



Scug News

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Newsletter of the Sandwich Computer Users Group

www.scug.org

Last Month

Last month's program was a video from APCUG about social media. The title was "Social Media for the Non-Tweeter" by Pam Holland, President of TechMoxie.

December Program ~ Christmas Party

Please note Date & Time change! The December meeting will be our annual SCUG Christmas Party. The date of the party has been changed to the second Thursday of the month (December 14th). Setup starts at 5pm and we will eat at 6pm. Please plan on coming early or staying late to help setup or tear down. We will provide meat, drinks and table service. Please bring a dish to pass that will feed 8 to 12 people. If you would like to participate in the gift draw, please bring a gift with a value of \$10 with no white elephants. The gift should be gender neutral and wrapped accordingly.

SCUG has members with various levels of computer experience and believes in members helping members. As novice members learn from more experienced users, they in turn can share the knowledge they've learned. At each meeting, there is a question and answer session and club members enjoy great fellowship as they share ideas and offer solutions to common computer problems. For more information visit www.SCUG.org or contact any club member. We meet at the Federated Church in Sandwich 403 N. Main Street.

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December Birthdays

12/5 Jerry Leonard
12/10 Raymond Uzumeki
12/26 Sherry Gartner

12/8 Debbi Kell
12/21 Louise Erbrederis
12/28 Arlene Niemann

January Birthdays

1/14 Bob Olson
1/15 Cindy Kaminky
1/19 Jan Way

1/15 JoAnn Harkins
1/15 Dottie Olson
1/27 Myrna Skopek

Favorite Sites

German vs Italian technology

<https://tinyurl.com/ybc92ec3>

Take a tour of new One World Observatory
Cool tech attractions include elevators that boast a virtual time-lapse of the New York City skyline and interactive tools that help visitors explore and learn about the city.

<https://tinyurl.com/htblzob>

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Christmas Party

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Food Signup

The following is a list of who has signed up to bring what:

The Dykstras	Apple Cranberry Casserole / Dessert
Arlen Niemann	Salad
Louise Dieden	Hot Dish / maybe
Henry Black	Ravioli
Lorraine Hacker	Salad / Iced Tea
Jerry Grommes	Mac & Cheese
Joan McEachern	?
Louise Erbrederis	?

To limit duplications, contact Debbie Olson if you don't know what to bring. Debob7@aol.com.

Gift Exchange

If you would like to participate in our Christmas Party gift exchange, please bring a gift valued at or about \$10. Please make the gift something you yourself would like to receive. No white elephants. The gift should be gender neutral and wrapped accordingly.

Names will be drawn to determine who chooses a gift first. As a gift is picked from the gift table, it will be unwrapped right at the table and held up for everyone to see. Each gift can be stolen a total of two times and no gift hoarding allowed.

Elections

As the Election committee chairman, I am asking that the membership at large be my committee and assist me in putting together a slate of officers for our December Election. (Hard to believe two years have passed already.) Officers shall assume duties and serve a two-year term starting January 1 of even-numbered years.

In order to hold an office or to vote in the December one has to be a **Member in Good Standing** so if you are not up to date on your dues, now would be a good time to do so. Also, we expect officers have a good meeting attendance record.

Please consider running (or nominating someone) for an office and help guide SCUG into the future. Elected positions are as follows:

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Board Member at Large
Sergeant at Arms

Their Duties as listed in our Constitution are as follows:

The President

shall be the administrative head of the organization; shall preside at all meetings; shall enforce the laws and regulations relating to the administration of the organization; shall in the absence of the Secretary, appoint an acting Secretary; shall in the absence of the Treasurer, sign checks as deemed necessary; shall appoint other committees as deemed necessary; shall call meetings of the Board as needed.

The First Vice-President

shall serve as an assistant administrative officer serving the needs of all Computer users, subject to the duties assigned by the President; shall in the absence of the President, have all the powers of the President; shall in the

vacancy in the Presidency, serve as President to fill the remainder of the term.

The Second Vice-President

shall serve as an assistant administrative officer serving the needs of all Computer users, subject to the duties assigned by the President.

The Secretary

shall record the minutes of all meetings of the organization and the Board, and distribute them to the Board of Directors; shall handle such correspondence of the organization as requested by the President; shall maintain the files of the organization.

