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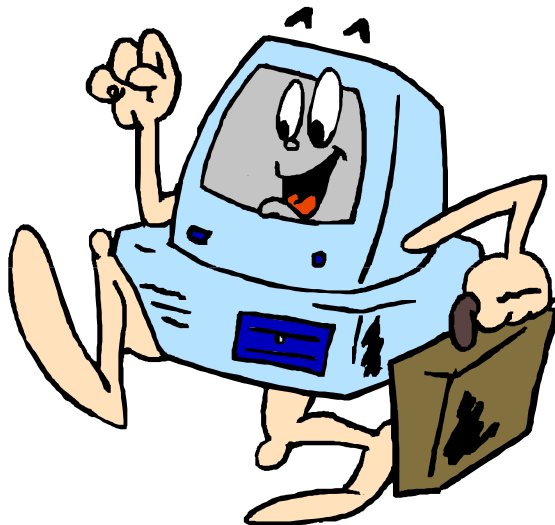
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**Classes will
Resume on
September 10!**



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Summer is gone and the time to restart our computer club has come! Our first meeting will be on September 10th. This will be a beginner class. I hope everyone is ready to get started on a fun club season with some fantastic ideas.

One of the first fun items will be a raffle of a Polaroid Digital Camera and a Lexmark Photo Printer. These two items will be one raffle. \$5.00 will give you a chance to win both items. The raffle will start Sept. 10, and end Oct. 22. The next raffle will be a laptop which we haven't purchased yet, so am unable to give any details, although, we are thinking a netbook rather than a notebook.

Shirley, Virginia, and I have been making special purchases all summer to make our monthly drawings extra special this year. We have approximately 110 items, so we can expect a minimum of 12 items each month. Some extra special items also!

We have a few club members who have expressed a desire to share their knowledge on a specific program with us. This is great; it is always fun to learn something new. Watch the calendar to see when there will be a special guest instructor.

On a personal note, my husband, Steve had his right kidney and a portion of his bladder removed three weeks ago due to cancer. We have been assured that the surgeon was able to remove all the involved tissue. He is doing great and working hard to get back his strength. Thanks to all of you who have sent cards, it has been appreciated.

Marie



CLUB OFFICERS

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CALENDAR FOR
September

10 Beginners/Intermediate
 17 GM/presentation
 24 Genealogy

MEMBERSHIPS

A hearty welcome is extended to the following new members:

James Garland

A hearty welcome to these members who recently renewed:

Peggy Pinaire
 Judy Pribik
 Gladys Jackson

Information About Club

Vivian Barnard (352) 567-3373
 Marie Vesta (813) 782-2015

For Membership Application

Judi Betz (352) 458-9537
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What will it Cost?

Regular membership \$25.00 per year
 Associate or Student member \$15.00 per year

Make checks Payable to **PACUG**.

For more information—go to web

PACUG WEB ADDRESS

www.pacugfl.org

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SUNSHINE CHAIRPERSON



Ruth Anne Ray who is the PACUG Sunshine Chairperson, needs to hear if anyone needs to have a greeting card sent due to illness, death, or just needs a hug. Please e-mail her at raray@3oaks.com and put the word “**sunshine**” in the subject line.

CLUB OFFICERS NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES

PACUG	info@pacugfl.org
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Nancy Smith	secretary@pacugfl.com
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Peggy Pinaire	director2@pacugfl.com

PHOTO PRINTER/DIGITAL CAMERA RAFFLE

This will be the first raffle (fund raiser) of the club season. We will be raffling off tickets for a Lexmark photo printer and Polaroid 7.0 digital camera. These two items are being raffled off together. This will run from September 10th through October 22nd. Let's make this a real success!





7.0 megapixels
3X optical zoom
4X digital zoom
2.5" color TFT LCD display
SD card compatible
PictBridge compatible

Polaroid Digital Camera i733

PHOTO PRINTER



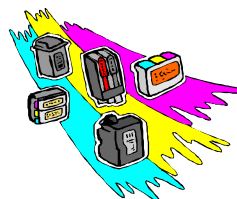

SWAP & SHOP

Anyone who has a computer item to sell may contact Marie Vesta or Virginia Stunkard



The American Legion Post 118 is truly supporting PACUG. If any of our members play bingo, let's give them our support by attending their games once they resume.

Be sure to save your empty



**ink cartridges
for our fund-raiser.**

PACUG HELPLINE

Internet

Marie Vesta 813-782-2015

Word Perfect or Microsoft Word

Virginia Stunkard 352-567-7241

Beginners

Marie Vesta 813-782-2015

Shirley Finefrock 813-788-1884

Digital Imaging

Marie Vesta 813-782-2015

Genealogy

George Varney gvarney3@tampaby.rr.com

Call Virginia Stunkard or Marie Vesta to add your name to the list or make changes.

SMART COMPUTING/TODAY

Magazine Offer

Sandhills Publishing, publisher of **Smart Computing** and **PC Today** will provide a complimentary 12-issue subscription for every five paid subscriptions received from PACUG members. *Smart Computing* is definitely recommended for beginners and *Today* is great for the small business and the home office.

