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Newsletter for Hamilton SeniorNet (Inc) P.O.Box 1097, Hamilton

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Greetings

The New Year is now underway and tutors and committee members are getting that much more busy. March will bring another annual general meeting, when details as to the well being of this society will be discussed.

This meeting is probably the most important of all the meetings held during the year and it is one that all members should make an effort to attend and take part. At this time all the positions of the committee are up for nomination and new faces are always welcome. You can make a difference so think about it.

After the AGM we have our Social meeting. On this occasion we have a speaker who is an expert with a Flight Simulator so come along and fasten your seatbelts and see where he flies us to.

After this we will have our usual gathering in the café for a cup of tea or coffee, something to eat and a chat

I look forward to meeting you there

Arthur

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (notice of)

The Annual General Meeting of Hamilton Senionet Inc., will be held in the Lounge of the Celebrating Age Centre 30 Victoria Street HAMILTON on **Wednesday 17th March 2010 Commencing at 1.30.pm.**

Workshop

February Workshop was a bit slow for the start of the year. Numbers were down, but still we had a reasonable turn out. Neal demonstrated doing Lists and Labels Thanks Neal.

March Workshop will be 3rd. at 1.30pm. I have Rod Yeoman from APR Architects coming. Rod will show us what can be done by architects using computers, this sounds very interesting.

Look forward to seeing you on the 3rd.
Elizabeth.



March Events

Workshop Wednesday 3rd March 1.30 Lounge

COG's Wednesday 10th March 1.30 Lounge

New Members Wednesday 17th March 12 Noon Lounge

Short Course Installing & Uninstalling programmes Monday 22nd March 1.30pm

AGM & Social meeting Wednesday 24th March 1.30 Lounge

Camera Club Monday 29th March 1.30 Lounge



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Attendance at the February COGs meeting was down a little bit, but still good. Some members are still enjoying their summer holidays.

Some of the areas covered at the meeting or by email beforehand were:-

1. Apple's iPad "tablet computer" is now on sale. This type of computer is a sort of electronic version of the slate - a bit like just having the screen of a laptop computer. Is this the way "portable computing" is going, taking over from laptops and netbooks? The One Laptop Per Child project, which sparked the introduction of "netbooks", is planning to introduce this type of computer, expected to cost USD75, from 2012.
2. Internet Explorer's "InPrivate Browsing" (IE 8 only) was demonstrated. This is what you should use when using a "public" computer, eg one in the library, or a friend's computer. Information that you key in is not kept on the computer once the session is closed.
3. ALWIL Software has just released version 5 of its antivirus program Avast. Reviews have been good. I note that support for Windows 98 and ME has been dropped. Open source product, Clamwin, must be one of the few still supporting older computers, but it lacks some important features.
4. What is a "product key"? It is a "key", eg of 25 letters for "Vista", to allow you to use a piece of software on a computer. Without the key, you may not be able to use the software, or essential features may be turned off. Sometimes the key may only allow you to use the software for a certain period - and Avast is a good example of that - and an example of a free product requiring a key.
5. The "free world" is not as free as you may think. Here's a sentence from Sourceforge's terms of use - "Users residing in countries on the United States Office of Foreign Assets Control sanction list, including Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria, may not post Content to, or access Content available through, SourceForge.net." Some major US websites are blocking access from those countries.
6. You may find that old printers do not work with a modern system (Vista or Windows 7), and vice versa, new printers may not work with older systems like XP (and ME or 98!). Some may work with 32-bit Vista but not 64-bit! My personal observation is that Ubuntu seems to cope better than Windows, though detecting ink levels can be an issue.
7. 32-bit computers are "running out of steam" and 64-bit computers are now becoming common. A 64-bit computer can run either 32-bit Windows or 64-bit Windows. See "Control Panel" / "System" to find more detail about which version of Windows you are using. You can use "Speccy" from <http://www.piriform.com/products#> (same firm that provides "Ccleaner" to tidy up your computer) to find out what CPU you have - but may need to look it up on the Internet to find out if it is 32-bit or 64-bit. Warning: "Speccy" is still a "work in progress". Take care!
8. Windows 7 can run XP in virtual mode. What this means is that can have a separate XP computer "inside" your Windows 7 computer. There are many situations where this is useful. The "XP computer" has its own set of programs and has to be updated separately. A flash drive can be used to transfer data between the Windows 7 and XP computers. To use it, you need to (a) have a more expensive version of Windows 7, and (b) have a computer with "hardware virtualisation", and (c) download additional software from the Internet.
9. A "Dual boot" system is a different approach and doesn't need special hardware or software. When the computer starts, you are asked which system you want to use. You can only use one at a time - if you want to change you have to restart your computer. SeniorNet's PC10 (attached to the data projector) is set up this way, offering 3 choices - XP, Vista, or Windows 7.

