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## News

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## Going, Going...Gone!

**By Shirley Bellinghausen**  
OMUG President

Merry Christmas to All! Sometimes that sounds like a hollow greeting, we hear it or say it so often at this time of year.

We are so inundated by the commercialism of the season we sometimes we forget why we are buying presents and having parties and big dinners.

Not everyone celebrates the birth of Christ, but almost everyone honors a person or event they believe in around this time.

In fact, several major holy days of various traditions happen during December—Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah, Buddhists honor Bodhi Day, African-Americans (and others) celebrate Kwanzaa, and Eid-Adha is a very important feast day for Muslims. To learn more about these celebrations, visit [http://www3.kumc.edu/diversity/ethnic\\_relig/ethnic.html#December](http://www3.kumc.edu/diversity/ethnic_relig/ethnic.html#December)

Perhaps these holidays give us pause to say the things to friends, relatives and even strangers that we have thought all year but never could find the time or the occasion to say.

Our annual holiday party and auction gives us the opportunity to meet those OMUG friends we have only talked to on the phone or read on the reflector or sat next to in a meeting.



Traditionally on our regular General Meeting date in December we do away with business and enjoy fellowship with our fellow OMUGers.

Our get-together this year will be on December 13 at the Olympia Senior Center. Activities Chair Glenda Reed has made plans for a nice evening. We will have a tasty potluck dinner with the help of all you good cooks. We have promised to start eating at 6:30. In order to have food to serve most **dishes should arrive before 6:30.... suggested time is 6:00 pm.**

If you can arrive by 6:00 with your auction items and bidding form filled out we can display them for people to peruse before dinner and even during as well as after dinner.

This is a “silent auction” where you write your name and amount you are willing to pay for an article on the bidding form. If someone else wants it, they can offer more money and put their name on the form under yours.


When Gary Bigger, our auctioneer, calls the closing of a table, you may rush to see if your name is last on the item form. If it is, then you are the **WINNER** and can pay the amount you bid to Max, the cashier

for the night, and take your treasure home.

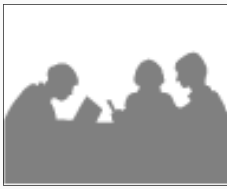
So you can see we need you to bring **good, usable** computer related items to be offered to others.

Even non-computer items will be accepted—but this is a computer oriented group, so clean out that closet full of hardware and software you no longer need!

I have heard rumors that a complete PC unit with brand new all-in-one printer will be up for bid, as well as a couple of flat screen monitors. Keep in mind that, while we are trying to give the members a bargain, we are also trying to put a little money in the OMUG coffers as well. Therefore please try to make a reasonable offer especially for the larger, more expensive, newer items.

You may invite your friends to attend the auction after dinner if you wish. Everyone loves a bargain! 





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# Timberland: 24-Hour Reference Library

By Larry Jensen  
OMUG Secretary

President Shirley Bellinghausen opened the November 8 General Meeting at 7:00 p.m. About 35 were present.

She asked members to start collecting un-needed computer equipment to donate to the auction. Non-computer-related items will also be accepted. Auction forms are available at [http://www.olymug.org/Silent\\_Auction\\_Bidding\\_Form.pdf](http://www.olymug.org/Silent_Auction_Bidding_Form.pdf) Please print and fill out with an estimated value and suggested minimum.

Pat Sonnenstuhl announced that the Newsletter Folding Party has been moved to the last of the month to facilitate an earlier mailing date. The next one will be held November 29 at Arlene Kapner's house.

Cheryl Heywood, Community Librarian from the Olympia Timberline Library, is a popular speaker who was last here in February. She began by reviewing some of the things that she had covered in her last visit, then went on to describe the resources available at the library.

