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SENIORNET PORIRUA NEWSLETTER



ACTING CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Term 4, 2009

Once again we are closing in on the final lessons for Term 4, 2009, as well as racing towards Christmas and a New Year. Most classes have worked well this term and students are now looking forward completing their courses and receiving their certificates.

The Digital Camera group in the hands of Ron Dunbar has continued to operate although with reduced numbers this term by having to meet on Friday mornings instead of afternoons for which the timetable committee apologise.

On the night of 2 December there was an attempted break-in at the classroom and the outside door lock was badly damaged but fortunately for us they didn't gain entry but proceeded to smash the door class of the classroom next door, set off the alarm and still had time to steal a computer.

As our first purchase of SeniorNet lapel badges sold rapidly we have bought a further 10 badges and these will be available for sale at \$5 each on the January open day and when the first classes of 2010 commence.

The Federation is asking us to again promote the special offer to SeniorNet members being made by TelstraClear as a quid pro quo for the support they give us. See page 8 for further details.

The SeniorNet Federation has again had government funding approved for 2010 and, in the

current political climate, we are very grateful for that. They also, in November, underwent a Quality Assurance audit conducted by NZQA to ensure that the Federation and the SeniorNet learning centres met the requirements of the stated educational processes and priorities. This they "passed with flying colours". The Federation also initiated a survey in which we were asked to participate and thank you to all those who did. The result was a 61 page report by the Litmus Company that verified the strength of the concepts, aims and objectives of SeniorNet.

The Federation has supplied us with a DVD of tutorials which includes those on Windows 7 and they are asking us to encourage our tutors to make themselves conversant with this new operating system.

We have two of our tutors recovering from hospitalisation. Hunt, who is progressing well and Enid Alexander who has had an operation on her leg and is currently using a walking frame. We wish them both well and a speedy recovery.

As this is my last report for the year I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a Merry Festive Season, a Happy and Healthy New Year and to thank all committee members for their contributions, particularly those who happily assumed additional responsibilities during the year.

Laurie Davies.





TERM 1 - APPLICATION FORMS SENT

Friday	8 January 2010
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APPLICATIONS CLOSE

Tuesday	19 January 2010
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TERM 1 - STARTS

Friday	5 February 2010
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PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Monday	25 January	Wellington Anniversary Day
Saturday	6 February	Waitangi Day
Friday to Monday	2 - 5 April	Easter Weekend

THANKS TO THE TUTORS FOR TERM 4

Introduction to Computers Graham and Enid Alexander
Email and Internet Bob Pretty
Scanning and Photo-Editing Peter Badart
Word Processing - Level 1 Margot Stuart Colin Young Gary Henderson
Word Processing - Level 2 Sean O' Neill Margot Stuart
Trade Me Margot Stuart
Flash Drives and Workshops Laurie Davies Ron Dunbar



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS FOR Terms 3 and 4

And my apologies for not having put Term 3 members in the September newsletter. This was 'an intellectual pause' for me again!

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| Norma Arlidge | Elva Carson |
| Laurie Cox | Glad Cox |
| Jacque Cubin | Anne Dale |
| Shirley Kelland | Janette Kelly |
| Graham Kelly | Bill Kiddle |
| Pamela Manunui | Denis Middleton |
| Denise Miller Williams | Jane Murray |
| Dennis Murray | Dennis Ormsby |
| Maureen Robb | Cyril Salmon |
| Phyllis Sexton | Jill Sparham |
| John Taylor | Christine Trischler |
| Peter Turner | Janice Wilson |
| Diana Woodward | John Woodward |

COMPUTER SKILLS FOR THE 50+ AN OPEN DAY WILL BE HELD

Monday 18 January

Where: Ngati Toa School
Piko Street, Titahi Bay
Room 2

Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm



You are all welcome to attend Please bring a friend.

- * Come and talk to our tutors
- * Receive Assistance
- * Check out the equipment
- * Friendly atmosphere

Light refreshments will be served

FUNNY FAMILY TREE OF VINCENT VAN GOGH:

His dizzy aunt	Verti Gogh
Brother who ate prunes	Gotta Gogh
Brother worked at a store	Stop N Gogh
His magician uncle	Where-diddy
Gogh His Mexican cousin	A Mee Gogh
Nephew drove stage coach	Wells-far Gogh
The constipated uncle	Can't Gogh
The ballroom dancing aunt	Tang Gogh
The fruit-loving cousin	Man Gogh
The little bouncy nephew	Poe Gogh
A sister who loved disco	Go Gogh
I saw you smiling	There ya Gogh!

