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## News

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## Elections: Say "Yes!"

By Shirley Bellinghausen  
OMUG President

I hope you tried to make some greeting cards after you read my article last newsletter. Personalized greetings are much appreciated.

Another item in the newsletter last month was some suggestions to spark your memory and get you to send a story of your computer experiences to Dorothy for the newsletter. If you read Noral Baughman's story a couple months ago you saw how interesting it is to read about other members' computer beginnings and a little of their life. Write your own article or give Dorothy a call and she will help you. Send it to [newsletter@oly mug.org](mailto:newsletter@oly mug.org).

We are coming to the elections for 2007/08 in April. You will be contacted by a member who has volunteered to call you. It is easy to say "no" over the phone but I urge you to carefully consider taking a position of Officer or committee chairman.

You are well aware any volunteer organization needs people willing to take a job. Most of the committee chairman duties only last a month and require only a few hours of your time; some only one meeting.



We have 180 primary members and 69 associate members. That's 249 people! We have approximately 40 positions to fill. That includes officers and members to plan the other events we participate in or hold for our own social gatherings.

We all benefit from the informative presentations we have at general meetings and the personalized help offered from the SIG leaders and other willing members. Think about offering a few hours to keep OMUG going!

Those who realize how much we need and use OMUG consistently volunteer to share their time. We also have fun doing it. And we'd like you to join us!

I know it's hard to agree to do a job when you don't know what is involved. The Board is trying to make up job descriptions so you will know what you are getting into.

Please give a positive response to those who give you a call and offer an opportunity you can't refuse.

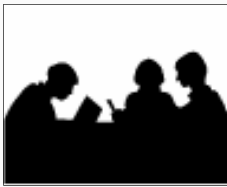
## DVD MOVIEFACTORY 5 REVIEW

By Lynda (Kay) Sanders  
Omug Member

Ulead DVD MovieFactory©5 (MF5) is a disk authoring/burning software and is billed as the first consumer authoring software to support High-Definition Video Disks and is future-ready support for the HD DVD and Blu-ray disk formats. Even if you haven't invested in HD devices, MF5 is a good choice for anyone who wants to quickly create personalized video and slideshow disks. The Launch screen interface makes it easy to capture, edit, author and burn personalized video and slideshow disk using the hardware you currently have.

Installation was easy, and beside the basic program you could install various utilities (Quicktime, Adobe Reader, Direct X, WMF) which I did not need to install. One program I may install is the Ulead Photo Explorer 8.5 which organizes photos and videos. In checking the ULead site, found a 41 MB Service Pack, which I installed and after the patch the "Launcher" control panel, had the Aeroglass look, transparency around the edges. Very cool. ULead web site suggested a DMX download, which I did. It is very exasperating to need to download massive files to use software out of the box. I did not download two others (52.8 MB DDR) and (45.4MB DBDR) as I do not have a need at this time for the next generation features. But, it is nice to know that the software will be viable for future equipment.

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# SIG Leader is Linux Certified

By Sister Dorothy Robinson  
 OMUG Newsletter Editor

Our Linux SIG leader, Conrad Schuler, has been helping me with a project at the Priory. On January 19, I received an excited email from him, which I'd like to share with you:

Hi Sister Dorothy,

Something really great happened to me today.

I've been studying for about 4 months now to take a certification test, the CompTia Linux+ exam, and today I went down to Capital Business Machines, took the test, and PASSED! Whoo-hoo!

It's really exciting, because of all the effort that I put into preparing

paid off. I've been approaching Linux more as a hobby, and the whole experience of getting focused, studying in a systematic fashion, reinforcing what I am learning by working with the Linux SIG, has been great. I'm amazed at how much I have accomplished, and how much my skill level has increased in so short a time. Lots of fun.

The CompTia Linux+ certification is one that is distribution neutral, a test on general Linux principles. I'm interested in attaining a high level of proficiency with the SuSE distribution, so on Monday, I will start preparing for the Novell CLP (Novell owns SuSE, and CLP stands for "Certified Linux Professional"). That means I have to learn all of the SuSE specific variants of the Linux commands.

