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## OMUG needs input from all members

By Bill Gortz  
OMUG President

**W**hile cleaning up and reorganizing my desk the other day, I ran across a copy of the August 2002 OMUG News. After reading the President's message, I realized it is just as pertinent now as it was then and I decided to copy what Stan Lavender wrote, leaving out only two items that were OMUG activities that do not apply this year.

### President's Message

By President, Stan Lavender  
What is OMUG to you?

We are a small group of volunteers who have a common interest, attend club meetings, special interest groups, volunteer functions, and computer events.

Over the past few years membership in our group has declined, the volunteers and attendees have been the same people over and over. We need to rekindle the spirit of OMUG with new blood and new volunteers. The group



should receive input buy all members, not just a few people.

We need to have at least 50 people at each and every general meeting to continue to get the best quality guest speakers. . . . We need your input at each and every OMUG business meeting! We need your input at every OMUG general meeting!

Let's all work together and learn together and help bring together all the OMUG members.

One fun event this month is the annual picnic which has been going on for many years. . . ."

My addendum: In addition to what Stan Lavender mentioned above, I would like to add that we need more volunteers to fill OMUG leadership positions. A case in point right now is the position of

OMUG Secretary.

Due to health and personal reasons, our elected secretary was not able to continue with the position and has resigned and we still do not have a secretary. We desperately need someone to fill this position. If anyone is interested please contact any member of the OMUG Executive Board (see member information on Page 2).

The duties are set forth in the OMUG Bylaws and Standing Rules and can be viewed on our website: [www.oly mug.org](http://www.oly mug.org). A copy is also available at the general meetings, or I could send you a copy.

Although the OMUG Elections will not be held until April of next year the nominating committee will be starting its work later this year. I strongly encourage all members to consider running for an office and let the nominating committee know when the time comes.

See you at the next general membership meeting!

## Processes are running your computer

By Bill Gortz  
OMUG President

**H**ave you ever looked at your task manager (click on Ctrl-Alt-Delete buttons) and tried to figure out just what was running on your computer? The column for applications is

fairly clear as to what applications are currently running, but move over to the processes column and you begin to wonder "What in the heck is all this stuff!"

The following is copied from the Uniblue website: "What is a Process? While the word "program" refers to

the executable code (the exe file, for example), a process is a program that is being executed. When you start a program in Windows, the executable will be loaded into RAM. Windows will then add the new process to its internal process list and make sure the process receives

some CPU time as well as memory and other resources. A process can then request any amount of resources from Windows as long as there are resources left. . . ."

Essentially, as I read it,

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# PROCESSES

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the process is what makes the computer do whatever it does, and there can be a large number of processes running at the same time in the background. The website: [www.processlibrary.com](http://www.processlibrary.com) from Uniblue Systems Ltd. has been developed to identify these processes and dll's running on your computer and let a person know what the process or dll does. It will also further identify the process and dll's as follows:

1. Legitimate processes that are crucial to the operation of the system.
2. Processes that are harmful and constitute a security threat.
3. Unnecessary processes that are harmless to your systems but can impede the stable operation of the computer or take up memory that can be better used elsewhere.

It did not identify every process running on my computer but it sure got most of them and they keep adding to the library all the time.

So after you have identified the processes running on your computer what next? At this months General Meeting I will be demonstrating a program called WinTasks 5 that can be used as a replacement for the Windows Task Manger and manage the processes for you. It is also a great tool that can supplement your other security programs.

More information can be found at the following websites:

[www.processlibrary.com](http://www.processlibrary.com)

[www.uniblue.com](http://www.uniblue.com)

In addition to WinTasks 5, I will also be demonstrating a program from Pixifun that in their words allows you to "Create Cool Fun Stuff with your digital photos..." Come to the General Meeting and see what these two completely different programs can do.

## Thanks For Renewing

**Bernadine &**

**Robert Sullivan**

**Bruce Welsh**

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**Gary Moody**

**Tony & Karen White**

**Jeannette Susor**

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**Stacey Santry**

**Pat Sonnenstuhl**

**Barbara Raymond**

## !Internet SIG Change!

At the request of several members, the Internet SIG has been changed to a daytime SIG and will be held on the first Wednesday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m., in the computer room at the Olympia Senior Center starting Aug. 3. Remember to change your calendars accordingly. There will not be an evening meeting of the Internet SIG.

## Welcome New/Returning Members

**Jim Simmons**

**Curt Walseth**

# Board mulls formation of new committee

By Shirley Bellinghausen  
OMUG Vice President



The July OMUG Board met July 21 in the computer room of the Olympia Senior Center. Bill Gortz, president, opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Attending were Pat Sonnenstuhl, Shirley Bellinghausen, Max Whipps, Chris McCormick, John Marshall, Gary Bigger and L.D. McNall.

June minutes were approved. Max gave the treasurers report. No Webmaster report from Pat.

