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## Retirement—right!

**By Max Whipps**  
OMUG President

Many OMUG members are retired from the jobs or professions that occupied their younger years and those members will be able to empathize with this column.

I retired from the U.S. Army 31 October 1977. That's 31 years ago so one would think I've got the leisure of retired life down pat by now. Wrong; somewhere along the line I lost my focus on leisure and entered the world of volunteer work.

I did pretty well the first year, watching daytime television and playing video games. Before long, however, other family members discovered I had time to help them with various projects such as putting up a fence, painting a house, helping them move, or whatever. That wasn't really so bad but daytime TV finally got to me so I decided to take advantage of the GI Bill and go to college. While pursuing a degree in counseling psychology, I interned with the Army Community Services at Fort Lewis. After working there for three years I decided I didn't want to be a psychologist.

To shorten a long story, I wound up attending OMUG meetings with a friend who didn't yet have a computer. I'd been a member for about a month when the president asked for a temporary volunteer to take on the Newsletter Editor's job. I didn't notice it was April and I'd been nominated for the position. I served in that position for a year but was



threatened with death and destruction by my wife if I ran for reelection. So, I ran for treasurer instead. I figured that was an easy job and wouldn't require nearly as much time and stress. I hadn't paid adequate attention to the fact that being database manager went with the job. As it turned out I really enjoyed these jobs even though they kept me quite busy when added to my making house calls to help our members.

Since I sometimes had days in which I had nothing to do for OMUG, I thought I'd fill part of the time with constructing a relational database for the other nonprofit organization I was a part of. I did so and was soon elected as secretary of the 14<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association. My workload immediately tripled and I seldom had any days when something wasn't required of me. To get some breathing space, I gave up the OMUG treasurer's job after 11 years and took leave of the executive board—for a whole year!

Last April OMUG faced dissolution because no one was willing to run for president or vice president. I agreed to run for president if there was a strong candidate for vice president. Vivian Forrester certainly

filled the bill on that score. I knew that my duties with the 14<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association, combined with family obligations, would result in my not being able to do the job as president in a manner I would like. To begin with, my known schedule would require my missing several monthly meetings. To my relief I found that Vivian and the other board members took up the slack and OMUG got along just fine with a part-time president.

However, we need new people to step up and take on the jobs filled by a small core of folks dedicated to public service. Several board members have indicated a desire to rest after giving OMUG several years of service. And, OMUG would surely benefit from fresh perspectives of new officers, committee chairs, and other necessary jobs. Besides being immensely rewarding when a job is well done, you can't help but learn a great deal performing the various tasks.

Start thinking of the various board and other positions available. You might as well get away from daytime TV. ☞

### Call for Nominating Committee

As the end of the year approaches, it is time again to get ready for elections. OMUG invites you to participate in a very important process. Please call Nominating Committee Chair Arlene Kapner or email her and offer your services! *See page 6 for Arlene's telephone and email address.*



## EXECUTIVE BOARD

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 Open  
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# Computer Donated for Auction

**By Larry Jensen**  
 OMUG Secretary

Vice President Vivian Forrester opened the November 13 General Meeting at 7:00 PM. There were 30 present.

Vivian introduced Gary Garrity. Gary has recently moved from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he had been a member of the computer club "Cajun Clickers" for 20 years.

Vivian then introduced Glenda Reed who is in charge of the OMUG Christmas Party and Silent Auction on December 11th. Members are asked to bring food dishes according to the first letter of their last name according to the list shown on page 4 of this newsletter. Members are also asked to bring items for the auction. While these are primarily intended to be computer related, other items of value may also be entered, but no "White Elephants" that nobody would want.

John Marshall announced that Robert Stimmel had donated a computer to the auction. John said that the computer is in very good shape and has all upgrades, It is very fast and an excellent machine.

An auction form will be available on the web.

Arlene announced that she had had 14 people from WorkSource sign up for her beginning Word class. These are people who need computer skills

in order to get into the work force and this course could fulfill a real need. Arlene also said that, with this many beginners, she could use an assistant.

Member Glenda Reed was the presenter for the program on Microsoft Publisher 2007. Glenda has been a member of OMUG since 2003. She retired in January of 2007 after spending many years as a records specialist, executive secretary and office manager for various law enforcement agencies.

Glenda presented MS Publisher as a program which is easy to use and can produce professional looking materials such as newsletters, certificates, brochures, flyers, catalogs and websites. She demonstrated some of the hundreds of customizable templates and blank publications. The program has more than 70 designer color schemes, or you can design your own. It also has a Design Checker which can detect and fix design flaws before printing or distributing.

The members showed much interest in the program and there was considerable discussion of its use.

Vivian reminded everyone that business meetings of the Board are open to everybody.

People were also invited to submit articles to the Newsletter.

Virginia Cunningham won the drawing. 