I'm having such a great time! I hope to be ready to take the Novell CLP test in 4 months. The prep material is 4 books in length -- so one book a month isn't really that bad.

Also I've started a company, eTaliss LLC. I set it up on this Wednesday. The focus is to provide web hosting with full support for small businesses. Support being a one-stop shop for web design, eCommerce solutions, and marketing strategies. For the first phase, I will be doing the major part of the work, then, as clientele grows, I will sub-contract out portions of the

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We had no new members this month.

Remember, you'll receive a 3-month extension of your own membership when you refer a new member!



Thanks for Renewing!

**Karen Clemens**  
**Larry Jensen**  
**Robert & Lois Powell**  
**Bill Larson**  
**Ginger Andersen**  
**Gary & Mary Bigger**  
**Karl & Marth Hommer**  
**Howard Glastetter**  
**Violet & John Tanner**

# Community Librarian to Do February Program

By Larry Jensen  
OMUG Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Shirley Bellinghausen. Also present were: Secretary Larry Jensen, Treasurer Max Whipps, Newsletter Editor Sr. Dorothy Robinson, Webmaster Pat Sonnenstuhl, and Directors at Large John Marshall, L. D. McNall, and Gary Bigger. Jim Bellinger was a guest. Vice President John Acocks was absent.

December Board minutes were accepted unanimously. The January General meeting was canceled because of weather.

The Treasurer reported that in December our total income was \$319.42. Our Total expenses were \$237.39, so our net income was \$82.03. We have 180 Primary members (4 more than last year) and 69 Associate members (6 less than last year).

Since the January meeting was canceled, the program has been moved to the February General Meeting. It will be a presentation by Cheryl Heywood, Community Librarian at the Olympia Timberland Library, about accessing the library's reference databases and other online services.

Webmaster Pat Sonnenstuhl reported that she had purchased a new program, MS Experience Web (as authorized at the last board meeting). She has been using the program and is very pleased with it.

John Marshall reported that all of the machines in the computer center are now configured to boot to either Windows or Linux. He also said that starting in February, the Hot Topics subject will be Website Design, led by Sharon Love. The SIG meets at 7:00 PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month and will continue for 4 months.

L. D. McNall is continuing to arrange rides for members that prefer not to drive at night. To this end, he has organized the names of all members by zip code.

In old business, we are still looking for a large (80-100 cup) coffee maker for use at the Rest Stop. We do not yet have any information on a 2008 Rest Stop date. Max will check with Sandy.

Shirley has prepared job descriptions for each of the elected offices in anticipation of the April elections. In new business, the president will prepare a 2007 schedule of club activities.

The following people have been asked to serve on the budget committee: Bob Wing, Wim Verhoef, Max Whipps, William Paynter, Don Herzog, Vivian Forrester,



Liz Ross, Bob Steinberg, Larry Jensen and Gary Bigger (chairman).

Shirley will ask Don Herzog and Tonney Yamane to assist Arlene Kapner on the nominating committee. A suggestion was made to publish profiles, along with pictures, of the candidates in the Newsletter before the April election.

Bob Elves resignation as Internet SIG leader due to health reasons was discussed. We need to start a search for a new SIG leader. The board felt strongly that we need to express our recognition of the fine job that Bob has done.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. ☺

**Need a ride to the monthly general meeting?** L.D. McNall is willing to help arrange one for you. Call him at 438-5482 and tell him where you live—and he'll see who lives near you that might be willing to give you a ride.



