

Computer News

Scheduled Events

December 2015 - January 2016

Investor SIG **December 14, 2015 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**
 January 11, 2016 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
 23 Skipping Rock Way, Napa

Mac SIG **NO! December 10, 2015 Meeting Holiday Party instead**
 January 14, 2016 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
 Napa Senior Center / 1500 Jefferson St., Napa

Holiday Party **December 16, 2015 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM**
 1120 Darms Lane Napa Cross street is Solano Ave

General Meeting **January 20, 2016 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**
 Napa Senior Center / 1500 Jefferson St., Napa

NVPCUG Holiday Party
 Wednesday December 16, 2015
 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
 Peterson's Christmas Tree Farm and Winery
 1120 Darms Lane, Napa
 Cross street is Solano Ave North of Oak Knoll Rd.

There will be soft drinks and plastic cups provided along with paper plates and plastic utensils. If you want alcohol this is a BYOB and share event.

You should have also contacted **Dianne Prior** at (707) 252- 1506 or e-mail event_coordinator@nvpcug.org to let her know you are going to be at the party.

Everyone should bring a pot luck dish to share as well.

There will be games and prizes.

We will announce the 2016 officers and board members.

If you can come early or stay after Dianne will need some help setting up and cleaning up. If you have a couple folding chairs bring em someone might need one.

President's Message
Ron Dack

Well another year is almost over. Left this year is one of our most fun meetings of the year. I am referring to our **Annual Holiday Party and Pot Luck Dinner** as you can see above it will be on Wednesday December 16, 2015 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. However it is moved from the **Napa Senior Activity Center** to **Dick & Sandy Peterson's** Christmas Tree House at 1120 Darms Lane, Napa.

There will be great food, friendly folks, and games with prizes. We will also be announcing our new officers for 2016.

Right now though I would like to thank all the officers, directors, members, and presenters who stepped up to help the group run smoother this year. Let me start with Board members **Joan Fabian, Jim Gray, Julie Jerome, Anna Naklicki, Dick Peterson, Beth Pickering, Ron Rogers, Marion Segoria,**

Bob Simmerman, and Sharon Wragg.

Presenters: **Sam Forma, Lawrence Koga, Beth Pickering, Dianne Prior, Ron Rogers,** and **Sharon Wragg.**

Thank you all for your support and involvement with the group. Especially those that helped me find presenters or volunteered to be a presenter.

Thank you all and have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Take care,
Ron Dack

outgoing president@nvpcug.org

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January 20, 2016 meeting

Our January meeting will feature **Sharon Wragg** discussing and demonstrating web pod casting. She will show you how to find podcasts on the web that might interest you or your friends. Podcasting is like listening to radio on your computer except there are millions and the range is unlimited. I guess you could say it is like having satellite radio but no end to the number of stations.

Wikipedia defines podcast as:

A podcast is a form of digital media that consists of an episodic series of audio, video, digital radio, PDF, or ePub files subscribed to and downloaded through web syndication or streamed online to a computer or mobile device. The word is a portmanteau of "(i)Pod" and "broadcast."

A podcast's distributor maintains a list of audio or video files in a series on a server as a web feed, and the listener or viewer uses special client application software, known as a podcatcher, to access this web feed, check it for updates, and download any new files in the series. This process can be automated so that new files are downloaded automatically, which may seem to the user as if the content is being broadcast or "pushed" to them. Files are stored locally on the user's computer or other device, ready for offline use.[2][3] Podcasting contrasts with webcasting (Internet streaming), which generally isn't designed for offline listening to user-selected content.

I am sure that this will be an interesting topic and we will learn something of value. If you are planning to attend why not bring a friend they will thank you for it.

NVPCUG Meeting

Wednesday November 18, 2015

7PM to 9 PM

Lawrence Koga

The Yountville Geek

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Lawrence discussed and demonstrated:

"Raspberry Pi"



Raspberry Pi" is a trademark of the Raspberry Pi Foundation:

<https://www.raspberrypi.org>

Raspberry Pi is a little larger than credit card sized computer. It is \$ 35.00 to \$39.95 depending which model you want.

This time Lawrence was able to show us this little computer in action thanks to **Ron Rogers** bringing his HDMI equipped projector.

Lawrence first showed us some sites that sell stolen credit card numbers and several that do other miscreant activities before showing us his **Raspberry Pi** computer in action.

Lawrence said this computer is best for special uses like controlling small systems. **Raspberry Pi** is primarily a **Linux** based system. you can use a flash drive to store information first though you should format it using a program called **Rufus**.

I always enjoy Lawrence's presentations he never ceases to amaze me with his knowledge of computers and the Internet. This time he delved into the **dark net** which I found very interesting. Ron