

Mainframe

March 2006

Attention All ECCS Members!
March 2, 2006 Meeting Notice

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

Mini Presentation:
Keyboard Shortcuts
By Lendy Edwards

Main Presentation:
“Stump the Dummies”
Your Questions ???
Their answers—The Panel of Experts


St. PATRICK'S DAY

Prez Sezs

Dear ECCS Members,

The top of the mornin' to you! It won't be long before we begin to feel some consistent warm weather. The daffodils are already popped up in my flowerbed so that's a good sign. At least they didn't have to push through a snow-covered bed. There is always something to be thankful for each day.

FACUG Spring Conference

This will be a short article this month because I have many preparations to make to attend the FACUG Spring Conference in Kissimmee, Fl. I will take my Yukon and pick up 2 members of the Defuniak Springs club and one from Sandestin. We are the same foursome who made the trip last year and really enjoyed it. We leave on March 3rd and return March 6th. Hopefully, I will return with lots of good information and goodies that I can share with you ECCS members. Pray we have a safe and prosperous trip.

Reminder: Bring Empty Ink Cartridges to Meeting

We are getting ready to ship the used ink cartridges to the company for cash. Please remember to bring any used ink cartridges you may have to the March meeting. I will give our club over \$100.00 extra cash to work with this coming year.

WE NEED YOU! YES, YOU!

We need each and every one of you to continue being a part of our club. Please pay your \$20.00 yearly dues at the March meeting if you have not already done so. After this meeting Hugh Gautier, our membership chairman, will be making up the new 2006 Membership Roster. We want to see your name on the list and you at our meetings! If you have not paid and cannot attend the meeting then mail your check to: ECCS, PO Box 504, FWB, Fl 32549-0504.

"Stump the Dummies"

Now, this is not the title I made up but the gurus themselves titled it. I guess we need to realize that many computer books are written that are titled for example, XP for Dummies. Nevertheless, this meeting is an opportunity for you to bring any of your computing questions to the meeting and hopefully you can home with solutions. Please think about what you need to know or an area where you need answers and be prepared to "Stump the Dummies." Bring a friend with you. See you at the meeting!

The Prez, Lois Vosmera

EMERALD COAST COMPUTER SOCIETY
MINUTES
February 2, 2006

The Emerald Coast Computer Society was called to order by President Lois Vosmera at approximately 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 2, 2006, in the Ft Walton Beach Library, following 30 minutes of social time and refreshments. President Vosmera welcomed all present and thanked those who may have brought guests.

Thirty-six members and two guests were present. Elia Peters, who had heard about ECCS, came to learn more about us; and Ricky Thompson, our program man-or-the-hour.

Before proceeding into the business meeting, attendees rose to proclaim their Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Following the Pledge, President Vosmera announced the news of long-time member Neil Johnson's passing. A few moments of silence in tribute to him were displayed by all who remained standing. Neil's wife, Mary Jane, will need our thoughts of caring and offers of help in the months to come. A sympathy card has been sent to Mary Jane from the Society.

The mini-presentation consisted of Lendy Edwards exhibiting on screen the commands of Copy, Cut, Paste, Drag, and Select or Highlight.

Minutes of the February 2 meeting were accepted as printed in the Mainframe and on the web site.

Harvey Hall gave the Treasurer's Report. A detailed report will be in March *Mainframe*.

President Lois announced the Educational Committee members, with Lendy Edwards as Chairman and Dean Covey, Jack Gatewood, and Alex Ginzburg assisting him.

Jack Gatewood and Harvey Hall will hold classes at Westwood this Saturday, February 4. Hall is explaining Turbo Tax; Gatewood is teaching XP, and will be for several Saturdays.

Alex Ginzburg expressed the need for tutors to help some of his beginner students from the Saturday Library Class. Contact Alex if you can help.

As Membership Chairman, Hugh Gautier will update the Membership Roster. Following the March meeting the new roster will be compiled and made available to the membership.

President Lois announced that she will be attending the Florida Association of Computer Users Groups (FACUG) Spring Conference being held March 3-5 in **Kissimmee**, Florida. She will be traveling down with representatives of the Chautauqua Cyber Club and the Sandestin Club.

The Board Meeting will be on Monday, February 6, 2006, in the Westwood Media Room.

The Pot-o-Gold went to Bernice Cramer at \$26. Door-prizes went to three of the attendees.

Thanks were said to Barbara Clay for being the Meeting Greeter, and to Lendy and Sue Edwards for providing refreshments. Charlene Howard has volunteered to be the hostess in March

The Society continues to seek a Chairperson for the Greeter Committee Program and a Door-Prize Chairperson as well as a Refreshment Committee Coordinator.

The Empty Cartridge Re-cycle Project tally is up to 66 cartridges for an estimated value of \$128.00.

With old and new business accomplished, the meeting was adjourned, thereby turning the evening over to our guest speaker, Ricky Thompson, and his program presentation, "How to Clean Up and Speed Up Your Computer". Ricky covered many helpful procedures to keep your computer running well and fast, such as defragging, disk clean-up, eliminating temp internet files and cookies. Madame President thanked Ricky with a gift certificate to the Red Lobster Restaurant.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernice Cramer