INTERESTING SITES

Lost City of Atlantis

This site presents the history and theory of the lost city and civilization of Atlantis.

<http://www.atlantisrevealed.com>

Human Evolution

This is a very interesting scientific and speculative website about the future of human evolution regarding to genetic engineering, transhumanism, life extension and human enhancement. Evolution and Origins, Space Colonization, Time travel, Artificial Intelligence

<http://www.humansfuture.org>



NB) All the tips I have in this newsletter relating to Microsoft Word are in 2003 only. I don't have 2007 but will learn it eventually with help!

The nice part about being a pessimist is that you are constantly being either proven right or pleasantly surprised

WHAT IS WHITE SPACE?

This is sections of a document that are unused. White spaces help separate paragraphs of text, graphics and other portions of a document, and helps a document look less crowded.

Using **white space** effectively in important documents, can help keep the reader reading the document or allow a reader to get an overview quickly and effectively.



White space is created by pressing the enter key, tab key or the spacebar key, and can also be created by setting the document's margins and tables

CASE SENSITIVE

This is text or inputted text that is capitalization sensitive. In other words, "Computer" and "computer" are two different words because the "C" is in uppercase and lowercase.

Many times a password and/or username may be **case sensitive**. If this is the case, your username and/or password must have the proper case or you will be unable to log in.

Often users will experience the inability to log into a case sensitive login because their caps lock key is on causing the sensitive password and/or username to fail



TEST YOUR CHOPIN KNOWLEDGE

Learn all about Chopin with his Biography and all the tunes. Try out the quizzes to particular tunes and see how you fare

<http://www.ourchopin.com>

FRUIT CAKE OR XMAS CAKE

1 Kg Mixed Fruit
2 Cups Fruit juice
2 Cups Self Raising Flour

Put fruit in large bowl and add juice
Leave for at least 2 ours (or overnight)
Mix in flour
Set oven 125C
Put cake mix in 20cm lined tin and pop in oven
Reduce heat to 120C
Cook for 2 hours

Add 1 Tablespoon Sherry or Brandy to make it a lovely Xmas Cake.

This cake was brought to class one day for our morning tea by a member of SeniorNet and all slices were eaten straight away. It was lovely and moist. Scrumptious!

Comments from the chef
I am told it is best kept for 3-4 days before cutting. BUT it never lasts that long
[Catherine Watson](#)

CHRISTMAS CRUISES

How about trying something new and exciting?
They have cruises to suit everyone. Lunch, Dinner, Curry, Cocktail, Casino or Hire by the Hour
www.eastbywest.co.nz



"IT LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE WILL BE GETTING WHAT THEY WANT THIS YEAR...SOMEBODY POSTED MY CREDIT CARD NUMBER ON THE INTERNET!"

ERROR MESSAGE – Part 2

Well, now I'm on the internet
I wish I had been told
That all my problems
would increase a thousand-fold!

I dialled up my home page
Just to have a look around
At anything of interest
But the server can't be found.

Finally it is working
I access many sites
Got lots of information
Downloaded megabytes

But how many bugs and cookies?
And they now know where I am
So they'll use their planted spyware
To send me lots of spam



I've had to quickly shut down
'cos something froze the
screen
And when I turned it on
again
Everything was green!

Now having trouble starting up
Must be worse than it looks
Is it a virus or a worm?
Oh well, back to reading books!

WHAT IS TWITTER?

twitter



Twitter is a free web service that allows you to post short, text only messages (140 characters max) online that allow anyone with an internet connection and a

Twitter account to see what you're up to.

You can use it to stay up to date with the hundreds of local and international news agencies, or simply tell (tweet) a small group of friends what you're having for lunch.

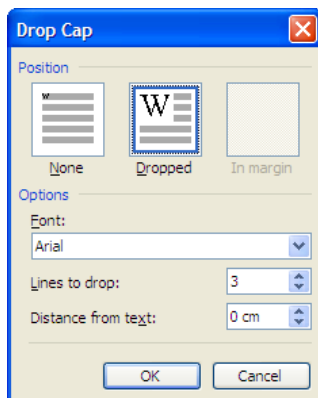
<http://twitter.com>

ADD A DROP CAP TO A WORD DOCUMENT

A drop cap, basically the first letter of the first word of a paragraph displayed in a large font, can add a touch of style or class to a document. This feature can spice up a series of boring, plain paragraphs.