10. Neal demonstrated downloading and using clip-art in MS Word. The clip-art (a teddy bear) was a combination of several pieces, each of which could be changed separately.

11. Neal mentioned the website <http://eshop24.biz/> which offers cheap versions of standard software. I'm unclear as to the legal status of the provided software - but if it was clearly illegal this site (registered in the UK) surely would have been closed down by now. Can anyone clarify the situation?

Michael McDonald

New Timetables for Computer classes

A small change to the March schedule: Welcome to computing is now on 8th and 15th march (Still Monday afternoon) , while the Short Course is on the 22nd. It is on **Installing and Uninstalling Programmes**, which will be useful. The April schedule includes a short course, Skype which has been requested by members. Not on the table yet is a repeat of Mail Merge Envelopes for those who missed out on the recent class.

There could be changes to the April Schedule. Courses are included if there is a demand and will replace courses which don't seem to be wanted at that time.

New members

A very warm welcome to the following new members. We hope that you enjoy your association with Seniornet Hamilton

Colleen Hill	Pat Shaw	Beverley Smith	Noeline Storey
Pamela Thornley	Joan Clow	Frances Kyle	Jack Kyle
Mytle Roberts	Evo Tukuitoga	Shirley Arden	Michelle De Luen-
Bruce and Gillian Pairaudeau		Kenneth Stone	Pat Thomson
Billie Wavish	Jeanetta Carstens		Suzanne Stanford

Camera Club

Next Meeting

Monday 29th March 1.30pm



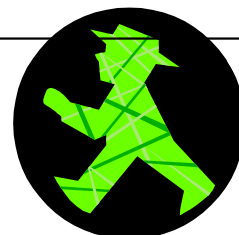
Warm Up Walk and Wade

Wednesday 31st March

Contact Celebrating Age Centre for Details

The Warm Up is at the centre the walk/run has 2 courses 4km and 11km along the river bank and the swim/wade is at the pools next to the centre.

Organized by Hamilton CC and Sport Waikato



Hamilton SeniorNet Inc.
Courses for February - March - April 2010

Term 1A – 2 February to 1 March

Course	Day	Time	Week	Date
More Word Process-	Monday	AM	4	8/2/10 – 1/3/10
Pictures into Email	Monday	PM	2	8/2/10 - 15/2/10
* Mail Merge Envelopes	Monday	PM	1	22/2/10
Welcome to Comput- ing	Tuesday	AM	2	2/2/10 – 9/2/10
	Tuesday	AM	2	16/2/10 -
Essential WP	Tuesday	PM	4	2/2/10 - 23/2/10
Windows 7 Trial	Wednes-	AM	2	3/2/10 –
Windows 7	Wednes-	AM	2	17/2/10 –
Quick-Start E-Mail	Wednes-	12-	1	3,10,17 or
PowerPoint 1	Thursday	AM	4	4/2/10 -
E-Mail	Friday	AM	4	5/2/10 –
Welcome to Comput- ing	Friday	PM	2	5/2/10 – 12/2/10
	Friday	PM	2	19/2/10 –

