

# Emerald Coast Computer Society

"Happy Computing in 2006"

## Mainframe

"Hot off the Computer!"

Attention all ECCS Members and Guests!



February 2006 Meeting  
Thursday February 2, 2006  
Ft. Walton Beach Library  
Downtown Ft. Walton Beach  
6:30 Social and Snack Time  
7:00 PM Business Meeting and Program

Mini-Presentation:  
How to: "Cut, Copy, Paste"

Main Presentation:  
"How to Clean Up and Speed Up Your Computer"  
Guest speaker: Rickey Thompson

## The Prez Sez

Dear ECCS Members,

We will soon be into the second month of the New Year. It seems as the days go by faster the older you get. I hope you are indeed experiencing "Happy Computing in 2006!" If you are new at computing come to the meetings, take a library class or attend the Westwood class held every Saturday and you'll be amazed at what you can learn to do on your computer.

I have quite a few things to cover this month so will get right to it. First, I do hope you all received my e-mail regarding the January 14 passing away on one of our longtime members, Neil Johnson. Neil will be missed. Please keep his wife, Mary Jane, and his family in your prayers during this difficult time.

### FACUG Spring Conference-March 3-5

The Florida Association of Computer User Groups, of which the ECCS is a member, will be holding their Spring Conference March 3-5 at Kissimmee Conference Center. Last year I went with members from Chautauqua Cyber Club and the Sandestin Club to the conference and really enjoyed it. The conference was very informative. I have made reservations to attend again this year. Is there anyone of you who would like to attend? It is open to all members. A registration form is available on the FACUG website.

**Registration and hotel information can be found at:**

**<http://www.facug.org/2006SpringConference.htm>.**

The \$40 early registration fee is good if postmarked by February 10th. Then it goes to \$55 if postmarked by February 20th. Mail registrations postmarked after February 20th will not be accepted and all registrations after this date must be done at the meeting. There will be no refunds after February 15th. Note your UG 2006 dues must be paid or you will have to pay the non-member fee for the conference which is \$70 on site and \$60 by mail (no discount).

**If you are planning to attend the conference, you need to make your lodging reservations ASAP.** Please let me also know of your intentions to attend. We can co-ordinate the transportation.

### Tutors Needed for Beginner Students:

Alex Ginzburg, instructor of the computer classes at the library, has students in his class that would like some individual tutoring on their home computers. He is looking for someone who is patient and willing to help the individual with some of the basic computing skills. Please contact Alex for more information if you would be interested in serving in this way.

## Westwood Classes:

Jack Gatewood has resumed the Saturday classes at Westwood. He will conduct a class every Saturday at 1:15 at Westwood room 607. The current series is focusing on Win XP. Topics vary depending on how much gets covered during each class. These classes are designed for beginner or low intermediate levels of computing skills and serve as reviews of computer basics as well as introducing new operating techniques, shortcuts and skills. New members are invited to attend. If you have been a visitor to our ECCS club and would like to attend the classes, then we do ask that you consider becoming a member so you can also attend.

### Reminder: Bring your empty ink cartridges to meeting.

Folks, please remember to save and bring your empty ink cartridges to the meeting. This means "empties for cash" for our club as we benefit financially and the cartridges will be recycled instead of going into landfills. Why not ask your friends to save their empties for you! Purchase Cartridges from [www.inkSmile.com](http://www.inkSmile.com).

### Another reminder:

January was the month that member dues were to be paid. If you have not paid your dues be sure to come to the February meeting and get paid up for 2006. The 2006 Member List will be made available to members at the March meeting. The yearly dues amount is \$20.00 per household. If you cannot attend the meeting then complete the following form, include a check made out to the Emerald Coast Computer Society, and mail to [ECCS, P. O. Box 504, Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32549-0504](mailto:ECCS, P. O. Box 504, Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32549-0504).

### Membership Data Base Information Card-2006

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting. Last reminder:  
February 14<sup>th</sup> is Valentine's Day so remember your special Valentine !



The Prez, Lois Vosmera

EMERALD COAST  
**COMPUTER SOCIETY MINUTES**  
January 5, 2006

Emerald Coast Computer Society came to order at the call of President Lois Vosmera at approximately 7:00 PM, in the Fort Walton Beach Library. President Lois welcomed members and guests. Thirty-nine persons were present including six guests, some of whom joined this evening. Names of guests and/or new members: Al and Theresa Emery, Warren Ferris, Penny Weimers, Henry Steidl, and Ruth Bugay.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited by everyone while standing facing it. A short prayer was said for the term of the new officers-elect.

Hugh Gautier made "how to keep a clean well-working computer mouse" the Mini-Presentation.

Installation of Officers was led by Nomination Committee Chairman Bill Howard reading the duties and responsibilities of officers, followed with pledges repeated by each officer.

Names of the officers-elect had been added to the December minutes and republished in the *Mainframe*. The minutes were accepted and approved as republished.

Treasurer's report was sent in the *Mainframe* by E-mail. Harvey Hall gave a beginning 2006 Treasurer's Report as well.

President Lois shared an e-mail from Tricia Gould, Library Director, stating the need for volunteers to assist and teach library patrons. Ms Gould asked ECCS members to consider filling the need. Training would be given as well as evaluation by the library staff.

Madam President read to us the thank-you e-mail from Alex Ginzburg for the certificates given him and for Bill Howard's taking pictures of the Library class graduation. Their picture ran in The Daily News, December 16. Information also shared was about the new Library classes Alex will hold, beginning January 14 and ending March 4. These are on Saturdays, 10:00-12:00.

Lloyd Battiste also conveyed thanks to us for the certificates he received for his participation in the Library classes.

Harvey Hall will hold Turbo Tax instruction classes January 21 and 28 in the Library, 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

Payment of 2006 Membership dues were being collected by new Membership Chairman, Hugh Gautier.

Jack Gatewood will be holding classes at Westwood Retirement Resort using the Video Professor CDs.

Thanks went to tonight's greeters, Jim and Mary Douglas, and to Bernice Cramer and Barbara Clay for providing refreshments.

The Empty Cartridge Re-cycle Project is still requesting empties, with print heads, to help push the total over the 59 currently collected.

Chairpersons will continue serving: Bob Blair for the Pot of Gold and Frank Szemere for distribution.

Volunteers are needed for the Educational Chairperson and the Door-Prize Chairperson for 2006. Meeting-Greeters and Refreshment Hostesses need to be rotated throughout the year.

The Board will meet on Monday, January 9 at 7:00 PM in the Westwood Media Room.

Pot of Gold was captured by Harvey Hall at \$20. The Refreshment Fund gained \$21 and donations were \$8.30. Three door-prize winners were Theresa Emery, Penny Weimers, and Dorothy Wilson.

With all business covered, President Lois declared the meeting adjourned. This was followed with Lendy Edward giving a demonstration with camera, slide projector, and the "My Pictures" program in Windows XP.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bernice Cramer