The Timberline Library system has a database of 1.6 million items over 27 libraries. They have 50 resources that cover the most asked-for topics. Use of the database is free of charge and

available anytime, day or night. To access it, go to [www.olymug.org](#) and click on Reference Databases. Enter your library card number, and information on everything from Antiques and Collectibles to Resources in Spanish is available. You can also email your questions or chat live with a Librarian by clicking on "Ask a Librarian". Hours are M-Th 9 am-9 pm, Fri 9 am-6 pm, Sat 9 am-5 pm and Sun 1-5 pm.

If you can't find the information you need on line, you can call Timberland Regional Library's Central Reference at 704-4636 in the Olympia calling area or 1-800-562-6022 outside of the Olympia calling area.

The Library offers many other things such as free WiFi (no time limit, no password); downloadable audio, (up to four books), and new since February, an Events Calendar which gives a full listing of all programs going on at the library. (You can ask for an email reminder of things of interest to you.)

Our first drawing for the new door prize was held and the lucky winner went away \$22 richer!

At the end of the evening Shirley informed us that it was her and Bob's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! Everyone expressed hearty congratulations. 📧

**Did you know? When you invite a friend to OMUG and the friend joins, YOU get three free months added to your membership!**  
Invite someone today—you'll both be glad!

*Welcome, New & Returning Members!*

Warren Smith  
Jean & Dale Rancour  
Audrey Behrenhoff  
Eileen, Bob & Noah  
McKenzieSullivan  
David & Cris  
Sullivan

**Thanks for Renewing!**

Curt and Myrna  
Rosler  
Henry Alai

# Budget Committee to Meet in December

By Larry Jensen  
OMUG Secretary



President Shirley Bellinghausen opened the November 15 OMUG business meeting at 7:00 p.m. Also present: Vice President Jim Wiest, Secretary Larry Jensen, Treasurer Gary Bigger, Newsletter Editor Sister Dorothy Robinson, Webmaster Pat Sonnenstuhl and Directors at Large Arlene Kapner, Marilyn Hanna and Phil Vogel. Visitors were Activities Chairperson Glenda Reed and Public Relations Chairperson Vivian Forrester.

Pat reminded us that the most up-to-date calendar of events is the one on the website.

Gary reported that total income for October was \$103.58. Expenses \$1047.27, including \$150 for bulk mail postage and \$743.19 for copying, noting that the latter amount was for several months of printing. We had 176 Primary members (10 less than a year ago) and 72 Associate members (1 less than a year ago). Our total membership is 259 (11 less). Gary noted that when he checked with members that were dropping, two changed their minds and rejoined.

Arlene, head of the nominating committee, expressed a wish to have seven people on the committee this year, and Shirley appointed them.

Marilyn presented the revisions in the Bylaws to the Board. The Board accepted the revisions with one amendment. The Bylaws committee is still working on the Standing Rules and expects to have them ready to present to the board at the next meeting. A link to the revised Bylaws and Standing Rules on the website will be posted on the reflector and in the newsletter.

Jim and Phil expect to have the member survey finalized and ready to present to the Board by the December business meeting.

Special Activities Chair Glenda Reed reported that she has almost completed purchases for the Christmas Party but will need about \$10 more to finish. Potluck dinner will be at 6:30, immediately followed by the Silent Auction. She will have more information on the Reflector.

Everyone agreed that people were receptive to our new doorprize drawing. Some 'tweaks' were suggested, but Shirley suggested waiting a couple of months to see how it goes before making any changes.

Pat talked about the possibility of doing some online presentations for the General Meeting. She said that Skype is one good way to link to the presentation. She will look into finding where programs are available.

Shirley reported that *charitablerecycling.com* and *cashmy-phone.com* are two sources that pay for old cell phones. We will try it and see how it goes. Larry reported that Rapid Refill Ink would accept all brands of ink cartridges, recycling what they can't use. Usable ones are worth from \$.25 to \$4.00. Larry volunteered to ask if the Senior Center will allow us to put a collection box on the premises; otherwise, he will collect cartridges at meetings.

