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Meetings are held at the Grayslake Library and start at 12:30pm.

At our November 11th Meeting,

Computerized Embroidery

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Sue Walter

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Robin's RAMblings

On Saturday, November 8th, LCACE and the Grayslake Area Public Library will co-sponsor Sue Walter's program, "Computerized Embroidery". Sue will show us a design, then digitize it on her laptop, and use her computerized embroidery machine to stitch it. She will also discuss websites where one can download beautiful designs-often at no charge. Come watch this amazing process from start to finish!

Don't forget! Our holiday party will be at the University of Illinois Extension Building on U.S. 45 between Route 120 and Center Street, Saturday, December 6th. Membership chair Linda Busch is now in charge of the party. Please volunteer to help.

Everyone always has a wonderful time at our party. LCACE has some *great* cooks. Start thinking now about what healthy dish you will bring to pass. The club will provide ham, rolls, condiments, pop, and ice cream. As always, family and friends are welcome to attend.

I hope you're all busily selling tickets for our holiday raffle: first prize is a 17" Compaq laptop with **3GB** of RAM, 200GB hard drive, built in **webcam** and microphone, etc.; second prize is an 8 megapixel Nikon L18 digital camera with 3X optical zoom and a 3" LCD screen; third prize is a Maxtor 320GB One touch 4 mini external hard drive. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 or \$5. You can't win unless you buy tickets!

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Meetings

LCACE meetings are usually held on the second Saturday of each month at the Grayslake Area Public Library, 100 Library Lane, Grayslake, Illinois. The meeting room opens at noon and the formal meeting begins at 12:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public. Bring a friend!

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Congratulations to Linda and Roger Busch on the birth of their new grandson, Saber Michael Busch, on August 29th. Saber is the son of Michael and Melissa Busch; he joins older brothers Chief and Donegan.

Get well wishes to Donna Kalinoski who recently broke her ankle. Feel better soon!

Happy computing!

Robin

Skype 4.0

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I've been a Skype subscriber for some time now. What is Skype, you say? Well, it's an online chat/ phone/video service which has, as of the end of March, some 309 million registered users. Last I heard, that is more subscribers than all the US telephone services combined! It allows you to make computer to computer calls free worldwide. It can support 12 million users at a time. In addition to audio and video chat, you can instant message, send

text messages to phones, and share files. You can call from computer to phone as well.

It has three levels of service for the computer to phone service. For \$2.95 per month you can make free computer to phone calls anywhere in the US and Canada. The \$5.95 service includes the US, Canada, and Mexico City, Guadalajara, and Monterrey Mexico.

For \$9.95 per month you get unlimited free computer to phone calls worldwide. They point out that unlimited means up to 10,000 minutes per month. Let's see, 10,000 minutes is over 6.9 days! I'm currently subscribing to the \$2.95 service. To call overseas with my service it runs about 2.1 cents per minute to Europe or from Europe back to the States. Skype has been offering video calling as well since 2005. Their data compression allows quality voice transmissions on a bandwidth of as little as 2kbs and video on 6kbs.

It has a new version, 4.0, which is in beta testing. It allows you to see the person you are calling full screen. For this feature to work well you need 90kbs. I'm using it and it seems to work real well. This full screen mode will be very useful for the computer user group community.

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While at the Association of PC User Groups (APCUG) Convention held in conjunction with the January 2008 Consumer Electronics Show (CES) attendees in their forum with the vendors discussed presentations at user group meetings. Over the years, the cost of sending representatives out to user groups for the purpose of promoting their wares has become no longer cost effective. We discussed the use of Webinars (live presentations across the Internet).

This new version of Skype looks to be ideal for such a program and it can be done at little or no cost to the vendors and user groups. If you haven't tried Skype, you should. You can download the current version (3.8) at: <http://www.skype.com/download/skype/windows/>. If you are adventurous and want to try 4.0 beta go to: <http://www.skype.com/intl/en/download/skype/windows/bets/>.

By the way, if you have wireless Internet access you can purchase a WiFi phone at the Skype online store and it will allow you to make calls whenever and wherever you have wireless Internet access. There's a lot more information which you can check-out at their Website: <http://www.skype.com>.

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Editor/Vice Presidents Notes



Hello all, we had a great meeting last month. Robin had a previous engagement so as vice president, I chaired the meeting. Robin did send in the flyers for November's demo, "Computerized Embroidery". Sounds interesting and hope you can all attend.

Les Larkin said that the web site is up and looks good. As Public Relations Chairman he sends info out to the various local newspapers and newsletters which seems to be working because we are always seeing new faces.

We are still looking for a club historian.

I have been experimenting with the News Journal and hope you all like the variety, please let me know what you think or if you'd like to see other items added.

The party committee reported on the Holiday Party and that final preparations will be discussed at the November Meeting. Looks like it's going to be a good one. Please pick up your raffle tickets at the November meeting and start selling - we have great prizes!!!

Congratulation to Bob D'Agostino winning (USB Light) the door prize, and Fred Barnett winning (\$12.50) the 50/50 raffle.

Last month's meeting Lester Larkin gave a quick talk and demo of his web site, which I found interesting. Then we fielded questions for "Ask the Gurus" which also proved an interesting session. I would like to thank Lester Larking, and Fred Barnett two of our great Gurus.

