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New User Meeting
Thursday Afternoon Jan 2nd
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
New Systems ? Learn To Love Them

General Meeting
Jan 12th
3:00 - 4:45 p.m.
Exchanging Stuff Mac ~ iPhone ~ iPad

<u>Mortvedt</u> Ctr & <u>Franke Tobey Jones, See Page 6</u>

The New User & General Meetings are <u>TYPICALLY</u> held at the Lakewood Public Library unless otherwise noted.
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Check the website for current locations
http://www.nwapplpkrs.org/meetings

Where's The Meeting?

The **New User Group** will meet at the Lakewood Library from 1:15 - 3:30 p.m. on January 2nd.

The **Mortvedt Session** will convene from 10:00 a.m. to Noon on January 10th.

The General Meeting is scheduled at the Lakewood Library from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. (The Board meeting will meet beforehand at 2:15 p.m.)

Our **Franke Tobey Jones** meeting is scheduled a 2:00 p.m. on MLKing Day: we will meet at the Bistro Cafe this month, just inside the entrance to the Wellness Center.

Library room reservations have been confirmed for the following afternoon meetings.
February 6th ~ New User Meeting and
February 9th ~ General Meeting

Word Wrap For Jan 2020
by Bob Moffat

We begin 2020 with high hopes for a year filled with peace, civility, and positivity. It is a challenge to let go of some of the left overs from the year that just ended. In fact, some of those items will be percolating throughout the coming months, if not reverberating loudly.

For one thing, we'll be immersed in a Presidential election campaign in 2020. As contentious and distracting as the months ahead appear, they probably are par for the course: in 1920 the country was reacting to the aftermath of the World War and chose to look inward, and electing Harding and Coolidge. (And without

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NorthWest Apple Pickers

NWAP is an Apple Macintosh User Group which meets the second Sunday of the Month. Annual Dues are $40 for an individual or a family. Send inquiries to P.O. Box 98203, Lakewood WA 98496
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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:
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<www.tapcug.org>

See our website for maps and driving directions all meetings:

<www.nwapplpkrs.org>

Red Chip

Buy your tickets, build the jackpot.
Jan starts at $ 21.50

Word Wrap For Jan, 2020 by Bob Moffat

the benefit of booze, since Prohibition began in January.) Perhaps not quite so turbulent, the 1820 campaign posed no candidate to oppose the re-election of James Madison and his VP, Daniel D. Tompkins.

An issue that will not go away (nor will it be resolved) is climate change. No matter what is causing it, the trend is clearly not comforting. There are just a whole lot of people on the planet scurrying after shrinking resources. We have managed to increase agricultural production in the last century. Will we be able to continue to pace to expand to meet demand? Are other needs going to go unanswered? Can we find the ways to harness science and technology quickly enough to keep our heads above water?

For those of us who have been around the block a few times, contrasting some of the "good" old times with present days is a nostalgic exercise that offers a smile or two. Current generations are unlikely to find our reminiscences as entertaining or instructive as we do. The price of gas in 1950 or cost of a new house in 1975 may look like a bargain...when you figure inflation into the mix mostly it turns out that today's prices are not dramatically out of line. $1,900 would pay for a new Volkswagen in 1960, with change. Today's entry level VW requires about $20,000. Of course, the media wage in 1960 was about $5,000 and today is reported be in the vicinity of $60,000 and going north.

By the end of 2020 we undoubtedly will find fewer swaths of land in our area that are cultivated for crops or manage forest areas. Commercial development and production of houses, apartments, warehouses, and office space has changed our landscape/cityscape. The number of folks who share our space has grown phenomenally. There are six times as many humans sharing our county now as there were when President Harding was running for election in 1920.

Here we are looking at where we have come from and trying to guess where we are going to wind up. Technology is going to push the envelope just as it has transformed the worldwide culture over the past two decades. Personal computers, smartphones, and Internet connectivity are items we can touch. They represent the tip of the iceberg in the way science and industry are using them and the tools they make possible to change our economies, health care, communications, education, safety, and security. — and at the same time enabling the destructive use of these same forces to do no good.

Could you have forecast the current state of our planet at the beginning of 2010? Our Macs were running 10.6 Snow Leopard and iPhones were using iOS 3. The iPod had been around for 9 years as had Google Earth. The first iPad was just about to be announced. Did you predict the Internet of Things or plan for e-tail commerce? Did anyone expect the massive security breaches that plagued our personal accounts and our National elections in this decade?

