tuesday December 2, 2003 at 7:00 PM** Mr. Foster will help answer questions. Mike is a senior Tech at Computer Limits. He has been a Computer Tech for about 7 years. Mike has two degrees from FSU and several Microsoft Certifications and describes himself as, "just a computer geek at heart!!" Gordon is the owner and opera-

tor of Computer Limits. Between the two of them we will have an abundance of quality information available to us free for the ask-

ing. Mike will talk about the decision process one covers in whether to upgrade or buy new as well as how to upgrade or have it done and the steps one needs to take on a regular basis to keep a computer in top working condition. As always, Mike will attempt to answer any question that anybody has in the field of computers and Gordon will be there to help him. So if you need an answer you've been looking for and want to get an experts answer, free, 7:00 PM December 2, 2003 at the Library will be your opportunity.



Hats off to the fine people in the Vero Beach Computer Group. Aren't you glad you live here with no real snowmen?

## Your Web Page — Check it out.

This month there will be announcements on the web page. Check it several times a week for updated information. Visit the buy-sell-swap page. I have bought several things from there and have given away a lot of stuff also.

New members, if you do not have the user ID or password, you can contact the webmaster at: [webmaster@vbcg.org](mailto:webmaster@vbcg.org) with the new year, we will be changing the User ID and Password and you will have to keep up to date to be able to

get in the Members Only section. If you do not receive this information, it means we DO NOT have your correct e-mail address.

**ANNUAL MEETING will be January 6 with election of officers.**

### Annual Meeting January 6, 2004 with Election of Officers Nominees are:

- *President: Jesse Hendelman*
- *Vice President: Eleanor Ryan*
- *Secretary: Roberta Wehe*
- *Treasurer: Ione Andersen*
- *Editor: Charles Bailey*
- *Board of Directors are:*
  - *Richard Fisher*
  - *Sal Giammanco*
  - *Joseph Piazza*
- *Nominations will be from the floor at the December and January meetings.*
- *We will also be voting on a By-laws change at the Annual Meeting. Please plan to attend.*

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## Things received by the editor that might interest you

From: Patrick Rice  
evaunit8@bellsouth.net;

To: VBCG Subject: Advanced users

Hello, I just found out about your group. If you have any advanced users that like to play computer games you can inform them that summer 2004 Vero Beach will have one of its first LAN parties. If anyone is interested have them visit: [www.verolan.homestead.com](http://www.verolan.homestead.com)

Thanks for your time,  
Patrick R. Vero LAN founder

am I know we have plenty of Advanced users, and some of our younger members may be into playing these games..

### Volunteers needed for Tax Season

This next one is more for the older ones in our group. Would you like to volunteer for this?

#### ELECTRONIC FILING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TAX SEASON

AARP Tax Aide, the nation's largest free volunteer-run tax counseling and preparation service, will be celebrating its 35th Birthday in 2004. Last year they processed over a million federal returns and there were more than 400,000 E-Filer's Tax Aide volunteers who prepared and answered most of the tax issues faced by middle and low-income taxpayers.

Officials with the local AARP Tax-Aide

Program are looking for volunteers to prepare Federal Tax Returns using the IRS Tax Wise Software Package. Volunteers will be trained to prepare tax returns using the latest computer software. Persons with a computer at home can be trained at home or at a local training class. All volunteers are asked to work one day or two half days a week from February 1 to April 15, 2004.

Volunteers for this program will be expected to pass an IRS sponsored training program. This program includes a self learning instruction book and open book test to be completed prior to the classes which will be held in January 2004.

Persons interested in volunteering should call 778-0842 or 562-4019

### Part Time Work

Mike Filewich, Service Manager of Roth Bros. Inc. and contractor for the IRC School District is looking for someone to do Graphics for HVAC Applications. They are willing to train. Any help would be appreciated.

**"You can volunteer at the Library in the Computer section" Contact Bud at [Bgreenlees@cs.com](mailto:Bgreenlees@cs.com)"**

Enjoy each day of this last month of 2003. Try to learn something new on your computer. If you find a friend is receiving a new computer during the holiday season, call and see if you can help through the transition from one operating system to another. This is both for the Mac and the PC. We are here to help. **The VBCG !**

Random Access has been done by **Joan Pannenberg** for the last several years. John Mc Hale introduced this way back when, and it has become a "Must Feature" of each meeting. Members bring their questions and Members answer them. That is what we are all about, "People helping others with their computer problems". Come join us at Random Access at the December Meeting.

