

# Nybbles & Bytes

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## November General Meeting

Wednesday, November 10, 2010

Westlake Porter Public Library

27333 Center Ridge Road

The subject of this month's meeting is "How to use Quicken for Banking, Investments and Income Taxes," presented by Ian Abbott. Quicken, a software program by Intuit, can teach us valuable lessons on investing, and keeps a record of how well we're doing. It can also be a life-saver at tax time, if you input the transactions correctly.

What can Quicken do for you?

- ◆ help you get organized and stay on top of bills
- ◆ set goals and maximize your savings
- ◆ manage investments and plan for tax time

Come and learn how useful this software program can be. The meeting opens at 6:30 pm with refreshments, and the program begins at 7:15 pm. Please join us for a stimulating evening.

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### **To all NEOPC members:**

When you LOGIN to the "Contest" page on our website to view the rules, you are automatically entered into the contest. No further action is necessary. Do look around though while you are there.

The prize will be \$10.00 monthly, and the winner will be announced at the General Meeting at the Porter Library. You need not be present to win. One "Login" per member will be considered in a random drawing governed by a number selected during the meeting. That number will be matched to a list of members who logged in during the period, ordered randomly. What could be easier?

**Remember, you have to login at least one time during each contest period to be included in the eligible list.**

### NEW USERS GROUP!!

#### **Facebook SIG First Meeting!**

For anyone who wants to learn about using Facebook. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month from 10:00am to 11:00am at the Fairview Park Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library downstairs in Meeting Room A. This month's meeting is scheduled for **November 3**. (If you see this notice too late to attend, please mark your calendar for the next meeting, Wednesday, December 1.)

## HIGHLIGHTS OF OCTOBER PROGRAM

Dan Stasiewski of OverDrive, Inc. presented the October NEOPC program on Wednesday, October 13, 2010. He gave an excellent overview of audiobooks, ebooks, music and video downloads available through the Westlake Porter Public Library. He also demonstrated how to easily access this **free service**.

Most other libraries have these types of downloads available to patrons at **no charge**. Dan subsequently has provided links to other local libraries, resources from OverDrive, and software download sites. They are shown below.

### Library Websites:

Westlake Porter Public Library 'Virtual Branch':  
<http://overdrive.westlakelibrary.org>

Cleveland Public Library 'Virtual Branch':  
<http://emedia.clevnet.org>

Cuyahoga County Public Library 'Virtual Branch':  
<http://ebcd.cuyahogalibrary.org/>

### OverDrive Resources:

OverDrive Search: <http://search.overdrive.com>

Audiobook Devices:  
<http://www.overdrive.com/resources/drc/compatibleddevices.aspx>

eBook Readers: <http://overdrive.com/ebookdevices>

LibraryBIN retail store: <http://librarybin.com>

### Software Downloads:

OverDrive Media Console for Audiobooks:  
<http://www.overdrive.com/software/omc/>

Adobe Digital Editions for eBooks:  
<http://www.adobe.com/products/digitaleditions/>

## GOOGLE EDITIONS: WHAT WE KNOW (AND DON'T KNOW)

Posted by DigitalBookWorld on 7/19/10

"Publishers are just recovering from the earth-shaking impact of the iPad release and the next tremor may already be on the way. It has been widely reported that Google will be releasing their "cloud bookstore," known as Editions, sometime this summer with upwards of four million books available.

"It is assumed that initially Editions will cover only books submitted by publishers, probably launching with 400,000 to 600,000 to start, many more than Apple currently has in the entire Bookstore. Sources have reported that Google will give publishers 63% of revenues from eBooks **sold directly to customers, and 45% for those sold through retailers, with a small share going to Google.**"

Read Eric Freese's entire article at:

<http://www.digitalbookworld.com/2010/google-editions-what-we-know-and-dont-know/#ixzz0vGcJdOst>

### TO COPY A PICTURE FROM AN ADOBE READER DOCUMENT

On Adobe toolbar, find snapshot tool.



Then move the cursor around to select the picture you want to copy. When you do that, the computer will show that the picture is now on your clipboard. You can then paste the picture wherever you want.

## SOCIAL NETWORKING AND SENIORS

by Hewie Poplock, "Hewie's News & Reviews"  
(www.hewie.net)

There is a new report that shows that Internet users 50+ have nearly doubled in just the past year, from 22% to 42% in 2010. The survey goes on to say that almost half of Internet users 50-64 and about 26% users age 65 and older now use social networking sites.

While email and online news are still more appealing to older users, these people are now using the social sites and are repeat users, at that. The report goes on to say it shows that one attraction to seniors and others as well, is reconnecting with people from their past. It also states that older adults are more likely to be living with a chronic disease and are more likely to seek out online support with others afflicted or with medical professionals.

I am in the "older adults" category, as are many of my friends. Although I am more technically savvy than most, I am still seeing many people from my past and present in my age group using Facebook. I also must say that I have many friends who resist this new social stuff.

I am amazed that many of my friends, who have resisted a lot of the Internet hoopla and used AOL for many years because it was easy, are using Facebook and doing so daily. Some are very passive and are mostly lurkers. Others have immersed themselves in social networking and have renewed friendships and have become closer friends to many that they only occasionally see in person.

