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New User Meeting
Thursday Afternoon
Dec 5th
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Yearly Review

General Meeting
Dec 8th
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Potluck Party

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Franke Tobey
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The New User & General Meetings are TYPICALLY held at the Lakewood Public Library unless otherwise noted.

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Check the web-site for current locations

<http://www.nwaplpkrs.org/meetings>

Where's The Meeting?

December's meeting locations are back to the usual and accustomed venues.

New User Group meeting at the Lakewood Library on Thursday, December 5 from 1 to 3:30 pm. (May take a few minutes to set up after we get in the room at 1 pm.)



General Meeting is at the Lakewood Library on Sunday, December 8 from 3 to 4:45 pm. This is our **Annual Christmas Party**. (There may be an informal Board meeting during the set up between 2 and 3 pm.)

Mortvedt Session meets on Friday, December 13 from 10 am to Noon at Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Center.

Franke Tobey Jones meeting at the Wellness Center on Monday, December 16.

Word Wrap For Dec 2019

by Bob Moffat

As we descend into the dim, dreary days of December, preparing to dive to the darkest days of the year, it's worth noting that we have all sorts of ways to pierce the gloom with light.

Unlike my northern hemisphere ancestors who relied on bonfires in ice caves (or something) I have the luxury of flipping a switch to light my space, to illuminate my pathways and roads. I can bask in the glow of my LED or LCD lit displays while actually receiving meaningful information displayed upon them ("meaningful" is a relative term.) Here on Latitude 47 degrees North we bask

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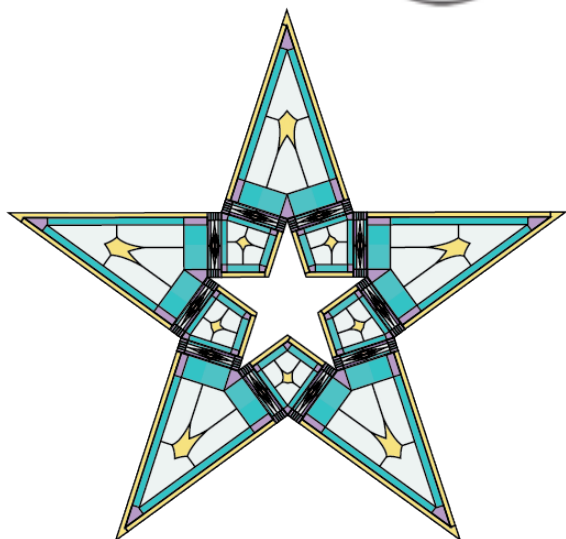
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Tacoma Area PC User Group

NWAP and TAPCUG, a PC user group, are two organizations working together to support the Macintosh and PC platforms in the Greater Tacoma/Pierce County area.

TAPCUG meets the second Saturday of each month. Send inquiries to:

309 Henly Ct. Steilacoom Wa 98388

www.tapcug.org

See our website for maps and driving directions all meetings:

www.nwapplpkrs.org

Red Chip

Buy your tickets, build the jackpot.

Nov starts at \$11.00

Word Wrap For Dec, 2019 by Bob Moffat

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in nearly sixteen hours of sunlight in mid-June and count about eight and a half hours at the Winter Solstice on December 21st.

Light has been our friend for countless generations. When the sun sets our sight is sorely tested. Starlight and moonlight are useful when not obscured by clouds, but you can't count on them every night. Sunlight, even on cloudy days, gives us the ability to navigate around our world. Once we learned how to make light, we extended our day.

The ancients credited Prometheus for the gift of fire to humanity. Granted, being able to stay warm, cook food, and make metal are monumental advances. But that firelight was a bonus of immeasurable comfort, too. Now our ancestors had time to sit and invent stories to tell. Now our language had the chance to become more finely tuned. Now our collective knowledge could be more clearly passed on to the next generation.

A wide range of festivities in December include light as a central feature. We festoon lights inside and outside of our homes. We hold public lighting ceremonies for community displays of Christmas trees and Menorahs. Our more personal and familial rituals include light as part of the celebration, too.

Casting light to drive back the darkness seems like a very good plan as the days grow shorter and dimmer. In fact, it is a metaphor for a lot of gloom and doom that civilization can create. Those known demons and beasts that lurk out there in the dark are pretty scary and the *unknown* forces could be even worse! We rely on the lanterns, flashlights, yard lights, headlights, back-up lights, reading lights, street lights, porch lights, spotlights, and houselights to illuminate our lives. It's easier to deal with the unknown, the unfamiliar if it is clearly visible.

This December 2019 seems to be filled with issues that are lurking out there in the dark beyond the zone of light. No matter how high we lift our lanterns it is difficult to see the details and understand what actions or reactions are appropriate. Perhaps this is nothing new, just a continuation of the struggle between good and evil, hide and seek, light and dark.

December 2019 offers the same great hope for us all that we seek every year. We celebrate religious holidays that reaffirm our faith in the light that shines from within. We spend time reconnecting with friends and family as we prepare to reinforce the bonds we share.