To add a drop cap

1. Position your cursor at the beginning of a paragraph where you would like to see a drop cap
2. Click on **Format**
3. Click on **Drop Cap**
4. A “Drop Cap” dialog box should appear as below.
5. Select **Dropped**
6. If desired, select a different **Distance from text** to make the Drop Cap letter more or less removed from the paragraph.
7. Increase or decrease the Lines to Drop
8. Click **OK** to apply your changes



Example of a Dropped Cap with the number 3 in **Lines to drop**
I haven't changed the **Distance from text**

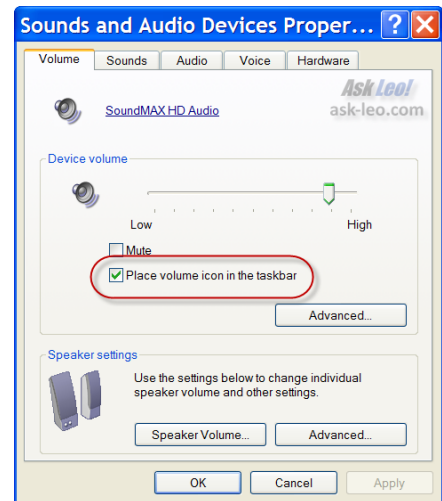
This what would happened when I selected the number 2 in **Lines to drop** and **0.2** in **Distance from text**

THE VOLUME INDICATOR HAS DISAPPEARED FROM MY SYSTEM TRAY.

How do I get it back?

For Windows XP

1. Click **Start**
2. Then **Control Panel**
3. Open up **Sounds and Audio Devices applet**
4. Click on the **Volume** tab



5. Check the **Place volume icon in the taskbar**
6. Click **OK**

For Windows Vista

1. Right click on the task bar
2. Click on **Properties**
3. click on the **Notification Area** tab
4. Check **Volume**

Language is a labyrinth of paths. You approach from one side and know your way about; you approach the same place from another side and no longer know your way about.

FLASH DRIVES – THEY DO WEAR OUT



The more you write to them the more flash memory wears out

Keep in mind this simple rule. **BACK UP!**

- Never keep important data in only one place; be it a flash drive, a hard drive or a web service. If that “one place” goes away, so does your important data.

If you have critical family photos or data on a single hard disk – plan on losing them someday. Back up extra copies on a CD or an external drive or best of all - print them out so that they are on a hard copy. **BACK UP!**

OLD FOLKS CHRISTMAS TALE

'Twas the night before Christmas at Rock-Away Rest,
And all of us seniors were looking our best.
Our glasses, how sparkly, our wrinkles, how merry;
Our punch bowl held prune juice plus three drops of sherry.



A bed sock was taped to each walker, in hope
That Santa would bring us soft candy and soap.
We surely were lucky to be there with friends,
Secure in this residence and in our Depends.

Our grandkids had sent us some Christmasy crafts,
Like angels in snowsuits and penguins on rafts.
The dental assistant had borrowed our teeth,
And from them she'd crafted a holiday wreath.

The bed pans, so shiny, all stood in a row,
Reflecting our candle's magnificent glow.



Our supper so festive -- the joy wouldn't stop
Was creamy warm oatmeal with sprinkles on top.

Our salad was Jell-O, so jiggly and great,
Then puree of fruitcake was spooned on each plate.

The social director then had us play games,
Like "Where Are You Living?" and "What Are Your Names?"

Old Grandfather Looper was feeling his oats,
Proclaiming that reindeer were nothing but goats.

Our resident wand'rer was tied to her chair,
In hopes that at bedtime she still would be there.



Security lights on the new fallen snow
Made outdoors seem noon to the old folks below.
Then out on the porch there arose quite a clatter
(But we are so deaf that it just didn't matter).

A strange little fellow flew in through the door,
Then tripped on the sill and fell flat on the floor.

'Twas just our director, all toggled out in red.
He jiggled and chuckled and patted each head.

We knew from the way that he strutted and jived

Our social- security checks had arrived.
We sang -- how we sang -- in our monotone croak,
Till the clock tinkled out its soft eight-p.m stroke.



And soon we were snuggling deep in our beds.

While nurses distributed nocturnal meds.
And so ends our Christmas at Rock-Away Rest. 'fore long you'll be with us, We wish you the best.

