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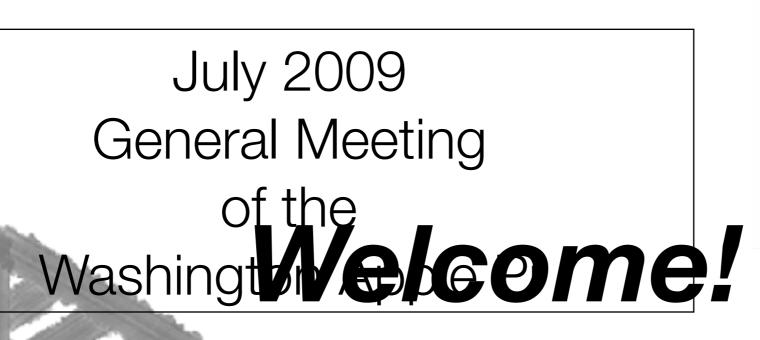Washington Apple Pi

Today's Agenda

9:30 –– **Q & A Panel**

10:15 –– **Pi Stuff/Break – Jay**

10:45 –– **Main Presentation – Social Networking**

12:15 –– **One More Thing**

After the meeting – individual help

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Welcome!

Paid Parking - How
Many?

No Pizza Pi Lunch

No afternoon
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Remember: No coffee or food allowed in the lecture hall or the classroom

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The Q & A (mini) Panel

Bo and Larry

(and Bob on the keyboard)

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Lead off Question

Social Networking: What classes (adult ed., Life Long Learning, No. VA Community College) are available in No. Virginia to help bring folks up to speed? How about computer stores (other than the Apple store in Tyson's) that have classes?

One possible answer:

Randy recommends lynda.com. "It is nothing short of FANTASTIC!
http://www.lynda.com/
Classes are held anywhere you can get connected to the Internet, 24/7/365, and you can access lessons as many times that you need to 'get it.' If you want to learn it, they most likely have it.

It's worth your time to review!"

Another answer: Local Colleges and Universities

Senior Citizens Tuition Waiver (Virginia)
At least 60 years old at time of registering
A legal resident of the state
· Have the sincere intention of remaining indefinitely in the state;
· Have not resided, or voted in, a another state within one year;
· Have not paid income tax to another state within one year.
Did not have a taxable income over $15,000 in the last tax year.
(Applies only when taking courses for academic credit. The $15,000 limit does not apply when courses are taken for audit.)

Another Question

My hard drive is being replaced. Lawrence recommends selection of a specific installation alternative that I do not recall. Could that be restated?

Partitions of the hard drive are recommended by some. What are the considerations and recommendations for partitioning a hard drive of 500 GB?

BTW Time Machine saved me.

Lawrence replies...

Not sure what this means. The only thing I recall advocating was formatting the entire drive with zeros to check every sector, before putting anything on it.

The question is a bit vague, so it is hard to go beyond that. If he is running Time Machine, his machine doesn't need any partitions at all.

One really good reason is to create a bootable partition that has all of your Disk Diagnostic software loaded. This would allow you to boot your allow you to boot your computer and run diagnostics on your main "everyday" boot volume without needing to carry another drive or the DVD's around with you. It could save your bacon if you were away traveling and needed to do some repair work to get back to where you were before the problem started.

If you plan on loading Windows, DO NOT partition your drive. If Windows finds your drive already partitioned it will not load and you need to put it back to 1 Partition before you can proceed. At that point, the software choice that you have made to load Windows partition it as it is needed.

http://manuals.info.apple.com/en_US/Boot_Camp_Install-Setup.pdf

In order to partition your disk and install Windows using Boot Camp Assistant, the disk must be a single partition, formatted as a Mac OS X Extended (Journaled) volume. If you have already partitioned your disk using Disk Utility or some other utility, you cannot use Boot Camp Assistant until you restore your disk to a single-partition Mac OS X volume. Boot Camp Assistant works only with internal disks. You cannot use Boot Camp Assistant to partition and install Windows on an external disk.

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Notes for the meeting

Parking Changes okay?
Pi News is a go!
Next Clubhouse Sat - Next Sat

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Parking garage validation tickets available from Jay, Larry or Bob

$3.00 donation requested

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Calendar of Events

Sat, Aug 1st – **Clubhouse Saturday – Rockville**

Sat, Aug 8th – **Board of Directors meeting – Clubhouse**

Sat, Aug 8th – **Graphic Arts SIG – MBS in Gaithersburg**

Sat, Aug 15th – **Clubhouse Saturday – Rockville**

Sat, Aug 22nd – **August General Meeting – George Mason University**

Sat, Aug 29th – **Clubhouse Saturday – Rockville**

One More Thing!