The Treasurer

shall receive all monies due the organization; shall make all disbursements by check; shall report the condition of the treasury at each meeting of the Board; shall assist the officers of the organization in the preparation of an annual budget and the Internal Revenue Service Report

Board Member at Large

shall be the liaison between the board and the membership.

Sergeant at Arms

shall be responsible for maintaining order at the general meetings.

Jerry Grommes
Election Chairman

Humor from the Net

An old cowboy walks into a barbershop in Red Lodge, Montana for a shave and a haircut. He tells the barber he can't get all his whiskers off because his cheeks are wrinkled from age.

The barber gets a little wooden ball from a cup on the shelf and tells the old cowboy to put it inside his cheek to spread out the skin.

When he's finished, the old cowboy tells the barber that was the cleanest shave he'd had in years, but he wanted to know what would have happened if he had accidentally swallowed the little ball.

The barber replied, "Just bring it back in a couple of days like everyone else does".

Retirement alternatives

You can retire to Phoenix, Arizona where

1. You are willing to park three blocks away from your house because you found shade.
2. You've experienced condensation on your butt from the hot water in the toilet bowl.

3. You can drive for four hours in one direction and never leave town
4. You have over 100 recipes for Mexican food.
5. You know that "dry heat" is comparable to what hits you in the face when you open your oven door at 500 degrees.
6. The four seasons are: tolerable, hot, really hot, and ARE YOU KIDDING ME?

OR:

You can retire to California where...

1. You can make over \$450,000/yr and you still can't afford to buy a house.
2. The fastest part of your commute is going down your driveway
3. You know how to eat an artichoke.
4. When someone asks you how far something is, you tell them how long it will take to get there rather than how many miles away it is.
5. The four seasons are: Fire, Flood, Mud and Drought.

OR:

You can retire to New York City where...

1. You say, "the city" and expect everyone to know you mean Manhattan.
2. You can get into a four-hour argument about how to get from Columbus Circle to Battery Park, but can't find Wisconsin on a map.
3. You think Central Park is "nature."
4. You believe that being able to swear at people in their own language makes you multilingual.
5. You've worn out a car horn. (IF you have a car.)
6. You think eye contact is an act of aggression

OR:

You can retire to Wisconsin where...

1. You only have three spices: salt, pepper and ketchup.
2. Halloween costumes have to fit over parkas.
3. You have seventeen recipes for casserole.
4. Sexy lingerie is anything flannel with less than eight buttons.
5. The four seasons are: almost winter, winter, still winter, and road repair.
6. The highest level of criticism is "He is different," "She is different," or "It was different!"

OR:

You can retire to The Deep South where...

1. You can rent a movie and buy bait in the same store.
2. "Y'all" is singular and "all y'all" is plural.
3. "He needed killin'" is a valid defense.
4. Everyone has two first names: Billy Bob, Jimmy Bob, Joe Bob, Betty Jean, etc.
5. Everything is either: "in yonder," "over yonder" or "out yonder."
6. You can say anything about anyone, as long as you say, "Bless his heart" at the end!

OR:

You can move to Colorado where...

1. You carry your \$3,000 mountain bike atop your \$500 car.
2. You tell your husband to pick up Granola on his way home, so he stops at the day care center.
3. A pass does not involve a football or dating.
4. The top of your head is bald, but you still have a pony tail.

OR:

You can retire to Nebraska or Kansas where...

1. You never meet any celebrities, but the mayor knows your name.
2. Your idea of a traffic jam is three cars waiting to pass a tractor.
3. You have had to switch from "heat" to "A/C" on the same day.
4. You end sentences with a preposition; "Where's my coat at?"

OR:

FINALLY, You can retire to Florida where...

1. You eat dinner at 3:15 in the afternoon
2. All purchases include a coupon of some kind - even houses and cars.
3. Everyone can recommend an excellent cardiologist, dermatologist, proctologist, podiatrist, or orthopedist.
4. Road construction never ends anywhere in the state.
5. Cars in front of you often appear to be driven by headless people.

In California Unleaded gas went to \$4.00 a gallon last Thursday.

Sister Mary Ann, who worked for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting homebound patients when she ran out of gas. Fortunately, an Exxon station was just a block away. She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas.

The attendant told her that the only gas can he owned had been loaned out, but she could wait until it was returned. Since Sister Mary Ann was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait, and walked back to her car.