Don't forget we will be selling SeniorNet Lapel Badges \$5.00 each at the Open Day and at the first classes for 2010

BING VERSUS GOOGLE



Microsoft recently released a new search engine called Bing. I have used it a few times and have been impressed. It seems to work well although I am not yet convinced that it is any better than Google. Lots of discussions have appeared online, questioning which is the better search engine: Bing or Google. Now you can decide for yourself.

Bing-Vs-Google.com is a simple web page that allows you to conduct two searches at once: one on Google and another on Bing.

Try it out at <http://www.bing-vs-google.com>

Enter the search term of interest, and a split screen appears. Search results from Bing are shown in the panel to the left while search results for Google are shown in the panel to the right. (There are options to display the results in other ways as well.)

I think I will use Bing-Vs-Google.com as my default search engine for at least the next few days. I rather like the two searches at once format.

What does Bing stand for? "But It's Not Google!"

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

The Secret to happiness is a good sense of humour and a bad memory

Blessed are the cracked for they are the ones who let in the light!

Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of intelligent effort

PRINTER - FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Hewlett-Packard LaserJet series II printer

A high capacity commercial black and white printer suitable for a high numbers of copies. It was the biggest revenue product in HP's history.

Connection is by parallel port only.
Has a spare refill toner cartridge worth \$110.

Free delivery and setup if required



Phone: Laurie Davies - 234 7517.

BEST WORD JOKES FOR 2009



The *Washington Post* asked readers to supply alternate meanings for common words in a dictionary. Among the winners were:

- Coffee:** The person upon whom one coughs
- Flabbergasted:** Appalled by discovering how much weight put on
- Abdicate:** To give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach
- Negligent:** Absentmindedly answering the door when wearing only a nightgown
- Lymph:** To walk with a lisp
- Gargoyle:** Olive-flavoured mouthwash
- Balderdash:** A rapidly receding hairline

Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is knowing not to put it in a fruit salad.



UNSOLICITED ELECTRONIC MESSAGES ACT 2007

You may be aware that its intent is to prohibit electronic spam. Our understanding of the Act is that, because you are a member of SeniorNet Porirua, we are able to infer that you have given consent for us to send you our Newsletters or other information about activities associated with SeniorNet.

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"I like my digital signature just the way it is—
stop dotting my 'i' with a little flower!"

TRUE STORIES FROM TECH SUPPORT

A man was on duty in the main lab on a quiet afternoon when he noticed a young woman sitting in front of one of the workstations with her arms crossed across her chest, staring at the screen.

About 15 minutes he noticed that she was still in the same position, only now she was impatiently tapping her foot. He asked her if she needed help and she replied: "It's about time! I pressed the F1 button over 20 minutes ago!"

* Tech Support

OK sir, we'll do a file search to find it. Can you please click on Start, then Find, then ..."

* Customer

"Don't talk down to me like that! I'm not an idiot --I know what I'm doing!"

* Tech Support:

"Ok sir, please Start, then Find to do a file search."

* Customer

"How do I do that?"

LESSONS IN LIFE FROM A 90 YEAR OLD

Written By Regina Brett, 90 years old, of The Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio

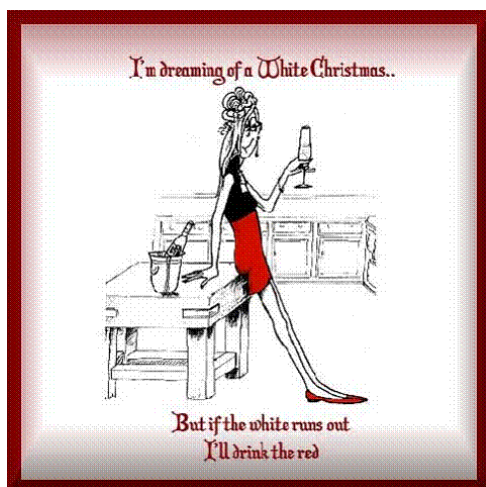
These are just a few of the 45 lessons life taught her. There are too many for this newsletter

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch
5. Pay off your credit cards every month. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.

6. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
7. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
8. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile
9. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present
10. It's OK to let your children see you cry
11. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about
12. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it
13. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind
14. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful
15. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger
16. It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else
17. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer
18. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets,



- wear the fancy lingerie.
Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special
19. Over prepare, then go with the flow
 20. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple



Festive Greetings from the Editor



The committee of SeniorNet Porirua would like to wish all members and their families a safe and happy holiday season.

We thank you for your support during a busy 2009, and look forward to your continued involvement at SeniorNet Porirua in 2010.

Happy Holidays
Margot





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