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New User Meeting
Thursday Afternoon
Feb 6th
1:15 - 3:30 p.m.
Q & A, Program Planning

General Meeting
Feb 9th
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Exchanging Stuff
Mac ~ iPhone ~ iPad

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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 website for current locations

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

Where's The Meeting?

Our February Leap Year meetings will follow the usual pattern, with our New User Group on Thursday, February 6th at the Lakewood Library from 1:15 to 3:30pm. The General Meeting will convene on Sunday, February 9th at the Library from 3 to 5pm.

We will be at the Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Community's Mortvedt Center on Friday, February 14th (Happy Valentine's Day!) from 10am to Noon. Our visit to the Franke Tobey Jones facility is scheduled for Monday, February 17th (Happy President's Day!) from 2pm—we will meet in the Bistro Cafe this month.

For planning purposes we have reservations at the Lakewood Library in March for the New User Meeting (1:15pm on the 5th) and the General Meeting (3:00pm on the 8th)—Mortvedt on March 13th and FTJones on March 16th.

Word Wrap For Feb 2020

by Bob Moffat

The Macintosh has been around for a long time. In January 1984 it was introduced to an already crowded field of personal computers from a wide variety of producers running a number of different operating systems. Some of the competing models offered more colorful screens (for games and text) compared to the monochrome Mac.

The difference was in the way the folks who used a Mac *interfaced* with the machine. There was this (clunky) thing called a mouse which controlled stuff on the screen to show menus, select items, and take actions. While others were using key-

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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
www.nwapplpkrs.org

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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
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See our website for maps and driving directions all meetings:

www.nwapplpkrs.org

Red Chip

Buy your tickets, build the jackpot.
Jan starts at \$ 25:00

Word Wrap For Feb, 2020 by Bob Moffat

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board arrows to navigate their displays, Mac users were discovering What You See Is What You Get (WYSIWYG).

When tinkerers began to assemble “computers” in the mid-1970s most of the Main Frame companies (and the industries that used their installations) discounted the idea of a small device offering any competition. But IBM actually created a desktop model in the early 1980s that began to establish some order in the chaotic (non-Apple) field.

Super Bowl XVIII came along as those PCs had begun to show up in the lives of average folks—a fancy word processor unit at work, that new-fangled cash register, or payroll records at the store.

And then, Apple ran that famous ad introducing the Macintosh.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zfqw8nh-UwA>

The Mac, an expensive and weirdly different take on the PC concept, took a while to make a dent in the market. Although the mouse had been around for a couple of years, it was an essential part of the Mac operation. That WYSIWYG interface improved the way users could get work done. Along with the computer, Apple offered a laser printer that could take what you created on the screen and duplicate it. Desktop Publishing had arrived. The printing industry’s future changed. Sophisticated graphics software that could use the the new navigation tools arrived and added momentum to the change.

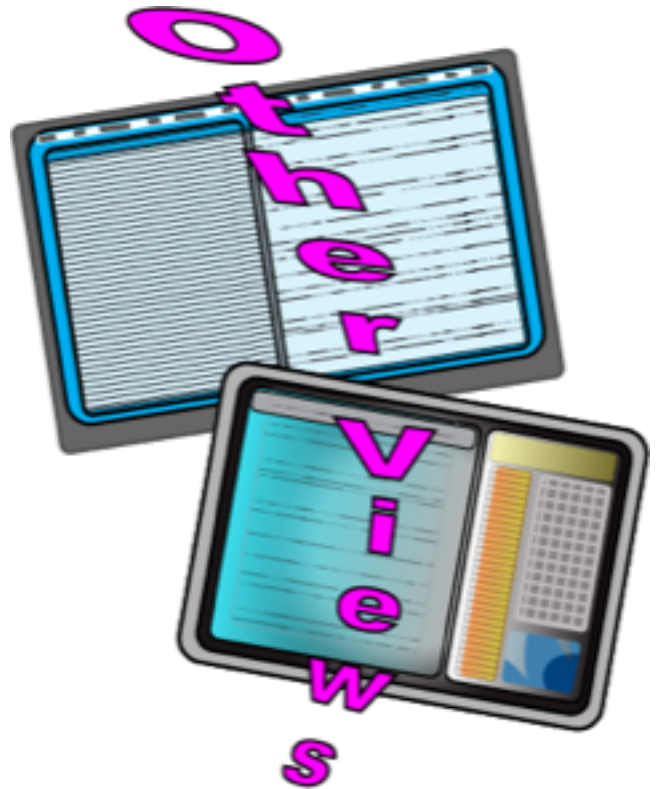
Personal computing is a huge field. The industry that produces electronic devices and creates the code that drives them is immense. The Main Frame guys are still vital to the larger functions of government and industry but the power has shifted. The Internet has championed the individual computer. The ability to control access to information that nations or institutions once held has been drastically reduced. Communication devices have extended connection to vast areas of the planet where none existed a few decades ago.

Handheld cellular phones were around when the Mac was introduced and expanded in the decade that followed. Electronics of all sorts was developing consumer products and services rapidly. Flat

screen technology and better batteries led to a huge increase in “smartphones.” In 2007, Apple introduced the iPhone, which combined some of the features we take for granted on our Macs with the ability to place voice calls.

When you view that 1984 ad you have to wonder how we arrived at 2020. There was no hint at the massive changes ahead in one decade, or two, or more. That kid that started the first grade the year the Mac showed up would be 42 years old today. The kid starting first grade the year the iPhone arrived would be 19. Each of them have taken for granted changes that absolutely astound those of us who started the first grade when airplanes had propellers and cameras needed film and flashbulbs.