My head aches when I try to think ahead to what questions we'll be asking in 12 months. I cannot begin to imagine how many things we be forever changed by then.

High hopes, indeed. Peace. Civility. Positivity. Who is writing the code for these and designing the chips that will deliver them? Fasten your seatbelts!

May 2020 exceed your expectations in a pleasant way.

What's Up for 2020?

As usual, we begin a New Year with a lot of planning to do for meeting topics. This year will be the 35th year NorthWest Apple Pickers has been around. When it was founded most members had Apple][s and the Macintosh was a new and amazing departure from the dozens of computers and systems on the market.
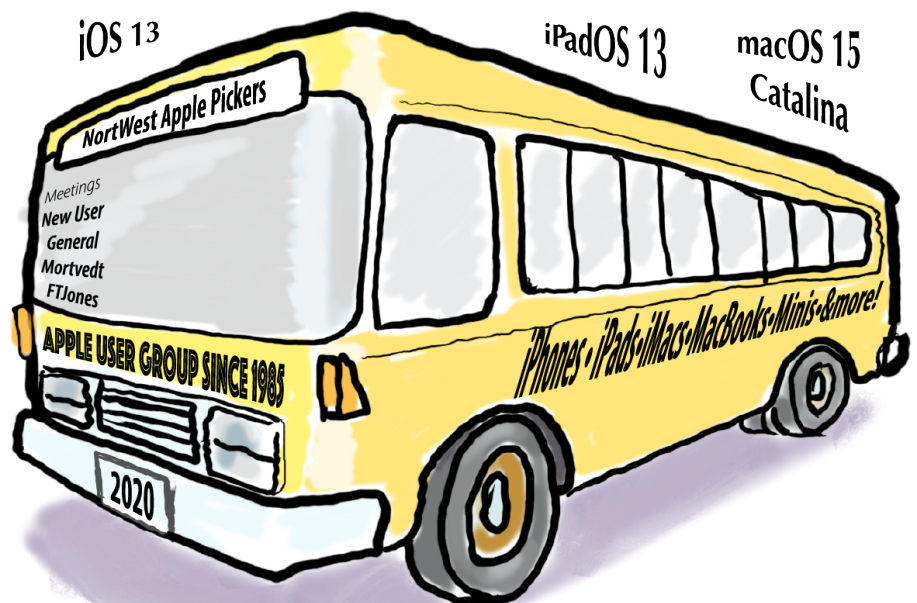
The array of equipment produced by Apple today covers a wide spectrum. Our members in 2020 are using iPhones, iPads, iPods, iMacs, MacBookPros, Mac Minis, Apple Watches, AirPods, HomePods, AppleTVs, and running a variety of software from Apple and 3rd Party Developers.

Where do we begin to figure out what programs to present at our New User and General Meetings?

Well, the first step is letting us know what systems and hardware members are using, and what software and services they want to know about. The next step is to bring your ideas to the New User Group on January 2nd so we can build a list of topics we need to research and present.

What system(s) are your devices using?

What devices do you use?

What software do you use...and what would you like to learn about using it more efficiently?

What features and gimmicks installed on your hardware would you like to understand and learn more about?

What issues about security and safety do you want to learn?

How can NWAP make sure you want to keep attending meetings and even recommend our meetings to friends?

OK! You can see that we have a lot to talk about as we figure out our meetings for 2020. Be there.

Links to Interesting articles on the Internet ~ Jan 2020
Courtesy Of Uncle Bob

Info about Catalina

Managing Catalina's replacements for iTunes Libraries:

https://blog.macsales.com/55671-move-or-manage-the-music-apple-tv-and-podcasts-libraries/

Using Voice Control in Catalina:

https://blog.macsales.com/54299-catalina-quick-tip-how-to-use-voice-control/

Some security improvements in Catalina:

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

https://blog.macsales.com/51134-10-non-intrusive-security-changes-in-macos-catalina/

What's the difference in the ways to Save a document?

https://www.macworld.com/article/3489780/what-s-the-difference-between-save-save-as-and-duplicate-in-macos-apps.html

Info about iPhones and iPads:

iPhone keyboard tips and tricks:

https://blog.macsales.com/55949-make-your-iphone-keyboard-work-for-you/

Access the magnifying glass on your iPhone:

https://www.macobserver.com/tips/quick-tip/use-ios-magnifying-glass/

Ways to manage what is on your iPad home screen:

https://www.applemust.com/how-to-make-your-ipad-home-screen-a-productivity-powerhouse/

