

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

Report of 2012 Activities to OLLI Board of Directors
for Meeting of January 18, 2013

The OLLI Personal Computer User Group, or OPCUG, has completed its fourth year of operation. This club activity serves members interested in Windows PCs and related technology. During the year, 63 OLLI members participated as dues-paying (\$5.00) OPCUG members. 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 11 monthly meetings was 568, or an average of 51 per meeting – January was canceled because of an ice storm. PC Clinics were held in June and December, to assist members with computer problems, with five or six folks seeking help during each session.

Meetings were held jointly with the Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society, (PATACS) which arranged the majority of meeting speakers. Speakers included the Directors of the Fairfax County Public Library system, and the Pew Internet and American Life Project.

On January 19th, 2013, PATACS will present a \$250 donation to the Friends of OLLI, in appreciation of the strong relationship between the groups. Prior to a May merger, PATACS was known as the Washington Area Computer User Group, or WACUG, which contributed \$250 to the Friends of OLLI in 2009 and 2012, 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 jointly purchase two web cams with PATACS for use at meetings, and as may be needed by OLLI. Audio equipment is also jointly owned by PATACS and OLLI.

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. Some of the specific topics covered: Digital Photography, Social Networking, Tablets: Diving In; What Makes the Web Work?; Get Organized: Files & Email; From Whence Cometh PCs?; What are We Doing Online?; DropBox; Google Docs; The Cloud: The Future of Computing.

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

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