Links to Interesting articles on the Internet ~ Feb 2020

Courtesy Of Uncle Bob

Some “Big” Picture items:

What a decade it’s been...

<https://www.9to5mac.com/2020/01/07/a-decade-in-apple/>

Anti-robocall is now the law:

<https://appleinsider.com/articles/19/12/31/anti-robocall-traced-legislation-is-now-the-law>

Thinking about being a cord cutter? There are apps for that:

<https://www.techhive.com/article/3510517/2019-cord-cutter-awards.html>

Smart speakers may be getting intelligenter and/or speaking gooder...

<https://www.techhive.com/article/3509580/alexa-siri-and-google-assistant-might-soon-all-speak-the-same-smart-home-language.html>

<https://www.theverge.com/2019/12/20/21031197/apple-homekit-smart-home-open-source-accessory-development-kit-adk-connected-home-over-ip>

iPhone and iPad items:

Tips to declutter your iPhone:

<https://www.9to5mac.com/2019/12/26/organize-declutter-iphone/>

Ever heard of the “Long Press” features on the iPhone and iPad?

<https://www.macrumors.com/guide/10-long-press-tips-safari-iphone-ipad/>

iOS13 Resource hub from Macworld—tips, tricks, guides, and more:

<https://www.macworld.com/article/3438905/ios-13-resource-hub-faqs-tips-guides-and-more.html>

Show your iPad or iPhone in your Mac’s Finder window sidebar:

<https://blog.macsales.com/56960-how-to-make-your-iphone-and-ipad-appear-in-the-macos-catalina-finder/>

Interesting macOS and miscellaneous items:

New Mac: things a New User might like to know:

<https://www.macworld.com/article/3018254/ten-things-to-do-with-your-new-mac.html>

Free apps? Show me the way...

<https://www.macworld.com/article/2990355/free-os-x-apps-every-mac-user-should-have.html#slide2>

Some new features in macOS Reminders:

<https://blog.macsales.com/57323-how-to-use-the-redesigned-reminders-app-in-macos-catalina/>

Safari zoom settings to improve your view:

<https://blog.macsales.com/56893-how-to-increase-or-decrease-the-zoom-level-in-macos-safari/>

Create a holiday Movie on your Mac using iMovie:

<https://blog.macsales.com/57052-creating-holiday-videos-with-imovie-on-a-mac/>

New User Report

By Bob Moffat

The New Year has begun and we are preparing to explore the current operating systems and applications that make our Macs, iPhones, iPads, and other Apple products work for us. We spent some time in January polling the members for suggestions on programs.

Our New User meeting this month will be a follow up for some of the hands-on topics we played with at the January General meeting: AirDrop, Messages, and Shared Notes. These features offer great ways to share and synchronize files. The tools for sharing between devices are more useful than ever these days.

Please join us for our next afternoon meeting on **Thursday, February 6th, 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, February 14th, 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 January session practiced sharing files between Macs, iPads, and iPhones using AirDrop. We also looked at extending the club's shared Notes files to members who are running Catalina via the collaboration features.

February will continue the theme, working on how to set up Messages, FaceTime, and other VOIP apps. We always take time to answer questions and discuss other topics that are currently affecting our favorite platform and there are plenty of developments in the Tech universe to discuss.

Please join us on **Sunday, February 9th, h** 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, February 17th at 2 p.m**

**Franke Tobey Jones Bistro Cafe
5340 North Bristol Street
Tacoma 98407**

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NWAP Board Meeting

January 12, 2020

Present: Judy Sloan, Bob Moffat, Jim Schaefer, Francette Beeler, Jim Beeler, Mary Fleck, Stewart Beels

The President, Judy Sloan, called the meeting to order

Reports:

Treasurer's report: The treasury has \$1187 in checking and \$1006 in savings. Red chip is \$21.50

It was decided to continue soliciting donations

Membership now stands at 33 active members

The use of dual monitors was shown that will be used for future meetings.

Survey of members choices of future meeting will be ongoing.

Attendance at Mortvedt and Franke Tobey Jones has been helpful to visitors and members.

So far the 1:00 pm New User meeting is working out well.

Reminder of the need to search for board member candidates for election in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm
Respectfully Submitted, Mary Fleck

Membership Report For

Dec 2019

By **Francette Beeler**

As Of /01/22/2020

Active Memberships: 33

Recently renewed memberships:

Jan: Francette & Jim Beeler, Connie Decker

Memberships Needing Renewal:

Due in Jan: Fredrick Schmidt, Ruth Currah, John Meredith

Due in Feb: John R. Walters Lee Peden Evonne Agnello

Due in Mar: Loretta Chamberland Helen & Jack Ellingson, Doug McDonald

Meeting Report for past 30 days

New User Group on 2020-01-02 had 9 members attend.

Mortvedt Center on 2020-01-10 had 8 members attend. **Visitor(s):**Sherry Maiura:

Board Meeting on 2020-01-12 had 6 members attend.

General Meeting on 2020-01-12 had 13 members attend.

Franke Tobey Jones on 2020-01-20 had 7 members attend. **Visitor(s):**Lynn Brown: Yvonne Zubalik: Paula Foreman: Bruce Foreman: Nancy Williams

February 2020

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
Jan 26	27	28	29	30	30	1	1	2	3	4	5	New User Group 1:15 pm Lakewood Lib	6	7
2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	New User Group 1:15 pm Lakewood Lib	7	8	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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