Open multiple apps in Split View in iPadOS:

https://www.appleworld.today/blog/2019/12/6/how-to-open-multiple-apps-in-split-view-in-ipados

So what's the deal with 5G phones?

https://www.macworld.com/article/3406470/5g-faq-iphone.html

And so forth:

Kids are smarter about Alexa than you might expect:

https://www.technologyreview.com/s/614863/why-kids-dont-trust-alexa/

Built-in software features from Apple that Dan Moren is thankful for:

https://www.macworld.com/article/3481664/apple-software-features-to-be-thankful-for.html

Turn it off or put it to sleep? What's the answer…

https://blog.macsales.com/47473-tech-tip-should-you-shut-down-your-mac-or-let-it-sleep/

New User Report
By Bob Moffat

Our afternoon meeting in December was a chance to look at some of the topics we've covered throughout the year as well as a demo of our new Notes sharing and Reader View in Safari.

We meet the day after New Years to begin a new annual tour of the Apple Universe. We will be spending time sorting through the topics we want to review in the months ahead and deciding how to provide our members with the most useful info needed to make the best use of the electronic wonders that sit on our desks, loll around in our pockets and purses, follow us in our backpacks, perch on our persons, or listen for us from room to room.

Please join us for our next <u>afternoon</u> meeting on **Thursday, January 2nd, from 1:15 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, January 10th, *from* **10 a.m. to Noon**.
Mortvedt Recreation Center
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Tacoma 98406

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General Meeting
By Bob Moffat

Our annual Holiday Party was a delicious and delightful event, as always. Good friends, good food, and good fun.

We begin our New Year with a look at further look at ways to share and collaborate...we plan to demo AirDrop, iMessage, and Sharing in Notes. Many of use are using iDevices as well as Macs, and this will help expand the ability to synchronize files and info on all our devices as well as work on ways to communicate with our own and other's devices. A good review on the power we have at the tips of our fingers these days.

Please join us on **Sunday, January 12th,** 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, January 20th at 2 p.m**

Franke Tobey Jones Bistro Cafe
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Tacoma 98407
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Board Meeting

Members of the Board held an informal meeting on Sunday, December 12th as we prepared for the annual Christmas Party. The Treasurer reported that our finances were still in the black. A survey of members to confirm hardware and software was approved for distribution at the Party. A get-well card for Dick Lynch was circulated for signatures. The change to afternoon meeting hours for the New User Group seems to be popular and will continue.

A formal meeting will be scheduled for January 12th.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Moffat.

Membership Report For Dec 2019
By Francette Beeler
As Of /12/17/2019

Active Memberships: 33

Recently renewed memberships:

Nov: Liz Webster, Bob Webster, Louis Torre,
Dec: Patricia Gwin
Memberships Needing Renewal:
Due in Nov: Doug Dahlgren, John Meredith

Due in Jan: Francette Beeler Jim Beeler, Connie Decker, Fredrick Schmidt, Ruth Currah

Meeting Report for past 30 days

New User Group on 2019-12-05 had 15 members attend.

Board Meeting on 2019-12-08 had 4 members attend.

General Meeting on 2019-12-08 had 18 members attend.

Mortvedt Center on 2019-12-13 had 6 members attend.

Franke Tobey Jones on 2019-12-16 had 7 members attend. **Visitor(s):**Pat O'Flatety: Tom Reeder: Ellen Floyd: Eric Swenson:

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec 29	*Dec 30*	*Dec 31* New Year's Eve	**JAN 1, 2020** New Year's Day	2 New User Group **1-3 pm** Lakewood Lib	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Mortvedt Session 10 - noon Mortvedt Rec	11 TAPCUG 9:30 am Lakewood Senior Ctr
12 Board Mtg 2:15 pm General Mtg 3 pm Lakewood Lib	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	**20** *M.L.King Day* Franke Tobey Jones 2 pm Bistro Cafe	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	*Feb 1*

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan 26	27	28	29	30	30	1
2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6 New User Group 1:15 pm Lakewood Lib	7	8 TAPCUG 9:30 am Lakewood Senior Ctr
9 Board Mtg 2:15 pm General Mtg 3 pm Lakewood Lib	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day Mortvedt Session 10 - noon Mortvedt Rec	15
16	17 President's Day Franke Tobey Jones 2 pm Bistro Cafe	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Ash Wednesday	27	28	29

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