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Our newsletter is published monthly and is a benefit of membership. Your dues support our activities and programs. Dues are $20/ year for both individuals & families.

General Meeting, August 1, 2006
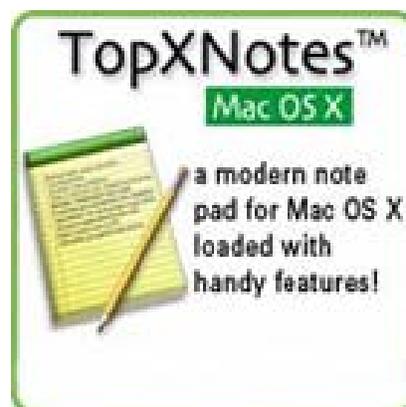## 7:00 PM at the Vero Beach Main Library

James Lee of **Tropical Software** will be demonstrating their "TopXNotes" software for Macs and the iPod at our August General Meeting. TopXNotes is a modern note pad for Mac OS X with the following features:

- **QuickNotes** to keep your "top 10 notes" in a floater on your desktop for easy access,
- **NoteOrganizer** advanced table of contents with categories and groups,
- **MuitlView** to view more than one note view at once,

Also Templates, Encryption, and many other nice features.
    For more information on Tropical Software or TopXNotes, please visit their website at www.tropic4.com.

    We will also have our usual "Random Access" question and answer period, along with the *raffle* drawing, so please bring your questions and any other information that you think the other members might be interested in.

TopXNotes™
Mac OS X

a modern note pad for Mac OS X loaded with handy features!

HELP !

The Vero Beach Main Library desperately needs volunteers to help with their computers, and we owe the Library **big-time** for letting us hold our SIGs and regular meeting there. The Library has two rather large sections of public-access computers with Internet access and Microsoft Office and a few computers with scanners and CD writers.

  As a volunteer, you could help greatly by:

1. Signing patrons onto the computers, using a simple program called PC Reservation. Each patron must briefly visit the media desk helper (you) in order to be assigned a pin number to sign on to a specific computer. From then on the computer program keeps track of who is on what computer, how much time he or she has used it, which computers are still available, and, you will be able to "see" that information.

2. Library Personnel are always around to aid the patron, plus it's very interesting and a lot of fun. Please, if you feel that this is something you can help out with, **even for only an hour or two a week or longer, contact me:** Lucia Robinson, VBCG Library Volunteers Coordinator —- robinson@bellsouth.net —- 772-778-1838.

  Our seasonal residents are leaving for the summer and therefore we are especially in need of some new volunteers to help out during the summer! Thanks.

Library Volunteers for July

Jack Pirozzolo, Tuesdays, July 18, 25, 1 - 3 pm

Jesse Hendelman, Friday July 28, 2 - 4 pm

Eleanor Ryan, Fridays July 14 & 21, 2 - 4 pm

The Secret Guide to Computers, Lockergnome Windows Digest, 3-16-03

http://secretguide.net/

{Computer guide} Before you think this is another boring guide to computers, read the author's intro: "Unlike a 'Dummies' book (which is written for dummies and keeps them dumb) and a 'standard text-book' (shoved at overworked college students to bore them into snoring louder), this book throws you into the action fast, makes you competent, and then makes you wise. It explains how to buy a com-puter, then use its operating systems and programs, then reprogram it to change its soul and launch your career." The book is divided in eight sections: buyer's guide, operating systems, Internet, word processing, other applications, fix your computer, programming, and management. Russ, the author of the guide, wished he didn't have to write this book, but because computer companies can't create pleasant hardware, software, and manuals, people like him are doomed to doing all the explaining. He even lets you call him anytime, day or night. What service! The entire book is available online at no cost, but if you insist on a pulp copy, they're available (not free) with no shipping charge for those in the United States.