Gary, Jim and Larry agreed to serve on the budget committee along with Shirley. The committee will meet in December in order to have the budget ready for the January meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. ☞

**NEW Laptop SIG begins January 23. Regular meeting date is fourth Wednesday of the month. Location to be announced.**

**Beginners SIG starts new classes in 2008: February 4, 11, 25 and March 3. Call Arlene to register—455-0180.**

## OMUG Income & Expenses October 2007



**Income: \$ 104**

(Membership Dues- \$100, Bank Interest \$4)

**Expenses: \$1,047**

(Senior Center Donation \$50, Speaker gift \$10, Bulk postage \$150, Newsletter printing supplies \$743, Other newsletter supplies \$14, Scholarship dinner \$50, December potluck supplies \$30)

**Net Decrease: \$943**

### OMUG Treasury as of 11/19/07

<b>Savings Account Balance:</b>	\$1,799
<b>Scholarship Account Balance:</b>	\$3,486
<b>Checking Account Balance:</b>	\$ 186
<b>To Be Deposited:</b>	\$ 10
<b>Treasury Total:</b>	\$5,481

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# Familiar Faces:

## Pat Sonnenstuhl



A profile of someone you've seen around OMUG meetings but may not know much about. —Editor

I started working with computers in the late 1990s. When my computer-savvy son moved to Austin, Texas, I looked around the community for a group that could help me learn more about computers. OMUG appeared on my radar, and I have been an active member ever since.

In 2001, I completed an MS degree in midwifery through Philadelphia University, and that was a very exciting experience. I am a constant adult learner, and the computer has really assisted me to learn all I can about all of the things I am interested in.

Around 1995 and 1996, I started out doing genealogy and beginning web design. I then started using the Office products, and currently use Office 2007. I have a laptop and desktop computer, which I realize is excessive, but useful! I enjoy PowerPoint and currently enjoy using Expression Web for my various websites.

And then there is email! I do get a lot of email, and participate in sev-

eral on line email groups. I also do on line consulting for several different types of groups.

My most recent challenge was learning to use the iPod that I was given. I needed to have a 14 year old tell me how to use it !

Along the way, I have been the SIG coordinator, and leader for an Office SIG. I also did a Hot Topics Series on PowerPoint. I have been secretary, and currently am your webmaster. I also help coordinate our Newsletter Folding Parties, and assist in our yearly evaluation of possible Evergreen Scholarship Recipients.

I have been active in the health field, and still teach birthing classes. I am retired from any full time work, so mostly pick and choose how I spend my time. I am a Certified Nurse Midwife by training, and still have a passion for helping families have wonderful births. I also teach Maj Jongg classes with one of our new members Jeanette Cohen. We play in the community, and have a great time.

My other volunteer work is Church work mostly, and assisting other groups in staying organized! I seem to be a great organizer, maintaining lists. I like others to do the main leadership, and I work in the background, maintaining an email list and working on websites.

In addition to computers, I enjoy American and Chinese Maj Jongg, Bargello Needlepoint and web site design. I also am a Certified HypnoTherapist, and enjoy learning new techniques of hypnosis. I teach a program called HypnoBirthing, and I also assist women who are seeking a pregnancy with HypnoFertility. I listen to books on tape, and am an avid supporter and user of our local library.

I have a nice husband, Walt, who doesn't care for computers, but is

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## APCUG Nooz

### Raincoast 2008 Conference

Planning is underway for the 2008 Raincoast Conference, to be held the first weekend of October 2008, beginning Friday night the 2nd and going through the 4<sup>th</sup> in the Seattle/Tacoma area. Raincoast needs your help to make this user group conference a reality! This is your opportunity to help put together a conference in the Northwest that is open to **Windows, Mac and Linux user groups**. Volunteers do not need to live in the Seattle/Tacoma area. Vendor presentations, workshops, and a vendor fair are just some of the activities planned for the conference. Committee chairs, co-chairs, and committee members are needed to make the this conference happen. One critical need is for a **Chairperson for Sponsors/Vendors** to start building the relationships necessary for the success of this event. Please contact **MarilynnmR@aol.com** and let her know what you can do to help. This is still a work in progress and the conference needs your help if it is to be a success. ☞