**Thanks for Renewing!**

Peggy Wilson  
 Warren & Marilyn Smith  
 Darlynn, Charles,  
 & Kris Wright  
 Gene Andrews

**Welcome, New & Returning Members!**

Floyd & Mary Kloepfer  
 Arlene Day  
 Lorraine Seagraves  
 Susan Jackson

# Beginning Word Class Full with 14 Participants

By **Larry Jensen**  
OMUG Secretary

Vice President Vivian Forrester opened the November 20 OMUG business meeting at 7:00PM.

**Present:** Vice President Vivian Forrester, Secretary Larry Jensen, Treasurer Gary Bigger, Newsletter Editor Sister Dorothy Robinson, Webmaster Pat Sonnenstuhl, Directors at Large Arlene Kapner and Tonney Yamane. **Guests:** Members Paul Braget and Harlin Baker. **Absent:** President Max Whipps and Past President Shirley Bellinghausen.

Vivian said that she would not be here for the Christmas Party or the next Board meeting.

The newsletter folding party is presently set for November 28<sup>th</sup>. If Max is not back, Gary will print labels and bring them to the Lunch Bunch.

Pat explained why there should be no graphics or attachments used on the Reflector: Some people with Dial Up may not be able to receive them, and there is always the possibility of getting a virus when downloading an attachment.

Harlin stated that he had found some faulty information on a link on the Website. Pat said that she would fix it.

Our income in October was \$256.87; expenses \$230.00, for a net income of \$26.87.

We had 152 Primary members, (24 less than a year ago), and 66 Associate members, (6 less than a year ago). Our total membership is 218. (30 less than a year ago.)

Arlene reported that her Beginning Word class had been filled by people from WorkSource who need computer skills in trying to find a job. Since most of them can't type, she has urged them to take a typing class to facilitate their use of the computer. There was a discussion of what part the club could play in assisting the WorkSource group.

In unfinished business: ♦Sister Dorothy reported that Phil Vogel will be her assistant to attend Board meetings in her place if she cannot attend. ♦No action was taken on the survey since neither Max nor Shirley was present. ♦Vivian shared the e-mail she had gotten



from Chuck Vose, saying that he was overloaded and declined with thanks the offer of a free membership. ♦Gary will be the auctioneer at the Auction; if Max can't be here to be the cashier, Sister Dorothy will do it.

In new business: ♦Vivian had information on a possible program from The User Group Store. Harlin said that they had been here before and they had presented good programs; it was suggested that she follow up. ♦The Bylaws state in Article IV, Section 8: "The Executive Board shall appoint a replacement for the remaining term of any office vacated due to lapsed membership, when an officer resigns, or is removed by the board." Since Jim Simmons' membership has lapsed, it was moved by Gary that we wait until the next board meeting to appoint a successor. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. 🖨

## OMUG Income & Expenses October 2008



### Income: \$ 257

(Membership Dues \$240, Donation \$5,  
Raffle Sales \$10, Bank Interest \$2)

### Expenses: \$ 230

(Senior Center Donation \$50, Newsletter Postage \$150,  
Reserve 2009 Picnic Shelter \$30)

### Net Increase: \$ 27

### OMUG Treasury as of 11/19/2008

<b>Savings Account Balance:</b>	\$2,666
<b>Scholarship Account Balance:</b>	\$3,006
<b>Checking Account Balance:</b>	\$ 347
<b>To Be Deposited:</b>	\$ 73
<b>Less Outstanding Checks:</b>	\$ 80
<b>Treasury Total:</b>	\$6,012



# Holiday Potluck, Silent Auction!



By **Glenda Reed**  
Holiday Party/Auction Chair

You're Invited!

to  
**OMUG's Annual Holiday  
Potluck & Silent Auction**

Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Come to the Olympia Center, 222 Columbia Street NW (Corner of State and Columbia) and join us for good food, fun and fellowship—not to mention the chance of a great bargain!

Our Annual Holiday Potluck and Silent Auction will replace our December general meeting. We will do away with business and enjoy fellowship with fellow OMUGers. We hope you can come and enjoy this event with good friends, great food, and holiday cheer! Spouses, friends and prospective new members are welcome.

We will start dinner at 6:30 p.m. sharp! Please arrive by 6:00 p.m. or earlier and enjoy a beverage while perusing the items already displayed on the auction tables. Coffee, wine, plates and eating utensils will be provided by OMUG. Feel free to bring your own drink if you would like something other than coffee or wine.



**In order to have food to serve by 6:30, most dishes should arrive by 6:00 p.m. If your dish needs a serving spoon or fork, please bring one with you.**

Please have your auction items and bidding form filled out so we can display them for people to view before dinner, as well as during and after dinner. Fill them out online at <http://olymug.org> by clicking on the link Silent Auction Bidding Form PDF, an interactive form. Then print and bring with you. Or you can print and fill in by hand.