May we rediscover the joy and wonder this season that our distant relatives must have felt that moment when they gathered around a flame that drove away the darkness.

Have a warm and wonderful holiday season.

Celebrate the real.

Elevate the positive.

Promote kindness.

Create civility.

Happy Hanukkah.

Merry Christmas.

Happy New Year.

Lights on!



Stump The Band

We began our tour of the systems in January. iOS 12 for the iPhone and iPad and macOS 14 Mojave for our Macs. In the course of the year we also got a chance to include some AppleTV and other topics. It's December and that means it's time to review and exam what we've learned even as we begin to move ahead to the next upgrades which are already on some of our devices.

This year we are going to expand our review to include topics that may apply to older versions of the OS and more elderly models of equipment that may be unable to move to the newest releases.



So this is the challenge: Think up a couple of questions about your systems or equipment that you need answered and bring them to our meeting.

Hopefully, this will not stump the poor saps running the meeting. We hope that it will be the chance for all those attending to share their experience, expertise, and clever computing knowledge to solve the problems.

January 2020 will begin the next annual cycle of reviewing the operating systems tips and tricks in our New User groups as well as a chance to learn about software and other demos during the General Meetings.

Membership Report For

Nov 2019

By Francette Beeler

As Of /11/23/2019

Active Memberships: 33

Recently renewed memberships:

Oct: Herman Diers, Bob Moffat

Nov: Liz Webster, Bob Webster, Louis Torre,

Memberships Needing Renewal:

Due in Nov: Doug Dahlgren Patricia Gwin John Meredith

Due in Jan: Francette Beeler Jim Beeler

Meeting Report for past 30 days

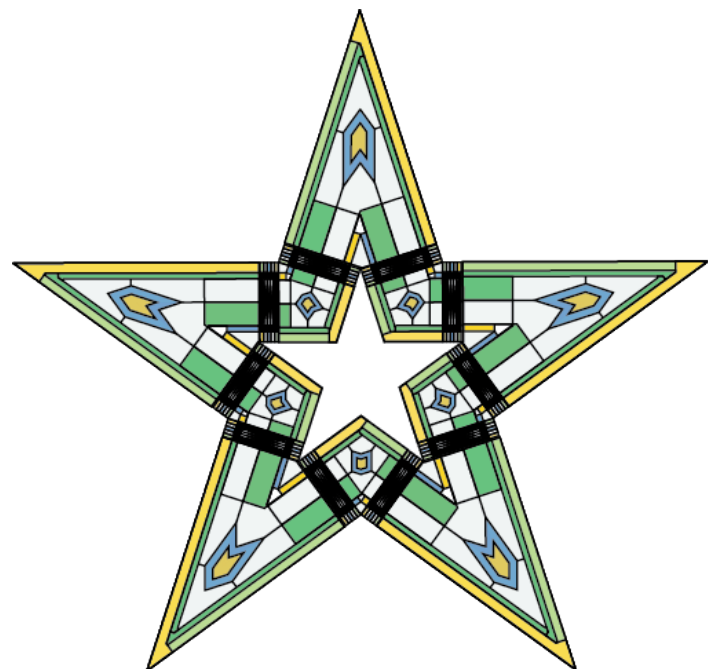
New User Group on 2019-11-07 had 9 members attend.

Mortvedt Center: on 2019-11-08 had 8 members attend.

Board Meeting on 2019-11-10 had 3 members attend.

General Meeting on 2019-11-10 had 10 members attend. **Visitor(s):** George Cash:

Franke Tobey Jones on 2019-11-18 had 11 members attend. **Visitor(s):** Eric Swenson



Links to Interesting articles on the Internet ~ Dec 2019

Courtesy Of Uncle Bob

Security and Safety considerations:

Security changes and improvements in macOS Catalina:

<https://blog.macsales.com/55608-how-macos-catalina-improves-mac-security/>

VPN information:

<https://www.macworld.com/article/3447399/kaspersky-internet-security-2020-top-notch-security-at-a-good-price.html>

Setting up your Hotspot:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJjAADeVlaE>

Comparison tests of Antivirus software:

<https://www.macworld.com/article/3263722/best-antivirus-for-mac.html>

Apple's repair program answers reply to Congressional questions:

<https://appleinsider.com/articles/19/11/20/apple-says-repairs-cost-more-than-they-earn-in-charges>

Software and System updates coming on a device near you:

What happened to iTunes components in the latest OS13 and macOS.15 updates?

<https://www.macworld.com/article/3452519/macos-catalina-how-to-make-your-iphone-and-ipad-appear-on-the-desktop.html>

What are streaming devices and why should I care?

