

WASHINGTON COUNTY PAF USER GROUP

Morningside Stake Center on 9th South and River Road

Group Meeting

17 March 2007

Welcome by President Fran Lightner at 10:04 a.m.

Opening Prayer: Thomas Lovell

Announcements:

Fran Lightner:

Ken Head, a member of our board, who heads the Washington County, Utah Tombstone Project is in need of volunteers, not only for the tombstone project but also to scan and input obituaries of those who are/will be buried in Washington County. For more information go to: www.UtahCemeteries.com

Bob Booth and Lynn Carlson are working on the User Groups Website ... which should be available in one week. We are hoping to have Q&A section to help those in need of answers to problems.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has announced that there are 150 million names now listed in the Pedigree Resource File. It was announced that you can now access the Pedigree of the person for whom you are searching.

WELCOME and Introduction of Speaker: Fran Lightner

Adam Marshall, owner/operator of My Computer Dealer ... a computer business located in St. George, UT.

Adam touched on the history of the computer and the Internet.

The time was filled with many questions from the group which included discussion on:

1. Remote Access - others being able to access your computer.
2. Instant Messaging problems:
He stated that IM's are a No. 1 security threat for virus/spyware.
3. Always save incoming downloads to the Desktop before opening. For a virus check of this download - With cursor on file RIGHT Click on mouse for drop down menus, Click on virus program and select scan for virus. Virus software will then indicate if this download has a virus attached. Each virus software will be accessed just a little different.
4. Confirmed that virus can be hidden in text files.
5. CRITICAL to never use a computer without an anti-virus program is you are accessing the Internet.
6. Windows XP is not outdated, as yet! HURRAY!
7. Free Software vs. Paid Software ... you get what you pay for.
8. Do not run multiple anti-virus programs together. They will try to close each others firewall/anti-virus/spyware down. They tend to look at each other as a virus.
9. Windows XP firewall is an invisible wall/barrier purpose is to keep intruder access out..
10. Adam highly recommends the use of ADWARE, together with an anti-virus program. ADWARE function is to prevent creation of pop-ups/spyware. Spyware is one of the leading causes of identity theft.
11. Windows update critical to best performance of your computer.
12. Generally computers are designed to stay on 24/7. It's your personal choice as to whether to turn on/off when not in use.
13. Cookies are not harmful. However they should be cleaned out periodically to conserve space on the hard drive. Here's how to do it: Open your Internet browser (Internet Explorer). In the menu bar at the top, click on **Tools, Internet Options**, and the **General** tab at the top of the window. In the section called **Browsing History**, click on the **Delete** button. It takes only a few seconds to complete. If you have the free program called **Dust Buster** (download from

<http://www.softplatz.com/Soft/Utilities/Drivers/DustBuster.html>), it will do the job for you and clean up other things as well.

14. BACKUP our files using a USB Flash Drive, CD's, or an external hard drive.

Fran thanked Adam for his informative session and invited him to return again. Everyone present with delighted with the information presented and the knowledge which Mr. Marshall shared with us all.

Fran listed the future presenters:

- April: Margi LaPorte, from 'The Book Seller', will discuss restoring old or damaged pictures.
After Margi's presentation, Bob Booth will demonstrate the use of digital photo programs to enhance our digital photography.
- May: Robert Paxton, Personal Historian - will present 'Helping You Tell Your Story'
- June: Bob and Joel Kroff will present a lively and entertaining presentation on 'Life in a Box'
- July: Garth Gooch will be demonstrating the purpose and use of the church program, FamilyIndexing.
- August: No meeting is held this month.
- Sept.: Bob Booth - 'Keeping A Healthy Computer'

Closing Prayer: Carla Tobler

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.