## OMUG Income & Expenses December 2006

### Income: \$319

[Membership Dues—\$180, Auction—\$134, Interest—\$5]

### Expenses: \$237

[Senior Center Donation—\$50, Reimbursable Expense—\$33, Newsletter Copying—\$163, Newsletter Supplies—\$22, Membership Committee Supplies—23]

### Net Income: \$82



### OMUG Treasury as of 1/20/07

Savings Account Balance:	\$2,694
Scholarship Account Balance:	\$3,029
Checking Account Balance:	\$127
Bank Accounts Total:	\$5,850
To Be Deposited:	\$240
<b>Treasury Total:</b>	<b>\$6,090</b>

## NEW HOT TOPIC!

New Hot Topic Feb. 27: Sharon Love will do 4 sessions on web design for beginners. Be there if you want to design and put your own website on the internet! See page 6.

## Be an Advisor for APCUG Region 12

The APCUG position of Advisor to Region 12 (AK, HI, ID, MT, NV, OR, WA and WY) is open and interested people are being sought to fill this position.

### What are the Advisor's responsibilities?

- Send out NOOZ once a month (boilerplate information sent by Chair)
- Reply to e-mail requests from regional groups in a timely manner
- Assist groups in updating their information in APCUG's database
- Attend monthly online Advisor meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 6:00 Pacific Standard Time (meeting lasts no more than one hour)
- Submit a monthly activity report prior to the meeting
- Compile an article for Reports (quarterly) on their region – from newsletters, websites, etc.
- Visit groups in the region, if possible (\$500 travel budget / \$250 for office [phone, etc.] expenses)

If you are interested in becoming the Advisor for Region 12, please **contact Judy Taylor** at [jtaylorapcug@socal.rr.com](mailto:jtaylorapcug@socal.rr.com) and she'll give you a call to talk about the position. Think of it: you'd get to visit other groups and see how *they* do things! With a good enough airfare deal, you might make it to Alaska, Hawaii, or even Idaho...! ☐

# Thank you, Bob Elves!

By **Gary Bigger**  
Director At Large



**Bob Elves**

I have enjoyed attending the Internet SIG since I joined OMUG in 2003. Bob Elves had then been its leader for a year. Health issues have forced him to resign after almost five years of dedicated service. The OMUG Board and I personally are extremely saddened by the loss and wish to extend our thanks and appreciation for a job well done.

The Internet SIG has consistently been one of the most popular ones given. Last year it was moved from its evening time slot to become an afternoon SIG. The board felt this would give those unable to drive at night a better opportunity to attend. It turned out to be the right move. Most months the room would be full, a solid endorsement of the value people found there. Bob helped a broad cross section of computer users, helping many take their first step into the internet world. Thank you, Bob, for building the confidence and information bridges to make this step possible.

The countless hours Bob would spend searching out and testing unique Web sites is testimony to his deep fascination with the internet. His ongoing research gave great depth to his presentations. His enthusiasm encouraged others to expand their use of what, to many, was a whole new world. Bob's ability to answer questions that opened doors for people will be sorely missed. This was a SIG with a following. Each month Bob would hand out a CD with all the sites for that month. This facilitated each attendee's at-home exploration of sites of interest at their own pace. Bob always had some "Tips from The Internet" and what he called "Computer Stuff." These were included on each

month's CD. Having a user-friendly follow up system is always a plus. It especially helped those of us who need a step by step approach when traveling in new territory.

In addition to the interesting web sites that Bob provided, he would show little known (at least to me) features of both IE and Firefox. These features and tips have increased the productivity and enjoyment of my computer usage. In fact, based on the information that Bob shared, I set up additional folders and sub folders to better organize my bookmarks. I cannot remember a month when there wasn't at least one of Bob's Web sites that I would bookmark on my computer. I know I am not alone in my appreciation of his expertise.

From the OMUG board, myself, and those your efforts touched to make the internet world more accessible, Bob, we thank you. ☐

### Java to the Rescue!

By Sister Dorothy Robinson, Editor

I've always wanted a way to prevent those danged spiders from picking up email addresses off my website...and now there's one available! Consisting of a little bit of Java script, it's easy to generate, copy, then paste into your website with an email address. Get it at <http://www.hide-email-script.com/> ☐

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**Quick Drop** – This is a very handy feature which installs at the bottom right-hand portion of the screen. I installed my memory flash drive and dragged and dropped files onto the Quick drop icon and very easily burned them to a CD. It runs in the background and takes up computer memory, but can be closed if not needed. ULead's web site has a tutorial on using the Quick drop interface to create video, music or data discs. (CD and MP3, both single and double-layer DVD. I really like this feature but don't know if I will use it a lot.