* Short Course

Term 1B – 8 March to 9 April

Course	Day	Time	Week	Date
Essential WP	Monday	AM	4	8/3/10 –
* Short Course to be arranged	Monday	PM	1	8/3/10 or
Welcome to Comput-	Monday	PM	2	22/3/10 –
Internet	Tuesday	AM	4	9/3/10 –
Essential WP	Tuesday	PM	4	9/3/09 –
Welcome to Comput- ing	Wednes-	AM	2	10/3/10 –
	Wednes-	AM	2	24/3/10 –
Quick-Start E-Mail	Wednes-	12-	1	10,24 or 31/3/10
E-Mail	Thursday	AM	4	11/3/10 – 1/4/10
Digital Camera	Friday	AM	4	12/3/10 –
More Word Process-	Friday	PM	4	12/3/10 - 9/4/10

Course Times: 9.30 am to 11.30 am 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm

If the course you wish to do is not listed or is at an inconvenient time, please let us know, as it may be possible to reschedule the course.

Note: Courses are subject to the requirements of members and avail-
of tutors. Please retain this schedule for your convenience

Translating Documents

Have

you ever been sent a letter or message in another language and had no idea what it meant. Or wanted to send a message to someone in another country but couldn't write in that person's language. Maybe you have a manual for an electronic device but it is written in Japanese.

Don't despair - help is only a click away courtesy of Google.

Google has had a translate function for some time now which was hidden under the **more** tab. However they have now changed this and it is now included on the selection tab at the top of the Google main page.

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Task

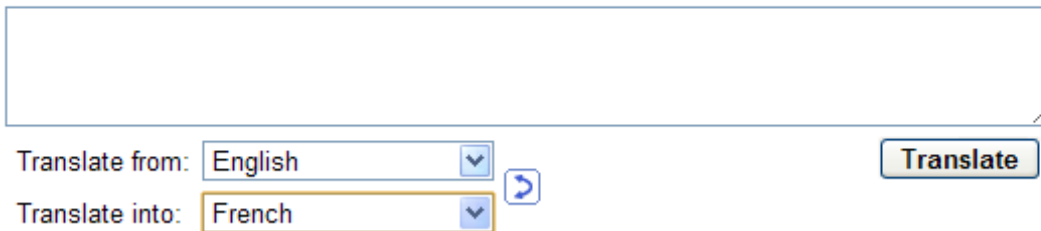
:- You want to send a message to a non-English speaking French person .

- First write your message or letter in **Word** or in an **email**.
- Highlight all the words in the message and use the Copy function. (Control C or right click and select copy) This stores your message on the clipboard.
- Go to the Google Home page and in the selection tab at the top left select **Translate**.

The Google Translate page opens.

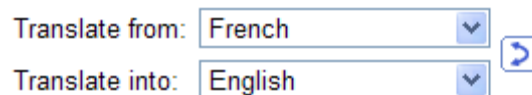
Translate text, webpages and documents

Enter text or a webpage URL, or [upload a document](#).



The screenshot shows the Google Translate interface. At the top is a large text input box. Below it are two dropdown menus: 'Translate from:' set to 'English' and 'Translate into:' set to 'French'. To the right of the 'Translate from' dropdown is a blue arrow button. To the right of the 'Translate into' dropdown is a blue arrow button. A 'Translate' button is located to the right of the 'Translate from' dropdown.

- Enter your cursor into the translate box and paste the contents of the clipboard into the box. (Control V or right click and select paste).
- Select the Language you want to convert to i.e. **English to French**.
- Click the **Translate** button. Your message will be translated to your chosen language.
- All you need to do now is to highlight and copy the translated text and paste it into an email or letter.
- If you receive a letter in another language simply copy the letter and paste it into the Translate box.



The screenshot shows the Google Translate interface with the language selection dropdowns swapped. 'Translate from:' is now set to 'French' and 'Translate into:' is now set to 'English'. The blue arrow buttons are still present to the right of each dropdown.

- Change the **Translate From** and **Into**

Boxes by clicking on the **Swap Languages** button

With thanks to Brian Oakes Warkworth SeniorNet

Advice From Snopes

By now, most people are familiar with www.snopes.com and/or www.truthorfiction.com for determining whether information received via e-mail is true or false. Both are excellent sites. Below is their advice.

