

## **Computer Club Minutes - 04 February, 2009**

Maureen opened the meeting at 1:15 pm and welcomed two new attendees from the Centre's computer classes. She noted the \$2.00 drop in fee which goes to the Seniors Centre and the \$5:00 annual fee to the Club for new and returning members.

Maureen thanked everyone who had attended the round table session on January 21, and explained that we would be looking at the best ways to use the ideas and suggestions that had come up during the discussions. The suggestions for a website of the week or tip of the week from the members will be introduced immediately.

**Website** - This week Ian introduced the Live Search Maps Website <http://maps.live.com/> and outlined some of the interesting features available, including bird's eye views of the Seniors Centre. Live Search Maps (previously *Windows Live Maps* and *Windows Live Local*) is a web mapping service provided as a part of Microsoft's Windows Live online applications services suite and powered by the Microsoft Virtual Earth framework.

### **Announcements**

#### Upcoming events:

*Favourite Websites* – Next Week, February 11<sup>th</sup> will be a favourite websites session and Maureen reminded everyone to bring along information and contacts for some of their favourite websites on any and all topics.

*Share your computer with the world???* – Peter outlined a presentation planned for Feb 18<sup>th</sup> by Corrie Kost on the '**world community grid**' (WCG). The WCG is an effort to create the world's largest public computing grid (super computer) to tackle research projects that benefit humanity. Launched November 16, 2004, it is funded and operated by IBM with client software currently available for Windows, Linux, Mac OS X and FreeBSD operating systems.

Using the idle time of computers around the world, World Community Grid's research projects have analyzed aspects of a wide range of topics. The organization has so far partnered with nearly 400 other companies and organizations to assist in the work and has over 410,000 registered user accounts.

### **Questions and Answers**

Being the first Wednesday in the month and the question and answer meeting, Maureen introduced our moderator, Carl Taylor and asked if there were any more written questions to be submitted and said questions can be asked from the floor later.

A range of questions and answers were addressed on topics including:

- Care and feeding of e-mail systems (backing up etc)

- e-mail attachments
- Techniques for getting the better quality video clips
- Band width issues from service providers
- Performance differences between Shaw lite/regular/extreme offerings etc
- Display issues – size of cursor etc
- Windows Manager
- Web based ‘chat’ services
- Website encryption
- Removing Norton AV products
- Installing AVAST software
- Data back-up techniques
- Up-dating software drivers
- Wireless networks – potential signal ‘gremlins’
- Two operating systems on the same computer
- Flash drives including U3 drives

Carl was thanked for his guidance and advice in answering member’s questions and concerns and the meeting closed at about 3:05pm

### **Next Meeting**

Wednesday 11, February 2009 at 1:15 pm

*Peter Thompson*