**Capture/Edit** – Users can capture video from many sources, including DV or HDV camcorders, DVB-T digital broadcasts or VCR's. But, several DVD's I tried would not load. There are the basic video editing tools and enhanced multi-trim functions such as Accucut which makes cutting from movies simpler and a feature called "Ad\_Zapper" which automatically detects and zaps commercials from downloaded TV programs.. I was unable to test this as my computer is sans a TV tuner. One nice feature is the ability to capture an entire videotape directly from camcorder to DVD, but not all camcorders are supported. The Web site also contains drivers for various camcorders.

**Authoring Features** – provides a good selection of menus, 75 background images, 32 sets of navigation buttons for a whopping 2.9 million possible combinations. You can have still menus, motion or flash type overlays so no two DVD menus should look alike. Menus can be tweaked to your desire and the final DVD can be in 16:9 widescreen or 4:3 format.. MF5 claims to offer transitions which have previously only been possible with professional authoring software.

The save function and other settings are located at the bottom of the screen and takes getting used to.

A Disk Labeling module is included to create and print labels and covers and offers a lot of options For my first DVD authoring try, I chose to use the Photo Slide Show feature. It was easy to add photos to the program and no worry about the download order as I could use the feature that shows thumbnails of all photos and it was very simple to drag and drop into the preferred order.

I played with the pan and zoom transitions and used the Express fix on some of the photos. I generally prefix photos using a full feature photo editor, but this Express Fix is handy to have and is quite good. I was able to add props, like an "Idea balloon" to a photo, text and even other photos on the photo. I was unable to change or remove text once I added it. I will seek guidance from ULead on this problem. MF5 includes 13 music clips, but there is no descriptive name and no way to pretest the sound clips. I was reluctant to give the clip files a new name for fear the program wouldn't recognize them. I tried to include some midi files; however midi was not one of several supported formats. It is possible to record narration to your slide show before burning. I spent a lot of time trying to figure things out and wish the help files and manual had covered this topic more thoroughly. I gave up on adding a menu to my slideshow as I ran into problems and wanted to complete the project. The actual "burn" took about 45 minutes.

ULead DVD Movie Factory©5 supports a lot of options for creating and burning Blu-ray, HD DVD, VCD and SVCD video slideshow disks and is nominally priced (Retail for about \$50 and Upgrade for previous owners of versions 3 and 4, about \$40 at <http://www.ulead.com> .)

#### **Minimum System Requirements**

- +Intel® Pentium® 4 1.8 GHz, AMD AthlonT 64 2800+ 256 MB RAM
- Microsoft® Windows® 2000 SP4, XP SP2, MCE, XP 64
- +900 MB hard disk free space for

## Your OMUG Board of Directors



**Shirley Bellinghausen**, OMUG President, spends a lot of time working to get things organized. She leads our business meetings at 7 p.m. each third Thursday of the month at the Olympia Senior Center. If you would like to see the board in action, come to a meeting. We do get some work done, but we also have a little fun while we're at it. ☺



**John Marshall**, Director at Large, volunteers much of his time at the Senior Center keeping the computers in good shape. He also keeps track of OMUG's audio-visual/digital equipment and sets it up for all our meetings. He could use some help with that, and with setting up the room for monthly general meetings. Call him!—at 753-1394. ☺

- program installation
- +DirectX® 9.0, Windows Media Format 9, Macromedia Flash Player 7
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 6 or above
- +Windows® compatible sound card
- +Windows® compatible display with 1024 x 768 resolution or above
- +Windows® compatible AGP or PCI graphics card (overlay support is recommended) ☺