MEETINGS AND SIGS

**All meetings and SIGs are held in the Indian River County Main Library
located at 1600 21 Street, Vero Beach, Florida**

August 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 General Meeting 7:00–9:00	2 Photoshop Elements 1:00 – 3:00	3 MS Word 3:00 –5:00	4	5
6	7	8 Intro. to PCs 2:00 – 4:00	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 MAC 10:00–Noon
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Cameras, Scanners & Printers 6:00 –7:30	29	30	31		

General Meeting & Photoshop Elements	**Frank Lombard, President**	**Main Library**
Macs	**Eleanor Ryan & Joe Piazza**	**History Room**
MS Word	**Frank Lombard**	**History Room**
Introduction to PCs	**Tim Glover**	**History Room**
Cameras, Scanners & Printers	**Jesse Hendelman**	**History Room**

Weather Pulse v2.05 [3.95M] W9x/2k/XP FREE, Lockergnome Windows Digest, 3-16-03

http://www.snapfiles.com/get/weatherpulse.html

Weather Pulse is a weather-monitoring tool that displays detailed weather information for selected US cities, as well as popular satellite images from around the globe. It includes weather alert options, ten-day forecast, hourly forecast, detailed forecast, and more. The satellite images can be sent via e- mail and also saved to file. Weather Pulse integrates all the information into a simple, easy-to-use interface, and also provides a tray icon that displays the current temperature (we had to change the font settings for proper display). You can also add custom radar and weather images, view animated images, and monitor multiple ZIP codes. A nicely done program that puts local and global weather information into easy reach from the system tray.

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Ms. Joann Purcell, Vice President
Vero Beach Computer Group
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Dear Ms. Purcell:

It is my pleasure to forward the thank you note from the recipient of the Vero Beach Computer Group Scholarship for the 2006-2007 academic year. As you can see, your support is very much appreci-ated. The enclosed thank you note is from:

David Hill

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Indian River Community College Foundation Inc., we thank you for your interest and generous scholarship support.

Sincerely,

Melissa Tedder
Development Specialist

Wednesday, June 14, 2006

Ms. Joann Purcell:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere 'thank you' for considering, and awarding me, the Vero Beach Computer Group Scholarship. I am also grateful for the recognition of my academic achievements at Indian River Community College that it affords.

The Vero Beach Computer Group Scholarship encourages me to continue the pursuit of excellence, constantly striving to enhance my computing skills, through on-going education. Upon graduation from IRCC, I will be en-rolling at Florida Atlantic University to continue my Computer Science studies, earning a Baccalaureate Degree in Information Systems, with an emphasis on programming.

 Sincerely,

 David Hill

Important Notice

Operation Hope is a non-profit organization in Fellsmere that provides assistance to needy migrant worker families. The organization was started by a local resident who is of Mexican background, who started his own business and did well for himself. He realized that other residents of Fellsmere weren't as fortunate as he and therefore started this organization to provide Christmas gifts to children of families who couldn't afford gifts at Christmastime. They expanded their services providing school supplies to the children and food to the families.

A few years ago, the facilities of what was a farmer's market across from the old Mesa Park on route 512 were donated to the organization. They now use these facilities to provide educational services to the migrant laborers' families and as a distribution center for their services. They have a need for volunteers to help out with various computer items that are donated to the organization. They need someone to let them know what to do with these items, whether it is a matter of getting a cable to hitch them up, a new power supply, downloading the software to make it work with another computer component, etc. Anyone with a little computer experience and some spare time could help them out with these chores.

Operation Hope would also be glad to receive donated items. If you have an older computer or computer component that is still working, but you don't have a use for it, they may be able to use it. You can give them a call at 772-571-0003. You can also find more about Operation Hope at:

www.verobeach.com/OperationHope/

Why Microsoft Should Fear Intel Macs

July 13, 2006 - 10:12 EDT A story by Stan Beer on ITWire looks at the potential threat faced by Apple's new Intel-based Macs with the ability to run Windows. "Stories about Apple's Boot Camp software and vitualization software from US startup Parallels, both of which allow Windows and Mac OSX to coexist on new Mac desktops and notebooks, are already sending shivers through the collective spines Windows PC vendors," notes the report. The new Macs are well priced, well made and now present an attractive alternate to the one dimensional PCs in the marketplace."

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 and 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.