She looked for something in her car that she could fill with gas, and spotted the bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, Sister Mary Ann carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with gasoline, and carried the full bedpan back to her car.

As she was pouring the gas into her tank, two ladies watched from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said, 'If it starts, I'm turning Catholic.'

Original 1972 Blue Box

The Henry Ford Acquires Original 1972 Blue Box, First Joint Business Venture Between Steve Wozniak and Steve Jobs

The Henry Ford announced today the new acquisition of a 1972 Blue Box, designed and built by Steve Wozniak and marketed for sale by Steve Jobs.

Dearborn, Mich (PRWEB) December 08, 2017

The Henry Ford announced today the new acquisition of a 1972 Blue Box, designed and built by Steve Wozniak and marketed for sale by Steve Jobs. Created to make free illegal phone calls for pranking, Blue Boxes were the first joint business venture between the two innovators, three years before the founding of Apple Computer Inc. in 1976. The new acquisition joins The Henry Ford's collection, which also includes an original 1976 Apple I Computer. The Blue Box was purchased at Bonhams' History of Science and Technology Sale.

"The Blue Box, an early invention of Steve Wozniak and Steve Jobs gives us insight into two innovators who went on to change the world," said Patricia Mooradian, president and CEO of The Henry Ford. "At the time when this device was created, they were just young adults who had an unbridled passion for learning how things worked, and making things for their own use. This artifact speaks to ingenuity, curiosity and resourcefulness and fits perfectly within The Henry Ford's Archive of American Innovation."

Blue Boxes would artificially support the voltage of a phone line, suppressing the telephone billing activator and allowing its user free incoming calls. These devices became popular amongst "phone phreakers", a group interested in experimenting and learning how the phone system worked. Wozniak and Jobs first bonded over their mutual interest in pranking and electronics, and in the early 70s explored creating their own version of the device. They were soon selling the blue boxes in the San Francisco and Los Angeles area. Wozniak, who built the boxes himself, believes that no more than 40 boxes were built, while Jobs once stated that they made 100 total.

"The Blue Box played an essential role in the growth of hacker culture, electronics, information exchange. It was the foundational building block that led to Apple Computer Inc," said Kristen Gallerneaux, curator of communications and information technology at The Henry Ford. "It's an artifact that speaks not only to how one of the most innovative American companies came to fruition, but it also documents the 1970s-era "phone phreaker" as a cultural force—or even as cultural hero. These sophisticated pranksters tested and broke down the boundaries of technological systems."

The Blue Box acquired was once owned by David Claxton, brother to Bill Claxton who helped Wozniak assemble the boxes and distribute them in 1972. By 1973, the FBI began to pay close attention to the tricks of the "phreakers" and hackers and began to confiscate the boxes. Because of this, as well as the illegal nature of the devices, not many have survived. While other museums own blue boxes, this is the first known box to be included in a public auction.

About The Henry Ford

The Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan is an internationally-recognized history destination that explores the American experience of innovation, resourcefulness and ingenuity that helped shape America. A national historic landmark with an unparalleled Archive of American Innovation, The Henry Ford is a force for sparking curiosity and inspiring tomorrow's innovators. Nearly 1.8 million visitors annually experience its five attractions: Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation, Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour, Benson Ford Research Center and The Henry Ford Giant Screen Experience. A continually expanding array of content available online provides anytime, anywhere access. The Henry Ford is also home to Henry Ford Academy, a public charter high school which educates over 500 students a year on the institution's campus. In 2014, The Henry Ford premiered its first-ever national television series, The Henry Ford's Innovation Nation, showcasing present-day change-makers and The Henry Ford's artifacts and unique visitor experiences. Hosted by news correspondent and humorist, Mo Rocca, this Emmy®-winning weekly half-hour show airs Saturday mornings on CBS. For more information please visit our website thehenryford.org.

