

Emerald Coast Computer Society
Mainframe
June 2006

Attention ECCS Members!
June 1, 2006 Meeting Notice

Ft. Walton Beach City Library
Downtown Ft. Walton Beach
Thursday June 1, 2006

6:30 PM Social and Snack Time
7:00 PM Business Meeting & Program

Main Presentation

“The New Security War” *
“How to Beat the Bad Guys”



“We will examine the new perils menacing computer users and find out what can be done to protect your computer, your personal data and your identity.”

Prez Sez

Dear ECCS Members,

We only have one week until our meeting. I apologize for the delay in getting this notice out to you. I called Lendy on his cell phone today. He and Sue went to a family re-union and right before they planned to return, one of Sue's sisters had a stroke. They were told it would be 72 hours before the doctors could determine her condition and the prognosis. So please be praying for her and the entire family. Lendy hopes to be back in time for the meeting. It all depends.

I have also been extremely busy. I spent time visiting family in Illinois for Mother's Day. I came home to put together the Mother - Daughter Tea Party at my church. This required putting together a cookbook, planning and buying food, transporting my dolls for décor and packing and transporting dishes and flatware to the church to make it a special event for the ladies and girls. What fun! All the work was worth it!

One of the major issues today with computer users is security. In the past notoriety motivated hackers who created the massive epidemics that could infect millions of computers in minutes. Today it is a very different story. Now, its money that they want! Hackers are being financed and are therefore becoming professional and working for criminal organizations. There are now what is called silent epidemics. To make money illegally it is better to discreet. This new and sophisticated malware is far more difficult to combat and computer software companies must develop a new security model. Users must be informed and realize how important it is to keep up-to-date with their PC Security. Come to the meeting this coming Thursday to learn more about computer security and how you can beat the bad guys in the New Security War!

Lendy hopes to be back in time for the meeting. He said he is having a great time using the Photo Story 5 program that Jerry Moore demonstrated for us. He will have a slide show all put together to show us prior to the meeting.

See you at the meeting!

The Prez

Lois Vosmera

EMERALD COAST COMPUTER SOCIETY

Minutes of the General Meeting

September 7, 2006

On Thursday, September 7, 2006, in the Ft Walton Beach Library, after a social time of refreshments and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the meeting of the Emerald Coast Computer Society came to order at the call of President Lois Vosmera at approximately 7:00 PM.

President Vosmera welcomed all those present, thanking them for attending. There were eighteen members attending.

Minutes of the August 3 meeting were accepted as published in the *Mainframe* and sent to members via e-mail.

Harvey Hall gave the Treasurer's Report as having no change other than \$95 sent to reinstate our domain name for our Web Site. Harvey has furnished Hugh with the information that is needed for Hugh to clear onto the Web Site.

Lendy Edwards handed out questionnaires to members hoping to discover what their interests currently are in order to aid in planning upcoming presentations and lessons. Lendy announced that Dan Bubis has agreed to hold classes at Westwood on Saturdays.

For the Empties 4 Cash project, there are available prepaid mailing baggies bar-coded with ECCS's account number so that any recycler can use them anytime for mailing. In the meantime, Jack Culwell will be collecting those brought to the meetings.

A certificate of kudos was presented to Bill Howard in appreciation for his photography of one the Library classes at graduation time.

Bill Howard volunteered to handle the procurement and delivery of bottled water to the Computer Mini-Expo site October 7th.

For the good of the Society, Wayne Pullen announced that a display of artwork from The Head Start Program could be viewed at the Library.

Library computer classes are in progress, continuing every Saturday though October 29, unless there is a break for the Expo on October 7.

President Lois reviewed info about the Thursday, July 13, meeting of representatives from five other computer user groups at the Boat House in Valparaiso where we made plans for the Computer Vendor Mini-Expo, October 7. **A Smart Computing Magazine Presentation** will be held at the OWC campus, Building K. Also, a NW Florida Computer User Group emerged embryonically, which includes clubs and user groups of six NW Florida counties.

This month's Pot-o-Gold (\$18) winner was Walt Kitchin. No items were available for door prizes.

A Board Meeting for this month was planned for Monday, September 11.

Thanks went to Charlene and Bill Howard for bringing snacks in addition to beverages. The Refreshments Fund collected \$4.00 and reimbursement to the Howards for \$10.00 nets \$45.36.

President Vosmera adjourned the meeting, and the floor was turned over to our talented and highly knowledgeable County Supervisor of Elections, Ms. Pat Hollarn.

Ms. Hollarn and her assistant, Paul Lux, provided the September program: The new electronic touch screen voting "machine", a computerized console, one-of-a-kind-for-each-precinct, superbly secure, and not too confusing to use, was put through its paces to acquaint Okaloosa County residents and others with our advanced system at the polls.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernice Cramer