John reported three members attended the hardware SIG. The Hot Topics SIG was discussed and future Hot Topics are already in the works. Ed Swan Genealogy; Win Verhof', Finance (Quicken) and John Acocks, movie making.

John Marshall was presented with his certificate of appreciation.

OMUG is still in need of a secretary. Bill has several names that he plans to contact, and anyone interested should contact someone on the Board.

It was suggested that the formation of a "Sunshine" committee be started. That committee would send greetings and condolences from OMUG to members for celebrations and distress, letting the members know we care. The committee would be notified by e-mail, reflector word or word of mouth.

The Internet SIG facilitated by Bob Elves will become a daytime SIG beginning Aug. 3. It will be the same place and same format, just a different time.

A discussion about the up coming rest stop weekend included reaffirmation of plans for cookies, cell phone, items to be purchased and sign up shifts. Instructions will be given

to all workers; cell phone numbers will be given to members working only and extra supplies will be stored in Gary Biggers trailer camper on site.

It was decided to go ahead with the use of Yahoo for officer communications. All but two members have signed up.

The OMUG picnic will be at Priest Point Park at table #3. A large attendance is expected. The fun begins at 10 a.m., on Aug. 20, which is a Saturday.

Raincoast costs were announced and all OMUG members are invited to attend. The conference will be held in Tacoma on Oct. 7-9. Go to <http://www.raincoast.info/> for more information and or to register online. The rate is discounted until Aug. 5. This is a great opportunity to learn more about computers and hear presentations by some of our most popular vendors.

Max made the motion to revert to the old rule that all proceeds from the rest stop go toward the Scholarship fund. Pat seconded the motion and it was passed.

It was moved and seconded to reimburse Bob Steinberg for money he paid to Ed Swan for handouts given at the last general meeting; not to exceed \$45. Dollars. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

## OMUG has many activities remaining for 2005

By Bill Gortz  
OMUG President

Below is a list of some of the remaining activities OMUG will be participating in this year, starting with the coffee rest stop fund-raiser.

OMUG will have the Scatter Creek Coffee Stop from 2 a.m. on Aug. 6 until 2 p.m. on Aug. 8. Shifts are for four hours and although most times have been filled, Gary Bigger, our Special Activities Chairman, could still use more help here and there on the schedule. If you would like to sign up for a

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### OMUG Income & Expenses June 2005



Income: \$474

[Dues-\$460, Hat Sale-\$10, Interest-\$4]

Expenses: \$216

[SSSS Donation-\$25, Newsletter-\$108, Membership Committee Postage & Supplies-\$83]

Net Income: \$258

Checking Account Balance:	\$755	7/25/05
Savings Account Balance:	\$3220	
Scholarship Account Balance:	\$ 714	
Bank Accounts Total:	\$4689	
To Be Deposited:	\$244	
Current Treasury:	\$4933	

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# Scrapbooking rescues memories

By Gabe Goldberg  
APCUG Advisor

**A**s a baby boomer, I'm hardly unusual in having a large box of photographs in my closet.

Also likely common is my photos' diversity: fading Polaroid baby pictures, travel shots, family gathering commemorations, images of people and places I can't identify, some professional photography, and quite a lot of etc.

In addition, I have a few photo albums — created when my parents thought I was cute and when I worked to record and remember vacations.

But the years have generated a lot of unorganized pictures, and I'm falling further behind in making sense of them. Worse, the photographs suffer from improper storage: being folded, fading, cracking, sticking together. Even the ones supposedly preserved in albums are being damaged by invisible hazards.

An antidote to my generation's mistreating photographs and neglecting family histories may be "scrapbooking".

This inclusive term can mean anything from arranging pictures in scrapbooks (what albums are called when they contain pictures) to using computers. Whether high- or low-tech, it includes

## Bottom Line

**If you've collected a box of unorganized pictures; if you're falling behind in preserving your and your family's memories; if your photos suffer from being folded, fading, cracking, and being badly mounted — the hobby and craft of "scrapbooking" can get you organized and preserve/share your memorabilia.**

rescuing pictures from hostile environments.

Old-style photo albums with adhesive corners or sticky pages can damage pictures. Scrapbookers use acid-free archival-quality paper and supplies (photo-safe adhesives and pens), aiming to produce material that lasts for generations.

Some people come to scrapbooking with organized materials, with pictures already sorted and documented.

Others are in my camp, with a chaotic and ever-growing stash of family snapshots. Either way — and especially if starting from scratch — there's a fleeting opportunity for this, as memories and generations are lost.

I'm told that most scrapbookers are women,

many of whom start as girls, assembling books about friends and activities, then continue as young mothers recording their children's growth, and as grandmothers making scrapbooks about their extended and extending families. But technology also draws men into the hobby, especially with improving capabilities and lowering costs of

digital equipment such as scanners, cameras, and printers.