## John Mc Hale Of Random Access

The **Oldies** of the **Vero Beach Computer Group** want to let you know how much we miss you. We enjoyed your Random Access so very much.

We hope you are keeping in touch via of the web site and the Homepage.

Send us an e-mail from time to time. We always enjoy hearing from you. Jesse read your e-mail at the last meeting. **He did the presentation and it was G-R-E-A-T! Wish you could have been there!**



**John, Have a Happy Holiday Season**



# December 2003

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

	1 <b>Internet SIG 6:00 PM History Room</b>	2 <b>December Meeting VBCG 7:00 PM Multimedia Room</b>	3 <b>Microsoft Word ** 3:00 ** 5:00 Time Change History Room</b>	4	5	6
7	8 <b>Computer Basics 2:00 History Room</b>	9	10	11 <b>New To PC 2:00 History Room</b>	12	13
14	15	16 <b>Quicken 6:00 History Room</b>	17 <b>Digital Imaging 6:00 Multimedia Room ***Date*** ***Change***</b>	18	19	20 <b>Mac SIG 10:00 History Room</b>
21	22 <b>No SIG Holiday</b>	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



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**Library Volunteers for November**

Barbara Campbell December 3	Wednesday 1-3
Lucia Robinson December 10	Wednesday 2-4
Anne Patterson December 15	Monday 1-3
Eleanor Ryan December 23	Tuesday 2-4





## Did You Know That?

Some of the SIG leaders have been doing the SIG's since Jack Pirozzolo first started them. Joe and Anne Fredlock, Joan Pannenburg and Jean Grider were there from the beginning. We tried to cover all the needs. (I remember back in the early days when the Computer Basics SIG's would have one SIG on Scanning, then one on Microsoft Publisher, then on the Art of Making Greeting Cards. Whatever was requested we tried to cover. I did both Computer Basics and Word Processing SIG's switching between Word and WordPerfect.)

The Internet SIG has grown to cover everything from downloading animated graphics to the powerful magnifying glass that you can adjust to different sizes and magnification to visiting the most interesting sites. We have added Microsoft Office (Word, Outlook, Excel, and PowerPoint). Digital Imaging covering everything from purchasing the right camera to making that photo look professional using photo editing software. The Mac SIG covers new users and keeps the older users current on all the new updates. New to PC, (for the really New to the PC) shows the most basic to how to download a file and other helpful hints. **This month featuring how to partition, format and restore your computer. Both new and old users for this one!** We have Web Design (using both FrontPage and Notepad). The way you make them is so different. We are pretty much Pro's now for each SIG. Rather than to have one person cover four or five different interest, we have one for each special SIG. Quicken is still Quicken with Quick Books as an added feature with the expert at all this, Joan Pannenburg.

Would you like to lead a SIG? Let us know.

## Call for Free

Call anywhere in the world for free using Skype free software.

I read in the October 20th Issue of Bob Schwabach's column that you can download a program that lets you make phone calls for free anywhere in the world. Just go to [www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com) and get the free download. This software was created by the programmers who wrote KaZaA. The Skype Web site is in Stockholm and uses a technology called VOIP which stands for Voice Over Internet Protocol. He went on to say that over a million people have already downloaded it and it is perfectly legal. You do have to have the software on both ends of the phone conversation. I downloaded it, but have not tested it yet. You can read the entire article at Bob's Web site [www.oncomp.com](http://www.oncomp.com) October week 3.

## Restore an Old Computer! Find out how this is done.

Tim Glover is going to show how to partition and restore a computer at the SIG on December 11th. The date is not firm yet. Our old laptop currently has two operating systems on it and since we have Windows XP on the new one, we certainly do not need it on the little 6GB hard drive also. As a matter of fact it is so full of everyone's junk it is a wonder it even works at all with six different SIG leaders putting all their information on it. When Tim get finished with it, it will be like it was the day we bought it back in 2001. It will be restored with the Toshiba Restore Disk and will be running Windows 98.

Restoring a computer is really quite easy to do. If you have a desire to see how it is done plan to attend this SIG. And for up to date information on all SIG's check out our web site at [www.vbcg.org](http://www.vbcg.org) for any late breaking news or changes.

## Year End Reminder

Again let me remind you that you should run Defrag often, even if you are using Windows XP. Also make sure your anti virus software is up to date and you are running the system scan. Another thing you should consider is a Firewall. Remember to keep your computer backed up at lease every month end. This is year end, why not make a year end backup. Most computers CD-RW there is no not to your com- backed have a and excuse have puter up.



Happy Holidays  
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