Advice from Snopes.Com

1) Any time you see an e-mail that says forward this on to '10' of your friends, sign this petition, or you'll get bad luck, good luck, or whatever, it almost always has an e-mail tracker program attached that tracks the cookies and e-mails of those forwarded addresses. The host sender is getting a copy each time it gets forwarded and then is able to get lists of 'active' e-mail addresses to use in SPAM e-mails or sell to other spammers.

2) Almost all e-mails that ask you to add your name and forward on to others are similar to that mass letter years ago that asked people to send business cards to the little kid in Florida who wanted to break the Guinness Book of Records for the most cards. All it was, and all any of this type of e-mail is, is a way to get names and 'cookie' tracking information for telemarketers and spammers - - to validate active e-mail accounts for their own profitable purposes.

You can do your friends and family members a GREAT favor by sending this information to them; you will be providing a service to your friends, and will be rewarded by not getting thousands of spam e-mails in the future.

If you have been sending out (FORWARDING) the above kinds of e-mail, now you know why you get so much SPAM!

Do yourself a favor and STOP adding your name(s) to those types of listings, regardless of how inviting they might sound.

You may think you are supporting a great cause, but you are NOT. Instead, you will be getting tons of junk mail later. Plus, we are helping the spammers get rich. Let's not make it easy for them.

Also: e-mail petitions are NOT acceptable to Parliament or any other organization. To be acceptable, petitions must have a signed signature and full address of the person signing the petition.

ALSO: PLEASE REMOVE ALL EMAIL ADDRESSES STILL ATTACHED BEFORE YOU FORWARD A MESSAGE. IT IS PUTTING EVERYONE'S NAME OUT THERE.

Most people use a nickname for their email just so their real name is not out there on the internet. BUT.....if YOU have listed their real name in your contacts, it will also show up next to their email address. Be a friend and delete all the names before forwarding. Even better, send everything by BCC. That's BLIND CARBON COPY. That way NO names will ever show up on an email.



Hamilton SeniorNet Inc. Course Application Form

Please enroll me in the following course

Course Name:

Date Required .From.....to.....

(PLEASE REFER TO CLASS TIMETABLE)

Start Time:_____ am/pm

Name:_____

Address:_____

Telephone:_____

Course Fee \$ enclosed

(Cheques made payable to Hamilton SeniorNet Inc.)

Please circle if you have either Vista, XP, 98, or other eg Windows 7

Please circle Age (55-60) or (60+)

Please circle European/ Pacific Is/ Asian/ or Other

NZ Permanent Resident

YOU WILL BE ADVISED OF YOUR ACCEPTANCE TO THIS

COURSE BEFORE YOU ATTEND

Send to: Noel Gillard

4/3 Admiral Crescent Flagstaff

Hamilton 3210

Phone 854 0829

Please tick if you need a receipt

Course Fees

All 4 week courses \$20.

1 or 2 week courses \$10,
except Quick Start E-Mail and Welcome to Computing which are FREE"



Waiver

From time to time some of our members give help and advice to other members on matters relating to computers and associated equipment. This help and advice is taken solely at the recipient's risk and imposes no responsibility or liability of any kind on those providing such help or advice, or on Hamilton SeniorNet Inc.

Likewise for advice and information in this Compuchat newsletter.

Home Help with Computer Problems

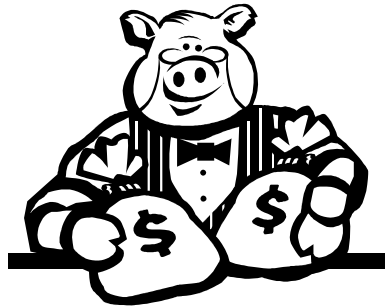
SeniorNet members can get home help at very reasonable charge-out rates from the following Tutor:-

Patricia Van der Maas 'Phone 853 6077



Subscriptions were due for payment in January,

Payment would be appreciated ASAP so members can continue attending Workshops and other meetings we have as these are for financial member only.



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