I won't be at the next meeting so until the Holiday Party, happy computing and see you in December.

Mike



L.C.A.C.E. Monthly 50/50 Raffle



Congratulations to Fred Barnett October's winner of the 50/50 Raffle. Fred won \$12.50



Holiday Raffle 2008

1st Prize:

Compaq Presario Notebook Computer



- 17.0" WXGA BrightView Widescreen
- 3072 MB - DDR2 SDRAM
- 200GB (5400 RPM) hard drive
- Intel Pentium Dual-Core processor T2390
- Built-in webcam with integrated microphone
- LightScribe Super Multi 8X DVD±R/RW with Double Layer Support
- Windows Vista Home Premium-Service Pack 1

2nd Prize:

Nikon Coolpix L18 8MP Digital Camera

- 3X Optical Zoom
- 3" LCD screen



3rd Prize:

Maxtor OneTouch 4 Mini 320GB

Portable Hard Drive

- 5400 RPM, up to 8MB cache buffer

4th Prize:

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Tickets: 6 for \$5 or \$1 each
Drawing December 6, 2008

Winner need not be present

Need raffle tickets to sell Contact Mike McEnery at vp@lcace.org (847) 872-1314

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Holiday Party**

December 6, 2008

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

***University of Illinois
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Door Prize



Congratulations to Bob D'Agostion on winning the October door prize. Bob won a 'USB LIGHT'

Uniblue Registry Booster 2

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I've tested a number of programs on my secondary test computer over the years. I've also installed and uninstalled a number of programs. At start up the computer loads up my anti-virus, anti-spyware, fire-wall, UPS monitor, motherboard monitor, Quick-Time,

Intel graphics monitor, Maxtor storage monitor, printer software, TV software, and others. It takes a while for it to boot up. I turn it on when I need it, go away to do other things, and come back after it's ready.

Rebooting is even longer with it shutting down everything and restarting. So I thought Uniblue Registry-Booster 2 would be something good to try. Rebooting took 4 minutes 45 seconds. When I first ran RegistryBooster it found 459 Problems/Errors. The vast majority being Missing or Invalid Path.

Ask the Gurus



Lester Larkin one of L.C.A.C.E's Gurus shows his personal web site, he fielded questions on how to build web sites.

The Windows Registry in a broad sense is a database of the hardware and software on your computer. It contains all your settings for windows and other software. Whenever you install new software it creates new settings in the registry. When you uninstall software it removes all those registry settings associated with the software, right? Well it does uninstall the programs, removing it from the hard drive. Most really do very little removal from the registry. So the software is removed, but the settings are still in the registry and you have a bunch of orphan links.

Even before I installed RegistryBooster 2 I did a backup, for safety sake. It also can create a backup of the registry before you have it do any repairs. It can create up to eight backups, keeping the most recent. Before running it my reboot time was 4 minutes

45 seconds. After running and fixing what it said were problems I also used it to defrag the registry. Using RegistryBooster 2 (twice) my reboot time was down to 3 minutes 39 seconds, saving 66 seconds. Okay that's great, but for a program like this you want to

make sure there are no problems later. So I've used this for two months now and I can say I've had no problems. I've run it about ten times total. Each time I chose to trust the program with what it said was a problem.

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Conclusion

RegistryBooster 2 is very easy to use, and at \$29.95 it is a good value.

<http://www.liutilities.com/products/registrybooster/>

Supported Systems

Windows 2000 Windows XP

Windows Vista 32-Bit

Recommended Requirements:

Intel Pentium 4 1GHz or Equivalent processor

512 MB RAM

200 MB free hard disk space

Graphics mode 1024x768 true color (highest 32-bit)

Microsoft Windows 2000 / XP / Vista (32-bit)

Internet Explorer 6

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GENERAL COMPUTER / WINDOWS TIPS

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Use WinXP's Taskbar Address Bar (DG)

Many users overlook WinXP's ability to keep an open Address bar in the Taskbar. Right-click the Taskbar, select the Toolbars menu, and click Address. This will add an Address bar to your Taskbar that looks and acts like the Internet Explorer Address bar. If the full bar is not visible, just double-click Address to expand it. You can type in URLs to launch the browser directly into this destination. If you have several IE windows open, the Taskbar Address bar will control the window in the foreground.

Displaying the Traditional Desktop Icons (DG)

Older versions of Windows had a few icons that always appeared on the desktop

My Documents

My Computer

My Network Places

Internet Explorer

Recycle Bin

Of these five, only the Recycle Bin appears on the Windows XP desktop by default. If you want to display any of the other icons, follow these steps:

Right-click anywhere on the desktop. Make sure you right-click the desktop itself, not on an object lying on the desktop. Windows displays a context menu.

Choose Properties. The Display Properties dialog box springs into view.

On the Desktop tab, click the Customize Desktop button. Windows displays the Desktop Items dialog box with the General tab selected.

At the top of the dialog box, select the check boxes corresponding to the icons you want displayed on the desktop. Conversely, you can deselect the check boxes of any icons you don't want displayed.

Keep clicking OK to dismiss all the dialog boxes on-screen.

The icons you selected should be visible onscreen, along with all the others you have.

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