

# Computer News

## Scheduled Events

May - June 2015

<b>NVPCUG Board of Directors Meeting</b>	<b>May 1, 2015 10:00 AM</b> 1524 Jefferson Street, Napa
<b>Investor SIG Meeting</b>	<b>May 11, 2015 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b> <b>June 8, 2015 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b> 23 Skipping Rock Way, Napa
<b>Mac SIG Meeting</b>	<b>May 13, 2015 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 PM</b> <b>June 11, 2015 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Napa Senior Center / 1500 Jefferson St., Napa
<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>May 20, 2015 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> <b>June 16, 2015 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Napa Senior Center / 1500 Jefferson St., Napa

### From the President

by  
**Ron Dack**

First I would like to take this time to apologize to **Beth Pickering** for not arranging to have a powered speaker(s) at the meeting on April 15, 2015. Her presentation was fine. The problem was that the output from her laptop speakers could hardly be heard. In the future I will endeavor to provide for adequate sound from the presenter's computer.

Sadly on April 18, 2015 **William "Buck" Buchanan** one of our founding members passed away at home after a brief illness. Buick was a Life Time Member of **NVPCUG**. He was 86 years old. Buck will be missed.

The Napa Valley Register obituary for Buck can be found at: [http://napavalleyregister.com/news/local/obituaries/william-lyall-buck-buchanan/article\\_09513cf2-48ed-53d3-9296-d13d7df1a5f4.html](http://napavalleyregister.com/news/local/obituaries/william-lyall-buck-buchanan/article_09513cf2-48ed-53d3-9296-d13d7df1a5f4.html)

We are still looking for a Computer Tutor and a Publicity Coordinator if you know someone you think would be good at either job please talk to them then have them contact me.

Once again I can be reached at: [president@nvpcug.org](mailto:president@nvpcug.org)

As usual when we get closer to summer the sun shines through the NW windows of our meeting room reducing the view of anything projected onto our screen un-readable. I have now been advised that finally blinds will be installed on those windows Tuesday May 5, 2015. Well, happy **Cinco de Mayo** lets celebrate.

See you at the May meeting, Ron

**NVPCUG Meeting**  
**Wednesday May 20, 2015**  
**7PM to 9 PM**

**Napa Senior Activity Center**  
**1500 Jefferson Street**  
**Napa, CA 94559**

**Lawrence Koga**  
**The Yountville Geek**

[LawK107@gmail.com](mailto:LawK107@gmail.com)

Lawrence will be discussing and demonstrating:

"Raspberry Pi.



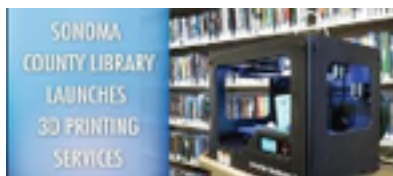
"Raspberry Pi" is a trademark of the Raspberry Pi Foundation:

<https://www.raspberrypi.org/>  
Raspberry Pi is a credit card sized computer. It is \$ 35.00. Yes, \$ 35.00 is not a typo.

Lawrence will give a short

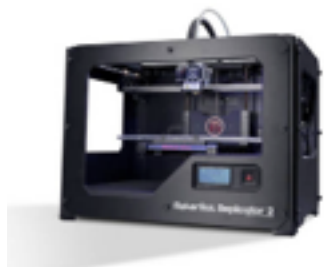
**April Presentation Review**  
by  
**Ron Dack**

**Beth Pickering** conducted our April presentation. She said the **Sonoma Library** has purchased a **3D printer**.



They are giving any **Sonoma Library** card holder the opportunity to use it. This is by appointment only.

In order to do this you have to take a class and make an appointment. Beth said when she has finished the class and has her appointment time she will allow any **NVPCUG** member who wants to join her during her time on the machine to do so.



So if you plan to go with Beth start planning your print job now. I heard some of the attendees talking about taking her up on this offer. Hopefully the library has a friendly policy towards guests when using the **3D printer**.

Beth showed several online videos about the nomenclature of a **3D printer** and how they printed solid objects. That's when the problem started and I began kicking myself for not coming up with some sort of sound system to plug into her laptop so the sound would be amplified.

Once we find a solution to the sound problem I am hoping that Beth will do her presentation again. Want more info click on this link:

<http://sonomalibrary.org/blogs/news/sonoma-county-library-launches-3d-printing-services>

Take care and I will see you at the May 20, 2015 meeting.

Ron

May presenter continued

intro and a demo of the Pi running Linux.

There are many uses. There is software to operate like a Roku box. you may also run and interface with sensors, switches, and motors.



Lawrence has a wealth of knowledge about everything computer wise.

As in his previous presentations you will learn enough to benefit from this meeting and you might actually have a good time. Bring a friend they might even enjoy learning something new.

If you get there around 6:45 PM you might even learn how to set up for a presentation. You could even get a decent parking space.