OLLI Personal Computer User Group
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University

Report of 2010 Activities to OLLI Board of Directors

OLLI's computer club, officially known as the OLLI Personal Computer User Group, or OPCUG, has completed it second year of operation. 70 OLLI members participated as dues-paying ($5.00) OPCUG members during the year. Others were guests at various meetings. OPCUG is a member of the Association of Computer User Groups, which provides program resources and vendor contacts to computer groups nationally, and internationally.

Total attendance for the monthly meetings was 471, or an average of 39 per meeting. PC Clinics were held in June and December, to assist members with computer problems, with six folks seeking help during each session. OPCUG and the AV Support Committee are planning similar PC Help sessions during OLLI terms, two of which were held in October and November of 2010 to trial the concept.

Meetings were held jointly with the Washington Area Computer User Group, (WACUG) which provided the majority of meeting speakers. In appreciation of the strong relationship between the groups, WACUG donated $250 to the Friends of OLLI in 2009, and in 2010, donated three new, ACER flat panel monitors, valued at $358, for use at PC Clinics, and as needed by OLLI. OPCUG dues funds were used to purchase an additional flat panel monitor, keyboards, mice, and power cords for these activities.

A broad range of computer and technology topics were the subjects of the meetings, both in formal presentations, and the Q&A sessions that are part of each meeting. One of this year's highlights was a presentation by Rob Pegoraro, the *Washington Post's* technology correspondent, on setting up a new personal computer. Other topics included: computer-based genealogy; password manager; Photoshop Elements; electronic book readers; highlights of the 2010 Consumer Electronics Show; converting VHS tapes to DVDs; handheld devices – iPad, iPhone, and presented by OLLI Excecutive Director Thom Clement – the Blackberry; home servers; and laptop theft protection and prevention.

More information about OPCUG is available on the group's web site:
http://www.olligmu.org/~opcug/

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