I have never played any of the games on Facebook and "hide" the references to Farmville, Mafia Wars, and such. I don't post that I went to a movie or had stopped at McDonalds on the way home, but do not mind

when my "friends" do. I do enjoy seeing pictures from my friends, hearing that my real estate sales friend sold a home, hearing that another friend found a job, or a friend's daughter finished a charity race.

Each of us has our own interests and it is fun sharing them with your friends. I enjoy seeing what others do and what they are interested in. I can see what others in my age bracket find fun and interesting when using social networking.

Being the careful and responsible computer person that I am, I always watch what I say and post to protect my information and the information of others. I also advise others to use the privacy settings that they are comfortable with and not to post anything that they do not want the whole world to see.

The report also says that social media bridges generational gaps. I totally agree. I see that grandparents and the rest of the family keep in touch, but all need to remember that what you share with your peers may not be items that you want to share with your family, your bosses, or your ex.

Various organizations that work with older adults, such as AARP, Older Adults Technology Services (OATS) and Project GOAL, have been actively promoting social media resources that are relevant to mature users.

### DEFINITION OF THE MONTH:

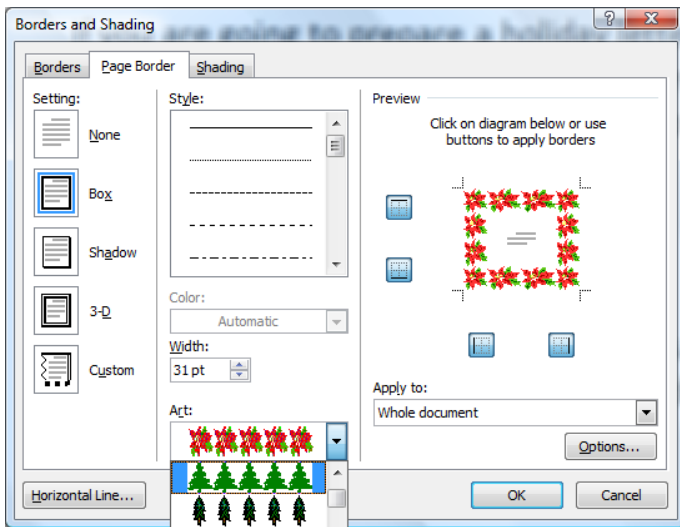
GPS: Global Positioning System, a worldwide MEO (Medium Earth Orbit) satellite navigational system formed by 24 satellites orbiting the earth and their corresponding receivers on the earth. The satellites orbit the earth at approximately 12,000 miles above the surface and make two complete orbits every 24 hours.

## HOLIDAY LETTER WITH BORDER

If you are going to prepare a holiday letter to send with your Christmas cards, here is a clever idea to dress up your letter. You can insert a border on the document, either before you type your letter or afterward. (This is an idea you can use for many other occasions, also. Other themes are available, such as birthday, baby, etc. The box on page 1 announcing the new contest was done using this technique.)

Here is how to do it:

1. Open Word to a blank document.
2. Select Page Layout.
3. Click on Page Border
4. If you click on Art, you will see many choices that you have available. Shown is the poinsettia border.



5. When you are satisfied with the one selected, click OK and the border will appear on the document.

6. Type your letter as usual.



## HOW TO.....FIND OUT HOW MUCH RAM YOUR COMPUTER HAS

First of all, what is RAM? And why should you care? RAM is an acronym for random-access memory. It helps your computer's processor manipulate data by storing information temporarily. The processor can access data from RAM much more quickly than it can access hard drive data, so how much RAM your system has impacts how quickly your computer runs applications. RAM is commonly known as memory.

Almost all operating systems, editing and design programs, and games will have memory recommendations on the box. Sufficient memory helps your computer multi-task.

To determine how much RAM your computer has, do the following, based on which operating system you have. (That screen will also give you other information about your computer.)

Windows XP-Open Control Panel, select Performance And Maintenance, and then select System at the bottom of the window. The RAM will be listed in MB (megabytes) under the General tab.

Windows Vista-Open the Control Panel, select System And Maintenance, and then open System.

Windows 7- Open the Control Panel, select System and Security, and then click System.

