

Computer News

Scheduled Events

November - December 2013

Investor SIG Meeting! November 11, 2013, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
December 9, 2013, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
23 Skipping Rock Way, Napa

Mac SIG Meeting! November 14, 2013, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Napa Senior Center / 1500 Jefferson St., Napa

NVPCUG Annual Holiday Potluck Party

December 18, 2013, 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Peterson's Christmas Tree Farm, 1120 Darms Lane, Napa

General Meeting! November 20, 2013, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Napa Senior Center / 1500 Jefferson St., Napa

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October Meeting

By
Julie Jerome

Nick, the Senior Certified Tech representing **Staples**, made a **Windows 8** presentation at our October meeting. The

primary features are speed and easy access to programs and applications.



The desktop is easily customized to the users specific needs and uses and if there is preference for the traditional desk top look instead of the rows of tiles, that can be accomplished. A big difference is there is no start button for accessing programs. The programs are already on the screen in tiles. These program tiles can be rearranged by drag and drop to match the users interests. Various controls can be accessed on either side of your screen with a click of the mouse. If you are searching for a specific file

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November Meeting

Napa Valley Adult Education

Tentatively presented by **Laura Cinquini** and **Maureen Eckert**.

They will be talking about class offerings, activities, and volunteers at **Napa Valley Adult Education** classes.

From what I have been told Laura is an excellent computer instructor and has a vast knowledge of computer programs.

They are also looking for a few good people to assist students in different classes at the school.

I am sure that **NVPCUG** can enjoy a benefit with **Napa Valley Adult Education**.

After all we both want to educate and help others to use personal computers for their advantage. They may be willing to share information and we may be willing to share some time to help them out. This could be a win/win for all.

or program you can just go to the desktop and start typing the name and **Windows 8** will find it and bring it up.



It does not matter if the purchase is for a top of

the line computer or a basic computer the Windows 8 program is exactly the same. There are upgrades specifically designed for large office use, the arts, etc. If the purchase is for a **Toshiba**, Recovery Discs are made as a part of the purchase. **HP** and a couple others have the recovery built in.

There were many questions as Nick showed us the features and he had answers for all. If the computer and **Windows 8** are bought at **Staples** then for an additional \$99 the buyer can take their existing computer into Staples and one of their techs will help set up **Windows 8** transferring data from the old machine and will install 3 programs. If it is preferred the tech will come to the home of the purchaser and do the work there.

We enjoyed the presentation. Nick clearly likes using **Windows 8** and is happy to help people get acquainted with the program. Many thanks to **Staples** for providing the presentation.

December General Meeting Annual Holiday Party and Potluck Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, December 18, 2013, from 5:30PM to 8:30PM.** **Dick and Sandy Peterson** have again graciously offered their Christmas House for the party.

There will be a warm fire in the fireplace and decorations galore. This is a fun event and a time to come and enjoy the company of fellow computer enthusiasts.



There is always a large assortment of food and drink. Of course if you want alcohol you should bring some to share.

Dianne Prior is coordinating this event and you should contact her if you plan to attend and or bring guests. You should also let her know what potluck food you will be bringing. You can reach Dianne at: Prior_di@hotmail.com or 252-1506

NVPCUG will provide cups, glasses, plates, utensils, soft drinks, and some KFC chicken.

There will be a short meeting during which the officers for 2014 will be introduced and some outstanding member(s) will be acknowledged.



Personnel changes:

Marcia Waddell has informed us that due to health problems she will not be able to continue as our group Secretary.

I personally am sorry to hear this I have always appreciated Marcia's sense of humor and willingness to tackle things that needed to be done. **Julie Jerome** has stepped up to take over Marcia's Secretarial duties. Thanks Julie.

Earlier this year we lost a great asset to our group when **Susy Ball** left our group for personal reasons. We still have not been able to find anyone willing to step up and help carry any of the heavy load that Susy carried for so many years.

Hopefully, our group will continue to provide a valuable resource for the people of the North Bay region. We could still easily fail.