<https://www.techhive.com/article/3187462/best-media-streaming-device.html>

Reminder about using some Mac keyboard combo startup modes:

<https://www.techhive.com/article/3187462/best-media-streaming-device.html>

Consider the Apple Pencil and apps that support it:

<https://ericasadun.com/2019/11/15/apple-pencil-too-much-information/>

Some more Adobe apps are coming to the iPad:

<https://9to5mac.com/2019/11/05/photoshop-illustrator-fresco-feedback/>

<https://www.imore.com/photoshop-ipad-review>

BEdit has been upgraded for Catalina:

<https://www.macworld.com/article/3452002/bbedit-13-review-a-lucky-number-indeed-for-revered-macos-text-editor.html>

Using the Mac Look Up tools for quick details:

<https://www.idownloadblog.com/2019/11/20/mac-look-up-reference-tool/>

New User Report

By Bob Moffat

Our afternoon meeting in October reviewed some of the preparations needed to upgrade to the newly-released versions of Operating Systems for our Macs and iDevices. Then we delved into the reasons to use a VPN (Virtual Private Network) on public Wi-Fi and a demonstration on how it works.

We will continue the afternoon meeting schedule in December at the Lakewood Library where we will hold our semi-annual review of lessons learned. It's Stump The Band time, so bring your best questions to challenge us all. We will attempt to find the answer for those pesky issues dogging you for past and present models and systems.

Please join us on **Thursday, December 5th, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.** at the **Lakewood Library**.

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Mortvedt Session

By Bob Moffat

We meet the **second Friday** each month at the Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Community's Mortvedt Recreation Center. Meetings are open to everyone, whether or not they live at TLRC. Coaches from NorthWest Apple Pickers are available to answer questions – about Macs, iPads, and iPhones – for novice and veteran users. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own Macs, iPhones, and iPads if they wish to work on issues with their own machines.

Join us on **Friday, December 13th, from 10 a.m. to Noon.**

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Tacoma 98406**

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General Meeting

By Bob Moffat

We held a lively session in November reviewing various features about media and what we need to know when deciphering the claims of manufacturers or services about size, density, quality, or resolution.

And here we are ready for December 2019! It is time for our annual Potluck Party where folks bring some goodies to share and we have a great time visiting and preparing for our Bring One to Get One gift exchange. This meeting is a great opportunity to spend some quality time enjoying a good visit with great companions. Here's a chance to bring a visitor who might just get interested enough to join the club, too!

Please join us on **Sunday, December 8th, from 3 to 4:45 p.m.** at the **Lakewood Library**.

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Franke Tobey Jones Apple Device Workshop

Our coaches meet the **third Monday** each month at Franke Tobey Jones to help residents and guests in the Wellness Center, offering one-on-one coaching for iPads, iPhones, and Mac computers. Folks are encouraged to bring their own devices. This is a chance to ask questions and get some answers about how to figure out these devices that connect us to the rest of the world.

Join us on **Monday, December 16th, at 2 p.m**

**Franke Tobey Jones Wellness Center
5340 North Bristol Street
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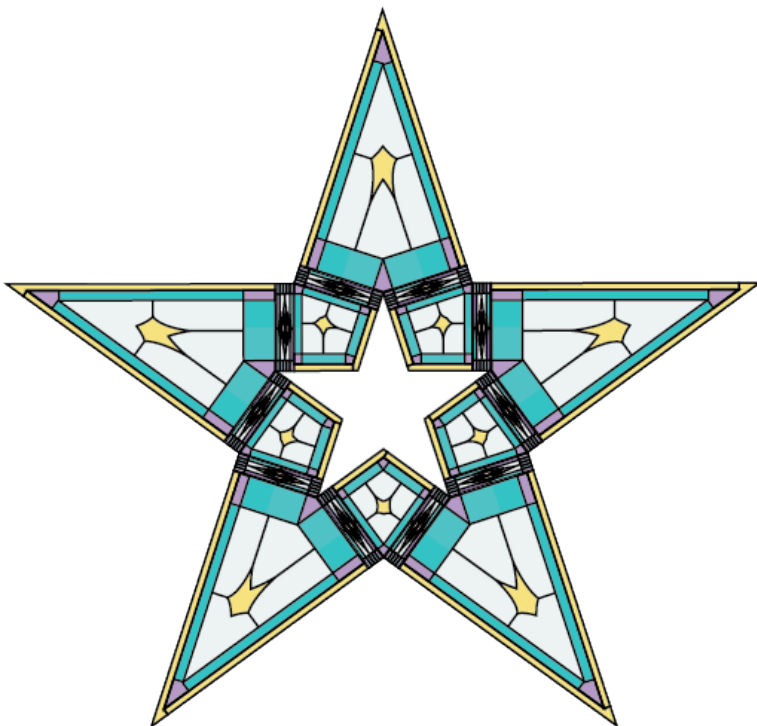
Christmas Potluck

Holiday time is fast approaching and it is once again time for our famous potluck get together. Members are asked to bring some delicious nibbles to share. The club will furnish utensils, paper plates, ice, and soft drinks.



We again will institute our hilarious Bring-One-to-Get-One gift exchange. Those wishing to participate bring a wrapped gift and get a number. Gifts are chosen and unwrapped one at a time for all to see. If the person with the next number called prefers to "take" an already opened item, the one whose gift was just taken gets to choose a new unwrapped package.

The meeting is an opportunity to enjoy the company of our club's members and guests. This is a fine chance to visit and a great chance to bring guests to see what a great group of folks choose to belong to NorthWest Apple Pickers.



December 2019

January 2020

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