From the Net

1. Your shoes are the first thing people subconsciously notice about you. Wear nice shoes.
2. If you sit for more than 11 hours a day, there's a 50% chance you'll die within the next 5 years.
3. There are at least 6 people in the world who look exactly like you. There's a 9% chance that you'll meet one of them in your lifetime.
4. Sleeping without a pillow reduces back pain and keeps your spine stronger.
5. A person's height is determined by their father, and their weight is determined by their mother.
6. If a part of your body "falls asleep", You can almost always "wake it up" by shaking your head.
7. There are three things the human brain cannot resist noticing, food, attractive people and danger.
8. Right-handed people tend to chew food on their right side.
9. Putting dry tea bags in gym bags or smelly shoes will absorb the unpleasant odor.
10. According to Albert Einstein, if honey bees were to disappear from earth, humans would be dead within 4 years.
11. There are so many kinds of apples, that if you ate a new one every day, it would take over 20 years to try them all.
12. You can survive without eating for weeks, but you will only live 11 days without sleeping.
13. People who laugh a lot are healthier than those who don't.
14. Laziness and inactivity kills just as many people as smoking.
15. A human brain has a capacity to store 5 times as much information as Wikipedia.
16. Our brain uses the same amount of power as a 10-watt light bulb!!
17. Our body gives enough heat in 30 mins. to boil 1.5 liters of water!!
18. The Ovum egg is the largest cell and the sperm is the smallest cell!!
19. Stomach acid (conc. HCL) is strong enough to dissolve razor blades!!
20. Take a 10-30 minute walk every day & while you walk, SMILE. It is the ultimate antidepressant.
21. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day.
22. When you wake up in the morning, pray to ask God's guidance for your purpose, today.
23. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants.
24. Drink green tea and plenty of water. Eat blueberries, broccoli, and almonds.
25. Try to make at least three people smile each day.
26. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip, energy vampires, issues of the past, negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.
27. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a college kid with a maxed-out charge card.
28. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
29. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. Forgive them for everything.
30. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
31. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
32. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
33. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
34. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
35. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: 'In five years, will this matter?'
36. Help the needy, Be generous! Be a 'Giver' not a 'Taker'.
37. What other people think of you is none of your business.
38. Time heals everything.
39. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
40. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.
41. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
42. Each night before you go to bed, pray to God and be thankful for what you've accomplished today.
43. Remember that you are too blessed to be stressed.

EvoBin Smart Bin

Waste Management Enters the Digital Age: EvoEco Introduces the EvoBin Smart Bin

Columbia Property Trust first to launch smart-bin technology, aimed at diverting waste from landfill and solving waste sorting challenges, while helping commercial property managers and building operators drive ROI and reach mandated waste goals

SEATTLE (PRWEB) December 08, 2017

Compost, recycle or waste? It's a dilemma facing millions daily, and one that EvoEco, a Seattle-based technology firm, has set out to solve with the launch of the EvoBin, an interactive smart waste system that solves the challenges of consumer waste sorting.

The EvoBin helps consumers take the anxiety and guesswork out of getting rid of their waste, while empowering organizations to use data and messaging to efficiently manage their business. The first smart bin on the market with the technology to help divert waste from landfill, the EvoBin helps:

- Educate consumers on how to sort their waste
- Reduce manual waste audits and trash sorts
- Analyze current and historical data trends to determine problem locations
- Track progress toward zero or low-waste diversion goals
- Optimize custodial services by providing real-time alerts for bins that are at capacity.

Waste is a \$250 billion industry globally and \$75 billion domestically, according to a World Bank study. Annually, the U.S. generates 170 million tons of waste to landfill, with 80% that can be diverted to compost and recycling. However, consumers sort less than 35% of their waste into correct waste bins. As a result, high-traffic venues are substantially overspending on waste collection, contamination fines, and additional labor to pre-sort before collection. As strict zero-waste legislation rapidly tightens throughout the U.S., EvoEco's solution allows commercial property managers and building operators to drive ROI and reach mandated waste goals.

How the EvoBin works

Each bin is equipped with an integrated scale that detects when waste is tossed in. The change in weight triggers a responsive, fully customizable message that slides, scrolls, or pops onto the screen. When users discard their waste, all weights in all bins are recorded and the screens provide immediate feedback. When not in direct use, the digital screens show a cascading stream of waste, with images of items falling into the correct bins. This waste data can be monitored over time (and communicated on-screen) to

encourage participation in communal recycling and composting.

