



THE TUG



Mercifully we made it though another year. I'm referring to the TUG y'all. We're now entering our 31st year. Even though our membership has declined over time, we still have a stalwart group that attend each meeting – when they aren't off-island.

Over the past twelve months we covered a variety of topics. Because we are a small group and due to the popularity of webinars, we don't have outside presenters but depend on the in-house guys. Repeatedly, the same guys each month, but we do get a lot of input from other members.

We started off 2018 opining on the (then) latest version of Firefox called Quantum. Citing guru reviews on its features and usability.

The second meeting had us doing an extensive discussion on the visible and hidden optimizing tools within Windows 10.

March saw Lenore and Jeannie talking to us about the free tax preparation service provided by AARP for low-to moderate-income taxpayers. This presentation created a lot of interest and solicited a number of questions from our gathering. Both are volunteers, along with Terry M. and Joe L. so the TUG is well represented in the AARP volunteer community.

Hotspots and Wi-Fi took up the bulk of the April meeting. Primarily because we have trouble getting into the OVC network so Terry has been kind enough to loan us his hotspot.

June was our first webinar of the year. Ray Baxter logged in to give his topic of Teaching Technology Topics to Seniors. Quite interesting and humorous in his presentation. Connection courtesy of Terry.

June saw us covering alternatives to Microsoft Office. We were able to cover Google Docs, Libre Office, Office On-line, WPS Office and Dropbox paper. Connection thanks to Dave B.

Since personal internet security is of a high priority with all of us, Terry told me about a site <https://stopthinkconnect.org> Check it out.

Even though the summer months should be devoted to outside activities, Bear covered numerous streaming services and the devices available to use them, i.e. Netflix, Hulu, etc.

Giving that all of us have generous compassionate hearts, we talked about www.charitynavigator.org At this site you can check on any one of thousands of charities to see if they are worth your money. Charity Navigator assigns a star system to each, 4 being the best. You might be surprised as to how many are not living up to their claims.

In August we covered the default security settings with Windows 10 and how to disable them for your peace of mind.

Since we are a personal computer group, we spend a lot of time dissecting Windows. How to adjust Recycle Bin allocated disk space; thoughts on the use of a PIN or password. We visited interesting Win10 related web sites; what Captcha is; articles on malware and much more.

October saw us participating in our second webinar conducted by Bob Gostischa, the advocate for Avast Internet Security. Another educational and entertaining program. We've got to sign up for more of these webinars in 2019.

And, of course, each month Pres. Emeritus Lou Torraca provided us with his column full of useful information, trivia, historical facts, humor and great innovative advances in the technology field. By-lined with – *In Spirit ~ Pooky*.

The last three months of the calendar year we offered up three Amazon products that were generously donated by Kathleen Ebey. Terry M won two of them and Mark W. the third.

And, as we did the past several years, we had a coffee and pastry meeting to finish up the year. Soot was kind enough to stop off and purchase several dozen assorted donuts from Napoleon Bakery, but had to leave to attend funeral services for a relative. Pres. Jack brought along a passel of cupcakes and Jim supplied the fresh perked coffee. My apologies if I forgot to mention anyone. Then we sat around and talked story and sucked up the calories.

This is just a snapshot of what we did in 2018. I suspect we'll do as good and maybe even better in the coming year. My New Year's resolution is to 'ping' on as many members as I can to show up at meetings.

In 1988, MOAA National held their annual conference in Honolulu. Ed Van Horn, our first TUG President and John Walters spearheaded the IT operation. Setting up computers (the old IBM and Commodore 286 versions); printers and other communication aspects of a large operation.

After the MOAA crowd had dispersed to their various areas of residence around the country, Ed and John created The TUG Computer User Group.

Our first meetings were in a Lounge at the Hale Koa and subsequent meetings over the years were conducted in the Elk's Club Waikiki; 725 Kapiolani; Bishop Museum; Swimming pool at the site that now houses the OVC and 999 Wilder and back to Foster Village.

We have but one 'plank owner' left on our rolls – Pauline Leigh. (She has Jim beat by a single meeting.) Although Polly has relocated to Cali, she is still a staunch supporter.

We've seen our good years and our not-so-good years over the past thirty, but we have been able to survive. Our largest membership was in the 90's when we had over 100 dues paying members.

For any number of reasons: passing's, relocations; loss of interest; health issues, etc. our membership has declined considerably.

However, for what we lack in numbers we make up in enthusiasm. I'm looking forward to another successful year, our 31st, with the help of all our members.

One of our 2019 New Year's Resolution should be to resolve to sign-up at least one member. If all of you were successful in this, we double our membership rolls which can only benefit everyone. Happy New Year.

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Here's a look back in history...it's 2015 and guess what?

Windows 10 was released on July 29th...