Pixifun's [<http://pexagontech.com/pixifun/>] child- and budget-friendly kits for creating keyrings/magnets/stickers/badges/CDs include software and parts for creating instant photo keepsakes.

Scrapbookers develop unique styles and personalities, matching goals and resources available.

Some keep things simple, using pictures, decorations, and a little labeling to tell visual stories. These scrapbooks are great for documenting oral history and reminiscing. They can follow themes such as genealogy, school events, family milestones, travel, etc.

Beyond pictures,

scrapbooks can contain anything meaningful, such as mementos, postcards, clippings, cartoons, tickets, etc. This can be supplemented by decorations made with tools such as circle-cutout tools, edge scissors, and lettering stencil templates; accessories including colored and patterned pages, border trims, theme stick-ons; and stamped images.

Some enjoy feeling connected to the past by producing final works from physical memorabilia rather than working with images.

Scrapbookers call telling a narrative story "journaling," finding this a way to create meaningful and long-lasting collections. Examples are keeping chronological scrapbooks of and for family and children, and creating time-capsules for events such as the new millennium.

Pages can combine photos, captions, and decorative material so that each tells a visually appealing story.

Alternatively, some people build pages with single images surrounded by cutouts, stickers, decals, lace, etc. — less interested in telling a story than creating a picture. There's no rule book, no single right way to scrapbook!

Scrapbooks can be wonderful gifts, conveying connections and feelings

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shift please e-mail Gary at: g37bigger@yahoo.com.

The OMUG Picnic will be at Priest Point Park, Shelter #2, on Aug. 20 from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Lunch will begin about noon. OMUG will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs, soda, paper plates, cups, and plastic ware. Salads, deserts, etc. are potluck. It is requested that persons whose last names begin with A – M bring salads and persons whose names begin with N – Z bring deserts.

OMUG members and their family are encouraged to attend.

This year's Raincoast will be Oct. 7-9 at the La Quinta Inn in Tacoma. The address is 1425 E. 27th Street; take the I-5 Exit 134 coming from Olympia.

The purpose of the conference is to provide user group members a time and place to gather to discuss common interests, in addition to seeing presentations from software and hardware vendors. Everyone I know who has attended says it's worthwhile.

If you are planning to go to Raincoast

you are encouraged to register early as the registration is limited to 150 attendees. The registration fee is \$50, \$45 if before Aug. 5, and \$60 if after Sept. 9. Some rooms at the La Quinta Inn have been set aside for Raincoast attendees if you want to stay over night.

Registration, schedule and information can be found at the website: [www.raincoast.info](http://www.raincoast.info).

The general meeting of Dec. 8 will be the annual potluck and silent auction. This is just a "heads-up" to get you thinking about what you can bring.

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# MEMORIES

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beyond those of any store bought gift. A dedicated scrapbooker I know is happy that her children will be able to leave home with their own history books.

Higher-tech approaches include using a digital camera or scanning original images into computer files, using photo-editing software to improve their visual characteristics or create effects such as the antique look, creating photo-montages blending multiple scenes, and producing "scrapbooks" on printed pages, CDs, or the Web.

This technique protects precious — and often fragile — records, while allowing viewing and handling easily recreated digital replicas. And we've all seen "mini-scrapbooks" produced by technology: photo collages used as family holiday cards. Digital technology lends itself to producing multiple scrapbook copies — for

wedding guests, for example, or even as commercial ventures.

Techno-scrapbookers often use Adobe [www.adobe.com] Photoshop Elements and Photoshop software products; the vendor features kid- and adult-friendly tutorials. Click the link and search for "scrapbook."

Other popular software includes Corel photo products [www.corel.com], Macromedia Dreamweaver [www.macromedia.com], and Pinnacle Systems Studio 8 [www.pinnaclesys.com]. As photo capture/editing/printing demands increase, so do hardware requirements.

One 20-year veteran scrapbooker suggests a flatbed scanner with minimum 600 ppi (pixels per inch) without interpolation; a slide scanner for negatives and slides; 80 GB hard drive; 512 MB RAM or more; high-end graphics

card with expandable non-shared memory; CD/DVD burner and minimum P4 processor.

She uses a multimedia PC, digital camera, and camcorder to go beyond photo basics, adding design touches like antique finish and repairing defects such as tears and scratches.

Useful resource sites are Scrapbooking Top50 [www.scrapbookingtop50.com], Stamping Top50 [www.stampingtop50.com], and Digital Scrapbooking [www.digitalscrapbookplace.com]. Stores frequently mentioned are Michael's and Craft Country.

People discover scrapbooking by accident or design — some take classes at community colleges or recreation departments, others discover commercial sites such as Creative Memories, [www.creativememories.com] or see friends' scrapbooks. Whether your taste runs to scissors or scanner, paper album or CD, narrative or

decorative scrapbooks — get out those picture boxes and preserve those memories!

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