

# Mahalo and Aloha



I would like to extend my personal thanks to all who have supported The TUG, and by extension me, over the years. I have had a wonderful learning experience these past 31 years.

I learned quite a bit about computer technology and even more about human nature.

While I soon learned that most of these good folks knew absolutely nothing about computers but were so well versed in their own professions, for the most part, all eager and learned quickly.

It has been my pleasure to have known each and everyone of you and feel confident that what Lou, Bear and I presented to you each meeting was put to good use and your understanding of newer technology will serve you better because of it.

Annually, the late Herman Jordan conducted on-hands demonstrations of how to clean and maintain your computer.

Since 1988 we've had a number of TUG Officials. Our first President was Ed Van Horn. Then his wife Nell, followed by Polly Leigh, Marcia Deutch, Emmett Helms, Tom Burch and for nearly 20 years, Lou Torraca. Jack DeTour assumed the reins in 2019. My apologies if these are not in the exact order.

Several of them are gone but all played a part in the success of The TUG over the years. Without their leadership and participation I seriously doubt we would have lasted 31 years.

I started out as the genial side-kick and gofer to Ed and morphed into the TUG Editor and Program Co-Coordinator.

Over the years we held our meetings in a number of locations on Oahu. Our first meeting was in a nightclub room at the Hale Koa. Then we moved to the Elk's Club. When we overstayed our welcome there we moved to a dance studio at 725 Kapio'lani. We found this location too inconvenient for many members, so we moved to the swimming pool building at the Foster Community Center.



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Due to unavoidable pre-emption, both the November and December 2019 meetings were not held.

If the TUG can continue going forward, the next meeting will be on January 4, 2020.

Read more about that possibility in this issue.

Our biggest problem was trying to block the sunshine so we could all see the 32” CRT monitor. Not an easy task. The OVC building now sits on the land where the swimming pool was located.

Scott Ellis and his son Chris designed the current TUG logo, used to bring the equipment to the meetings. Also, not an easy task considering the monitor was cumbersome and heavy.

While at the Elks Club we had the WP SIG and the WINSIG 30 minutes prior to our main meeting. Back in the day, WordPerfect was THE word processor of choice. And Windows 3.1 was the new graphic user attraction. Our WIN SIG met on the 3rd Saturday at 999 Wilder Ave in their day room for several years, until attendance decreased.

Our peak membership totaled 130 dues payers. We now have 20, or so.

Over the years we’ve have a diverse cross section of the professional military, academic, business and civilian communities. Generals, Admirals, published authors (3) and various Government, State and Federal Supervisors, and their spouses. Proves that in the early days computers touched everyone.



***Future of TUG*** ~ President Jack DeTour and VP Mark Webster are hard at work on plans, solicitations and pleas for more active membership participation. And I urge all to ‘step-up’ to keep the TUG going forward.

I’m leaving the TUG after 31 years of membership and, at least, 25 as alleged guru. Over the years the Board and I repeatedly asked for more participation from members so that this situation would not lead to a vacancy in Program directors..

When any organization depends on just a few people to keep the operation running, the prospect of those few leaving eventually leads to a void in ‘leadership’ and membership, as evidenced by the small number of monthly participants. We’re in dire need of a new ‘leader’ and new recruits.

Pres. Emeritus Lou and Bear both have health issues and are no longer able to make the meetings. I’m leaving because I’m burned out and have lost interest in trying to keep up with technology. It’s become far too complicated for someone my age. That is not to say that seniors cannot handle the new tech, but that understanding the process “under the hood” and explaining it in a way all levels of user expertise can absorb is too daunting and time consuming.

I recently forwarded a message from Pres. Jack asking for members to conduct on-line meetings by explaining their own favorite software or equipment and accessing APCUG videos on YouTube to show at the meeting. The videos are all under an hour, the second hour can be used for Q&A. Answers to questions asked can be found on line if not known by attendees. It’s not a difficult process. Projector and HDMI/VGA cable provided.

If you want to see the TUG continue, here’s your chance to volunteer. Contact information for Pres. Jack and VP Mark is shown below. Contact them direct to volunteer on a temporary basis and with any suggestions you might have to keep the TUG alive.



## TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



*I know, it's not possible that Christmas is THIS month! But have no fear, by popular demand (of course) -here is my annual "On the First Day of Christmas, My True Geek Gave to Me" column. (BTW, to find out what the 12 Days of Christmas are all about go here <https://www.whychristmas.com/customs/12daysofchristmas.shtml> ) To help you with your "list" here are 12 winners of the Consumer Electronics Show, Innovation Awards 2020 who will be honored at the January Show in Las Vegas.*



**DUO Carafe** by Heatworks. It is a battery-operated, hot water carafe that filters and precisely heats water instantly as you pour. <https://myheatworks.com>



**Bartesian** is a cutting edge hardware startup producing the world's first single serve cocktail machine. <https://tinyurl.com/vkcatwg>



**Click-It** allows third parties to receive notification they are not wearing their seatbelt. <https://tinyurl.com/skb2pn9>



**DigiSAFE PhoneCrypt D200** is a desk phone with an Android phone that has end-to-end Secure Voice over IP (VoIP) and Instant Messaging <https://tinyurl.com/t3q4lcn>



**The MiraLogic Workspace Intelligence System** blends enterprise-grade hardware with proprietary, cloud-based software. <https://tinyurl.com/uhjlemr>



**BeHear® NOW** is a Bluetooth® stereo headset with customizable assistive hearing capabilities. <http://www.alango.com/behear-now.php>



Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world. A feast central to the Christian liturgical year, it is preceded by the season of Advent or the Nativity Fast and initiates the season of Christmastide, which historically in the West lasts twelve days and culminates on Twelfth Night; in some traditions, Christmastide includes an octave. Christmas Day is a public holiday in many of the world's nations, is celebrated religiously by a majority of Christians, as well as culturally by many non-Christians, and forms an integral part of the holiday season centered around it.

**7** **Greenplay Biomaterial Keyboard.** This is the first keyboard ever having a negative carbon impact (-8g) using minimized electronics, rubbers and coating as well as algae replacing all plastic parts. <https://tinyurl.com/seqelsj>

**8** **Pria by BLACK+DECKER™,** a new automated medication management and home health care assistant device. <https://www.okpria.com/>

**9** **Sonic Frames** are innovative connected glasses frames that can be used to do multiple tasks. <https://steemhunt.com/@cheema1/sonic-frames-augmented-communication-experience>

**10** **The LX310BT Turntable**  
Connect via BLUETOOTH® technology to listen to your favorite records on your wireless speakers or headphones. <https://tinyurl.com/u324own>

**11** **Winston Privacy** lets you retake control of your online privacy. <https://winstonprivacy.com>

**12** **Zyxel Halo Light** is a powerful whole-home mesh Wi-Fi6 system that combines a robust portfolio of intelligent security and usage features <https://tinyurl.com/rca5n54>

*In the words of Tiny Tim: "God bless us, every one!"*

*Aloha,*

*Lou, and in spirit, Pooky*

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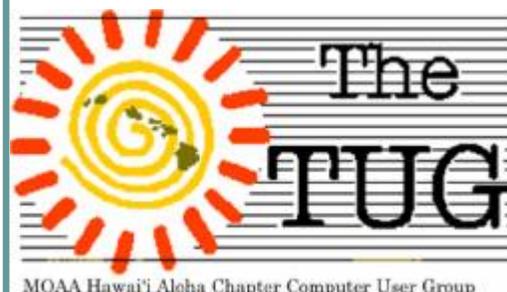
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## Emoticons {:> vs Emojis



Over the years we're all most likely had occasion to use emoticons in our emails and other correspondence. Smartphones have had an emoji insertion option for sometime, now Windows 10 also has emoji panels that you can call up with a two-key stroke.

Press and hold the Windows key **Ÿ** plus either the . (period) or ; (semi-colon) you should see a panel that looks like this one. =====>>>>

Scroll down the panel to see many more emojis for you to use. Hover your cursor on any image and you'll see the name of it. Excellent method for those of us with failing eyesight and mismatched glasses.

In the gray area on the very bottom you can see there are other choices for different emojis. Click on anyone of them and you'll get a scrollable list of emojis specific to that category.



All told there are hundreds of emojis to choose from to brighten up your emails.

I tested this in Word, Excel, Outlook and Notepad where a single click put the emoji at the cursor insertion point. I was only able to get empty square boxes when trying to put one in Publisher.

Now you won't get a disparaging "OK, Boomer" from your grandkids because you're still using the punctuation mark emoticons.

Want to make a personalized emoji? Use your preferred search engine and type in "How to make an emoji" - without the quotations. Have fun expressing yourself.



The TUG website will be accessible until June 2020 unless someone keeps it activated. Current cost is \$99 per year. Set-up is user friendly and can be adjusted by the new webmaster as he/she sees fit to meet the TUG needs. You will need to let me know at least one month in advance if it is going to be maintained. I will need to let Homestead know to transfer ownership and responsibilities.

This is the final newsletter by me. Hopefully, we can find another Editor.

Aloha,  
Jim