See how history compares with your own Win10 experience ☺

Okay, so who's getting it when? If you haven't gotten it yet, here's how it all should work, according to Microsoft.

Those loyal members of the Windows Insider program will be first in line. Anyone who's been in the program and has been faithfully testing Windows 10 and offering his or her comments to Microsoft should have received the new OS first, on July 29. Then, Windows 10 will slowly roll out to Windows 7 and 8.1 users who have registered for the new OS, moving past the initial rollout date.

The upgraded operating system will allow users to switch seamlessly between personal computers, tablets, smartphones and other gadgets. Windows 10 is intended to give apps a similar feel on all devices (universal apps will run not only on PCs, but on Windows 10 phones, Windows 10 for IoT devices and Xbox as well) and comes with a new Web browser integrated with Cortana, the company's voice-activated answer to Apple's Siri. It's been out there awhile, so MS had the benefit of lots of feedback.

Here are a few results of that feedback-

Plus: *Start menu is functionally excellent; Action Center features are handy; Settings app is finally a Control Panel replacement; Universal apps are much higher in quality.*

Minus: *Will developers embrace Universal apps?; Windows 8.1 users will miss some features- e.g. windows media center; Expensive if you can't upgrade for free.*

As usual, I suggest waiting for 2 or 3 months to do the upgrade if you only have one computer. I will do it on my desktop as soon as it's available, but will wait to upgrade my Ultrabook until it's been up and running a month or 2.

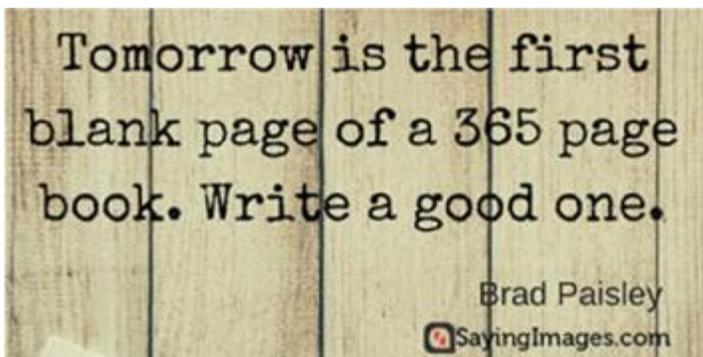
We know that Windows 10 will be a free upgrade for the first year of release if you have Windows 7, Windows 8.1 or Windows Phone 8.1 device. If you have Windows 8.1 (PC or phone) there should be no issue in installing Windows 10. If you have Windows 7, you'll need to make sure you meet the minimum requirements as listed using the upgrade advisor.

Finally, for those who will be doing the upgrade, here are 10 tips for getting the most out of Windows 10:

1. Customize the Start Menu
2. Set Up Cortana
3. Set up Continuum as You Please based on traffic.
4. Use Virtual Desktops
5. Set Up the New Mail App
6. Use Explorer Quick Access
7. Use New Keyboard Shortcuts
8. Hook into OneDrive for Cloud Syncing
9. Add Your Xbox Account
10. Try the New Edge Browser

If you have any questions, please email me at AF06Hi@gmail.com and I will get an answer back to you ASAP. BTW, you might want to look at the TUG webpage www.the-tug.org and click on newsletters where you will find lots of helpful info on computing and technology in general. BTW, there is still a way to get a free copy if you haven't switched yet!! Ask me about this.

Aloha, Lou and in spirit, Pooky



A number of years ago we started issuing membership cards to our members upon paying their dues. The idea was to use them to get discounts at the computer stores including CompUSA. However, shortly after our 2008 issue, CompUSA went belly up and a number of the mom-and-pop computer stores closed due to the availability of on-line purchases, and there was no one left to offer discounts.

At the December meeting the consensus was that we no longer needed to have a membership card. Several reasons were mentioned: the cost of mailing cards to those members who do not make meetings or live on the Mainland; no local discounts offered; takes up room in our wallets and time spent designing and printing them each year.

So, this year there will be no cards sent out. Keep the old one though. They could be a valuable artifact someday.

But, we'd still like your dues!! We'll even e-mail you a receipt, if you'd like. Mahalo.

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Lenore will be doing the February presentation and the subject will be:

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NOUN

a line of descent traced continuously from an ancestor.

"combing through the birth records and genealogies"

synonyms:

pedigree · ancestry · descent · lineage · line · line of descent · family tree · extraction · derivation · origin · heritage · parentage · paternity · birth · family · dynasty · house · [more]

- the study and tracing of lines of descent or development.
- a plant's or animal's line of evolutionary development from earlier forms.

And, of course, the topic will be specific to human ancestry.

Come, bring a friend (or relative) and ask pertinent questions. Lenore will answer them the best she can.