### Bylaws Revision

**Watch the newsletter and the reflector for a link to changes in our Bylaws. You'll want to read and think about these few, brief revisions before voting on them in 2008.**

quite a collector and creative thinker. We have two sons and this summer became official grandparents to two lovely girls, and in laws to Mary. Our son Eric, who lives in Texas, was married on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was a joyful event, and I enjoyed making a PowerPoint for his reception. Mary works for Dell and Eric assists her. Our oldest son Chris teaches at Olympia High School, and is becoming a computer nut all on his own. ☞

## How to Find Podcasts

By **Mike Lyons**, President  
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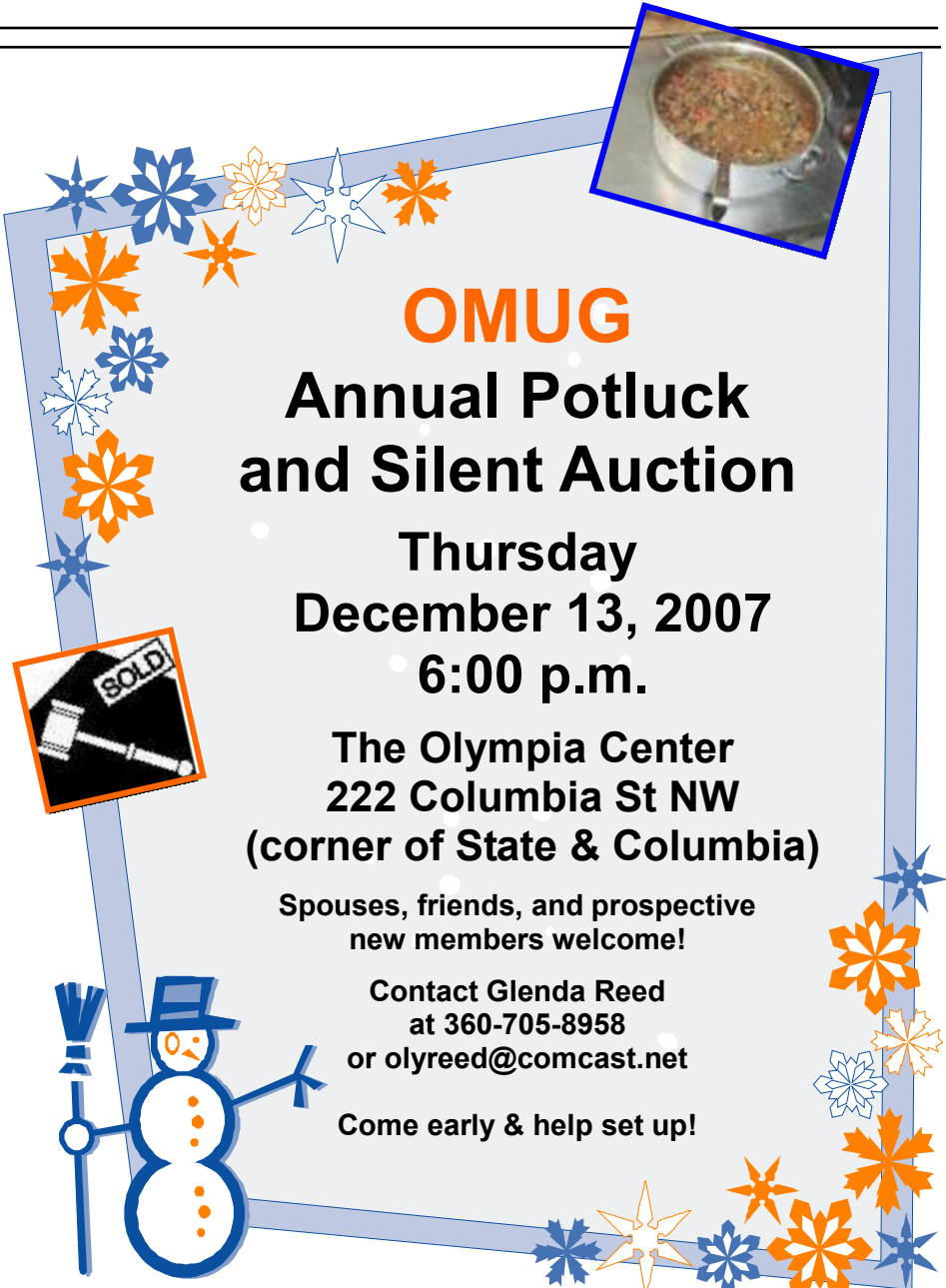
Download the free 7.3 iTunes program from [www.apple.com/itunes/](http://www.apple.com/itunes/) and install. Now, all you need is an mp3 player, and you're all set to download podcasts and listen to them on the go.