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

Our auctioneer is Gary Bigger. When he calls for the closing of the table, you may check to see if your name is last on the bidding form. If it is, then you are the *winner* and you will pay the amount you bid to the cashier. You will then be the proud owner of the item!

This is a computer-oriented group, but non-computer items will be accepted. If you have good, usable items that you think someone else could use, feel free to bring them.

Rumor has it that a complete PC, all set up with Windows XP, Service Pack 3, and many more features, will be up for bid. (See page 7 for a description.) 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. So please make a reasonable offer, especially for larger, more expensive, newer items. Everyone loves a bargain and we're sure you'll have a good time!

If you have any questions, please contact Glenda Reed, (360) 705-8958 or [olyreed@comcast.net](mailto:olyreed@comcast.net)

**Holiday Potluck/Auction**  
**Food to bring by your last name:**  
**A—F:** Main Dish/Entrée (hot dishes would be good!)  
**G—L:** Salads or Vegetables  
**M—R:** Dessert  
**S—Z:** Bread, Rolls or Snacks (Chips, etc.)

## Handy Tools

Here are a couple of freeware screen capture tools for Windows that do a lot more than Microsoft's Print Screen function.

**MWSnap** is a small, free yet powerful Windows program for snapping (capturing) images from selected parts of the screen. The current version can capture the whole desktop, a highlighted window, an active menu, a control, or a fixed or free rectangular part of the screen. MWSnap handles 5 most popular graphics formats and contains several graphical tools: a zoom, a ruler, a color picker and a window spy. It can be also used as a fast picture viewer or converter. MWSnap does not require installation and does not need any special dlls, drivers or system files which can mess up your system. For more info and download, <http://www.mirekw.com/winfreeware/mwsnap.html>

**PC Screen Capture** is a free, powerful, lightweight, full-featured screen capture tool for Windows. It allows you to take screenshots from any part of your screen in four ways: you can capture the full desktop, the active window, a selected area or a selected object, and save images in BMP, JPG, GIF, and PNG formats. The publisher says, “PC Screen Capture is very easy to use!” For download: [http://www.freewarefiles.com/PC-Screen-Capture\\_program\\_44985.html](http://www.freewarefiles.com/PC-Screen-Capture_program_44985.html)

Please fill out a form for EACH item and bring it to the Auction!



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**Silent Auction Bidding Form**



Item Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Fair Market Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Min. Bid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

System requirements for software or other notes:

**All PROCEEDS BENEFIT OMUG.**

**WHOLE DOLLARS ONLY!**

**Thank you very much!**

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## The Scoop on Computer for Auction

Looking for a good computer? Robert Stimmel has donated one for the auction! John Marshall, who has checked it out, says it's in great shape. Here are some of the specifications:

### Hardware—

- ◆Dell Dimension 4200S\*, 100 MHz Bus Clock
- ◆Intel Pentium 4, 1.6 GHz CPU
- ◆Seagate 40 GB hard drive
- ◆320 MB PC133 RAM
- ◆CD-ROM, 3 1/2 Floppy Drive
- ◆Dell 56K modem
- ◆100 TX Fast Adapter Ethernet
- ◆PS/2 101/102-key Keyboard, PS/2 Wheel Mouse
- ◆Harmon Kardon stereo speakers with woofer
- ◆HP Deskjet 932C color printer with new cartridges

**Includes monitor and printer!**

### Software—

- ◆Windows XP operating system with updates, including SP3 and IE7
- ◆OpenOffice Suite: Word Processor, Spreadsheet Editor, Database Generator, Presentation Creator, Image Designer, Equation Editor
- ◆Avast Antivirus (free)
- ◆NoCharge.com free dial-up Internet service
- ◆Adobe Reader 9

You'll have to be crafty to get this one! Get there early on December 11 and get your bid in—then watch it carefully! ☞

## OMUG Supporters

We are thankful for the many people, organizations and businesses who support OMUG.

Below is a list of a few who have given back to the community by assisting OMUG in its mission to help computer users help computer users and their community.

Our supporters provide services and discounts, give of their time, provide space for OMUG activities, introduce OMUG members to new products, share knowledge and expertise, provide OMUG with software and hardware, or provide educational opportunities. All of them are appreciated.

Senior Services for South Sound  
Olympia Computer Central  
IPMA  
Adobe  
Microsoft  
Cartridge Care, Inc  
Ubuntu  
Canonical, Ltd.

**Idea for a new SIG?  
Tell any OMUG board member!**



## MEETING LOCATIONS

### Capital High School:

2707 Conger Ave NW in Olympia. Follow the signs to the computer lab from the lower parking lot.

### El Sarape Restaurant:

1200 Cooper Point Road in West Olympia near Staples and the Post Office.

### The Olympia Center:

222 Columbia Street NW in Olympia.

**Note:** The computer lab at the Olympia Senior Center is on the second floor behind the boutique.