Contact Judi Betz for forms. To qualify, **renewals and new subscriptions must include the club ID#5351 Online**

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www.smartcomputing.com—OR—
Call: 1-800-733-3809

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Sharon Cissney—50/50
Judi Betz—Markers
Judi Betz—5x7 frame
Bonnie Burton—Headphones
Sharon Cissney—2 movie DVD+R
Wallace (Wink) Clay—Photo album
Harry Finefrock—50/50
Shirley Finefrock—Smartcomputing
Goose Gosselin—50/50
Goose Gosselin—Print Perfect
Goose Gosselin—T Shirt
Gloria Heald—Mouse
Peggy Pinaire—2 GB thumb drive
Judy Pribik—Mailing Labels
Ruth Anne Ray—Mahjongg
Ruth Anne Ray—Lanyard
Ruth Anne Ray—50/50
Joe Shisler—2 GB thumb drive
Rod Varney—Poker



RUN OLD SOFTWARE

From Windows Vista Magazine Summer 2009

By Mike Williams

While spring cleaning in the attic you've discovered an old DOS game that you used to love, but it won't install in Windows Vista. Right-click all executable files on the disc in turn, select **Properties**→**Compatibility**, check **Run this program in compatibility mode** and choose the appropriate version of Windows. Check **Run this program as an administrator**, click **OK** and try installing it again.

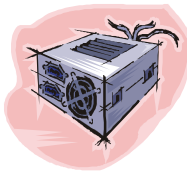
Items Inside Your PC

From Windows Vista Magazine Summer 2009

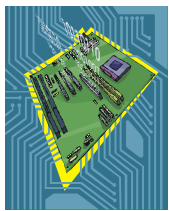
By Matt Hanson



Optical media drive—Optical drives enable your PC to read CDs, DVDs, and Blu-ray discs. Old PCs may have floppy disk drives, too, but these have been phased out due to their small capacity (1.44MB compared with 700MB on a CD).



Power Supply Unit (PSU) —The PSU provides your PC with electricity and converts it to the correct voltage. If you're building or upgrading a PC, the PSU must be powerful enough to power everything in your PC or it won't work.

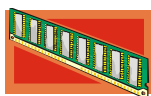


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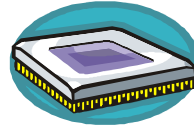
Motherboard—The motherboard holds everything together. It's a large circuit board that enables all the other parts of your computer to communicate with each other. Every part of your PC is connected to the



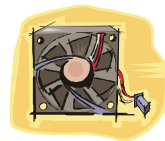
Hard drive—the hard drive is where you store data. When you turn your PC on, it searches the hard drive for files required to load up Windows Vista, known as boot files. Hard drives communicate with the motherboard usually via IDE cables or the much faster SATA connection.



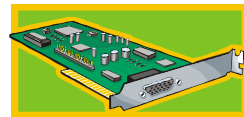
Random Access Memory (RAM)—RAM plugs into your motherboard and stores data, but unlike devices such as optical drives and hard drives, there are no moving parts, so data held in RAM can be accessed faster. Your PC uses RAM to temporarily store data while it's on.



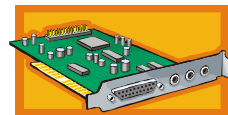
Processor—The processor (sometimes called the Central Processing Unit, or CPU) is arguably the most important part of your PC, working as the brain of the machine. The processor is in charge of processing basic instructions that are sent to and from the other parts of the PC. Recently, multi-core processors have become popular, which enable PCs to deal with several instructions at once.



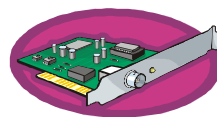
Fan—Computer components generate a lot of heat. If they get too hot, they can malfunction and even get damaged. To prevent this, fans are used inside the computer to draw in cooler air and expel hot air and expel hot air.



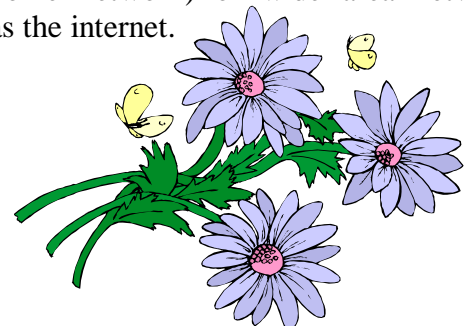
Video card—The graphics card (or video card or display adapter) plugs into the motherboard, usually through the PCI Express slot. Without it your PC couldn't display images.



Sound card—Sound cards enable PCs to play and record sound. As well as having outputs for speakers, sound cards also include inputs for recording sound. Most motherboards, however, come with on-board audio processors.



Network card—Most PCs come with a network card. They hook up to the motherboard and enable your PC to communicate with local area networks (such as your home network) or wide area networks (such as the internet).



Computer Tips

Megabyte—A megabyte is a unit of measurement for data and is made up of 1024 kilobytes. It's usually abbreviated to MB.

Gigabyte—A gigabyte is 1024 megabytes. With the increase of storage capacity for removable media (such as DVDs that can hold 4.7 gigabytes), gigabytes are becoming the standard unit of measurement. It's usually abbreviated to GB.

Subwoofer—A loudspeaker dedicated to bass audio frequencies, often part of surround-sound systems. The '.1' part of a 2.1, 5.1 or 7.1 speaker system refers to the subwoofer.

BIOS—Basic Input/Output System, the utility that prepares a PC for startup. When your PC is turned on, the BIOS looks for boot files to load Windows Vista and can be accessed by pressing Delete or F2. There are options in the BIOS to make your PC run faster.

IDE—Integrated Drive (or Device) Electronics. An interface for attaching hard drives and optical media (such as DVD) drives to a motherboard. Most modern hard drives and motherboards now communicate via the faster SATA interface.

SATA—Serial Advanced Technology Attachment. This interface enables much faster transfer of data, up to 150MBps (megabytes per second) and 300MBps for SATAII.

PCI—Peripheral Component Interconnect. A high-speed connection that connects compatible devices to a motherboard.

iTunes

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iTunes works seamlessly with iPods, but it's worth installing even if you don't have Apple's MP3 player; it's an excellent music player and organizer, and it provides easy access to the Music and Movie store.

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