**Submitted by Elaine Szaniszlo**

### COMING EVENTS—NOVEMBER 2010

11/02	Senior Center Class - 10:00 am - "Wordpad #2" - 20769 Lorain Rd. - Class auditing by visitors is acceptable.
11/03	<b>Facebook SIG First Meeting!</b> For anyone who wants to learn about using Facebook. Meeting the first Wednesday of the month 10am to 11am at the Fairview Park Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library downstairs in Meeting Room A.
11/08	Senior Center Class - 10:00 am - "101 - Beginners" - 20769 Lorain Rd. - Class auditing by visitors is acceptable.
11/09	Northeast Ohio PC Club ***MORNING Fundamentals Special Interest Group*** (SIG). Fairview Park Senior Center 9:30 - 11:30am. Fundamentals of computer use - OPEN FORUM - Any and all topics discussed - Bring a question, bring a topic - Guests always welcome. Always free and open to the public. Second Tuesday of the month.
11/10	Senior Center Class - 10:00 am - "501 - Brother's Keeper Genealogy Software" - 20769 Lorain Rd. - Class auditing by visitors is acceptable.
11/10	Northeast Ohio PC Club (NEOPC) General Meeting held at Westlake Porter Library 27333 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake, OH. Agenda: 6:30pm-Social (Pastries & Beverages); 7:15pm Main Program-"How to use Quicken" by Ian Abbott. Ian's talk includes how to use this software program for Banking, Investment records and Federal Income Taxes and more.
11/15	Senior Center Class - 10:00 am - "402 - Internet Browser #2" - 20769 Lorain Rd. - Class auditing by visitors is acceptable.
11/15	COMPUTER & MICROSOFT STUDY GROUP meetings have not been scheduled for this month. Keep watching for future meetings! If you need additional information, contact Eve Sachs, Special Interest Group Leader, E-Mail: <a href="mailto:eveneopc@wowway.com">eveneopc@wowway.com</a> . <b>NOTE: This group does not meet in December. Please join us in 2011 for our next meeting.</b>
11/16	Senior Center Class - 10:00 am - "205 - Webmail" - 20769 Lorain Rd. - Class auditing by visitors is acceptable.
11/17	Ladies Only Special Interest Group meeting at Westlake Porter Public Library from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. The Library is located at 27333 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, Ohio. All ladies are invited, whether or not members of Northeast Ohio PC Club (NEOPC). Come with your questions and/or comments about software you have. <b>NOTE: This group does not meet in December. Please join us January 19, 2011 for our next meeting.</b>

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11/20	CAGG Computer Genealogy Meeting . . . WHAT: Computer Assisted Genealogy Group-Cleveland Area Meeting . . . WHEN: Saturday, November 20, 2010 – Doors open at 9 a.m.; meeting 9:30 a.m. with general program/speaker. Breakout sessions for the major genealogy software programs start at 11 a.m., brown bag lunch; computer fundamentals from 1-2 p.m. WHERE: Fairview Park Regional Library, 21255 Lorain Road, Fairview Park OH . . . visit our web site at <a href="http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohcagg/">www.rootsweb.com/~ohcagg/</a> . . . Guests always welcome.
11/22	Senior Center Class - 10:00 am - "201 - eMail #1" - 20769 Lorain Rd. - Class auditing by visitors is acceptable.
11/23	Senior Center Class - 10:00 am - "702 - Spread Sheets #2" - 20769 Lorain Rd. - Class auditing by visitors is acceptable.
11/23	Northeast Ohio PC Club ***EVENING Fundamentals Special Interest Group*** (SIG). NO MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
11/24	NEOPC / CAGG Computer Class Orientation meeting, November 24th, 10:00 am, Fairview Park Senior Center. Anyone of senior age can enjoy these FREE classes conducted by volunteers of NEOPC and CAGG. You or your family members who qualify must attend one of these Orientation Meetings to establish your interest and to be included in class invitations. Merely show-up to get started.
11/29	Senior Center Class - NO CLASSES UNTIL AFTER THE NEW YEAR.
<b>EARLY DECEMBER EVENTS</b>	
12/01	Facebook SIG Meeting! For anyone who wants to learn about using Facebook. Meeting the first Wednesday of the month 10am to 11am at the Fairview Park Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library downstairs in Meeting Room A.
12/08	Northeast Ohio PC Club (NEOPC) General Meeting held at Westlake Porter Library-27333 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake, OH. Agenda: 7:00pm-Social (Pastries & Beverages); 7:15pm-Main Program "Digital Photography" by Todd Johnson. Todd's talk includes "Tips and Tricks" on taking better pictures and more.

**SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES:**

Watch a golf ball hitting steel at 150 mph (in slow motion)

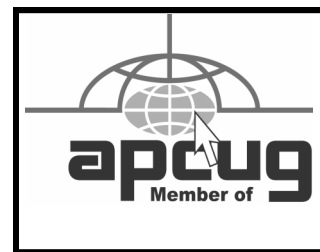
<http://www.flixxy.com/golf-ball-slow-motion.htm>

Some people have lots of time on their hands. See some food art

<http://weirdspy.com/food-art/>

## General Meeting Program Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>2010 Programs</u>
November 10	"How to Use Quicken" by Ian Abbott. Ian's talk includes using Quicken for banking, investments records and Federal Income Taxes and more.
December 08	"Digital Photography" by Todd Johnson. Todd's talk includes "Tips and Tricks" on taking better pictures.
	<b><u>2011 Proposed Programs</u></b>
January 12	"2010 Income Tax Updates" by Ian Abbott. Ian's talk will help in preparing Income Taxes.
February 09	"The Highlights of the 2011 CES Show in Las Vegas by Tom Jones.
March 09	"Windows 7" by Advanced Computer Connections of Norwalk.
April 13	Q & A with Lee Gerber and Dennis Lewis.



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