When you first open iTunes, click on the "Podcast Directory" at the bottom next to "Report a Concern." That actually takes you to the Apple Store. In the upper left corner is a magnifying glass and a space to search for a word or phrase. Type in "computer." The Apple logo in the top center area changes to a candy cane-striped bar as it searches. The bar will turn solid and display the results: Name, Time, Artist, Album, Price, Popularity and Genre.

Next to the name is a grayed-out circle with an arrow in it. This leads to more information about the podcast. It includes a description, user reviews, a list of the last 20 podcasts and a list of 5 "Listeners also subscribed to." Headings are sortable by clicking on them, so if you click on Price, all the free ones appear at the top.

Some of the stuff is pretty explicit, that's why they call it the "wild, wild web." Podcasts are labeled "clean," "explicit," or blank which means the rating hasn't been determined. I look to see how often and consistently the podcast occurs (some really good ones haven't been updated since 2006), check customer comments, and the "Also subscribed to" list.

If you want to subscribe, simply click on the "subscribe" button. To go back where you were, under the Apple logo on the left is a small but-



**OMUG**  
**Annual Potluck  
and Silent Auction**  
**Thursday  
December 13, 2007  
6:00 p.m.**  
**The Olympia Center  
222 Columbia St NW  
(corner of State & Columbia)**  
**Spouses, friends, and prospective  
new members welcome!**  
**Contact Glenda Reed  
at 360-705-8958  
or [olyreed@comcast.net](mailto:olyreed@comcast.net)**  
**Come early & help set up!**


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After downloading podcasts, connect your mp3 player to a USB cable and right click on the file. Select "Send to" and click on the drive letter of the mp3 player to transfer podcasts to it from your computer.

Besides the iTunes Podcast Directory, you can find podcasts of Computer America shows at [www.businessstalkradio.net/weekday\\_host/Archives/cc.shtml](http://www.businessstalkradio.net/weekday_host/Archives/cc.shtml) and National Public Radio at [www.npr.org/rss/podcast/podcast\\_directory.php](http://www.npr.org/rss/podcast/podcast_directory.php). There are even locally-produced user group podcasts. The Los Angeles Computer Society has podcasts of their

main meetings at [www.lacspc.org/podcast/Archive.html](http://www.lacspc.org/podcast/Archive.html)

You don't have to have an mp3 player to listen to podcasts, though. If you left-click on the mp3 title, it plays right in your browser. Or, if you right-click on the title, select "Save Link As," and you can save it to a directory on your computer.

Besides playing podcasts in mp3 players and browsers, mp3 files on your hard drive can be burned to a CD. Then, you can play them in your car. Just burn them as a music CD instead of a data CD. 

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