Each EvoBin provides:

- Cloud customization. With our Content Management System, customers can remotely customize the EvoBins' displays with ease, so that your message and user experience is perfectly tailored to fit any audience or venue.
- User engagement. Featuring an interactive system, the EvoBin actively engages consumers, encouraging better waste disposal habits and facilitating information retention.
- Waste diversion. The EvoBin utilizes crisp, well-designed visuals and an engaging user response system to help consumers accurately sort their waste -- proven through research to divert waste from landfills, and create more environmentally conscious consumers.
- Real-time analytics. EvoEco's technology captures data on how much waste is being deposited into each bin, providing insight into consumer disposal habits, the impact of waste diversion efforts, traffic differentials across different locations and more.

"Every day, consumers are faced with the dilemma: which is the right bin to toss my cardboard, bottle, or wrapper. And each day, nearly 2/3 of the population gets that answer wrong, leading to contamination of our landfills and millions of dollars spent in waste management fees and fines for commercial property managers and building operators," said William Zhou, founder and CEO of EvoEco. "Our technology makes it easier for consumers to know for sure which bin to toss their waste, improving our environment and saving operators millions of dollars along the way."

"We have tried a number of programs to encourage our tenants and visitors to sort their waste appropriately, since this not only supports our environment but can also provide significant savings on our waste disposal costs. However, our diversion rates were still below our target average," said Nicole Dube, property manager for Columbia Property Trust at 221 Main Street in San Francisco. "We are finding that, with its unique, interactive digital screen, the EvoBins engage people in a way that causes them to stop, consider and sort items correctly. Increasing our diversion rates should enable us to not only make up the cost of the bins in less than three months but also realize as much as a 40% savings year-over-year on our waste bill."

About EvoEco

Founded in 2015, EvoEco creates smart-building technology solutions. The company's flagship product, the EvoBin, provides smart waste bins in high-traffic venues to help educate consumers about how to sort their waste. Equipped with microcomputers, visual displays, cloud functionality, scale sensors, the EvoBin offers high-traffic venues an end-to-end auto-sorting waste bin solution without the complex mechanical process, instead through object recognition and consumer engagement and education.

Holiday Scam

Don't fall for this holiday scam

Date: December 1, 2017

Author: cynmackley

<https://cynmackley.com/2017/12/01/dont-fall-for-this-holiday-scam/>



It wouldn't be Christmas if I didn't have a Facebook scam to warn you about. Coupon scams are nothing new. The one thing they have in common is that they offer a ridiculous discount on everything in the store and all you have to do to claim these alleged coupons is like a page and share the post.

Your very first clue should be that there's no way a company could offer 75% off everything in their store with no limits. If you've ever used a coupon in your life, you know that there are always limit and excluded products. Here's what the Kohl's version of this coupon looks like.



The screenshot shows a mobile view of a Facebook post. At the top, the status bar shows 92% battery and 10:47 AM. The post is from 'Seasons Best Deals', dated Nov 28 at 2:22pm. The post text reads: 'Kohl's is giving away 75% Off Coupons on all Purchases to Everyone to end 2017 in style this Xmas! To Get Your Coupon Simply do; Step 1: LIKE & SHARE this post Step2: COMMENT "Thank You". Your coupon will be sent to your inbox within 48 hours after verifying your share & comment. MAKE SURE YOU LIKE OUR PAGE Good Luck!'. Below the text is a '75% OFF KOHL'S' coupon with a barcode and the text 'Storeswide Purchase Valid till Dec 20th 2017'. At the bottom, it shows 28K likes, 28K comments, and 66K shares.

You aren't going to get a real coupon to use at Kohl's if you like the page and share this. What you'll get is a message from this site, called Seasons Best Deals.



The screenshot shows the profile page for 'Seasons Best Deals' on Facebook. The page has a cover photo of a family walking towards a private jet. The page name is 'Seasons Best Deals' with a 'GREAT DEALS' badge. Below the name is a blue 'MESSAGE' button. There are icons for 'Like', 'Follow', 'Share', and 'Save'. The page has a 'Community' rating of 2.2 stars.

When you get a message from a scam site like this, it's normally a link to a site that contains malware that can damage your device or steal your information or a way for scammers to contact you and try to get money out of you. In this case, it looks as if they ask you to sign up for a paid service to get these alleged deals. Anyway, it's a scam.

And I know there are some of you that say, "What's the harm of liking and sharing, just in case?" The harm is that you can infect not only your device, but the devices of your friends and loved ones. Instead of getting a nice discount, they might see their bank accounts cleaned out for the holidays. Don't fall for it.