

SPSC Technology Learning

Club Happenings

The Technology Learning and Support Group, also known as the SPS Computer Club, has had an exciting year with much progress. Highlights include:

- 1) Upgrade to Rogers Highspeed Internet
- 2) Upgrade of Club's Wi-Fi service
- 3) Installation of a new computer in the office
- 4) Installation of six new computers in the training lab
- 5) The re-work of the Club's website and online photo gallery
- 6) Expanded depth of our training team
- 7) Formalization of the courses' administration
- 8) Documentation of systems, passwords and course materials
- 9) Inception of a new Technology Learning and Support Program through a grant process.

I am particularly proud of the team spirit that has developed and excellent member collaboration that has gone into new programs like the Tech Walk-In Clinic, Your Guide on The Side and monthly workshops. Bringing these terrific volunteers together has required time, patience, and a love of learning. But it has also been socially gratifying. It is therefore with regret that I announce my resignation as your lead in this area effective May 30th. My family is relocating to Stratford, Ontario in June.

I wish to formally thank the Board for placing their faith in me to carry out my role. I look forward to discussing a transition plan with them. I wish now to specifically mention our key team players whom I am incredibly grateful for your time, enthusiasm, and interest in empowering our seniors' community:

- Joanne Stevens – Photo Editing Instructor and ancillary activities
- Joanne Stacey – Photo Editing Instructor and ancillary activities
- Peter Henderson – Registration, administration and ancillary activities
- Tim Chapman – Email instructor, Webmaster, Technical support
- Veronica Stoute - Email instructor, assistant Webmaster

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I encourage friends and club members to remain in touch with me. Both Brenda and I offer a warm welcome to any club members visiting Stratford to stop by for a hello.

Robert Blackwell

SPSC Technical Administration and Support

Courses and Workshops: Since Jan 2017, the following have been administered:

- Photo Editing and Restoration; Lead by Joanne Stacey, Joanne Stevens
- Basic Introduction to PC's and Windows; Lead by Robert Blackwell

Course Offerings – Winter / Spring 2017 Sessions

- **Introduction to Email**
 - Thursdays (9:30 – 11:30 am) – Jun 8
- **Photo Editing and Restoration** (Our most popular course. Register early.)
 - Wednesdays (1 – 3 pm) – May 10 to 31
- **To register for these upcoming courses, please:**
 - (i) Complete a Computer Training Course Application form (forms are available in rack by Information Highway)
 - (ii) Leave your completed form with Reception
 - (iii) You will then be contacted by Peter to confirm your course start date and time. Thank you, Peter, for your assistance in this regard.

Schedules outlining course content are posted in the Boardroom and along the Information Highway. Please check these postings for course times and to watch for additional program offerings.

Tech Walk-In Clinic – Winter / Spring 2017 Sessions

Our **Tech Walk-In Clinic, Your Guide on The Side** program is for laptop, tablet and smart-phone users with questions regarding use of their device. Savvy Windows, Apple and Android users will be on hand to assist and answer your questions. All South Pickering Seniors Centre members are invited to attend. **Registration is not required.** Space may be limited.

Tech Walk-In Clinic sessions will be held in the Boardroom:

- Thursday (9:30 – 11:30 am) – Jun 1

Workshop Offerings - 2017 Sessions

General interest meetings are held the **second Monday of each month** (except in July, August, and December). Meetings start at 1:30 pm in Meeting Room 4 and last 1 - 2 hours. All South Pickering Seniors Centre members are invited to attend. **Registration is not required.**

- Meeting Dates:

No additional Workshops are scheduled for the Winter / Spring season. Workshops may resume in Fall. Meeting dates will be posted once they are available.

What Are You Looking For?

What would make your technology use easier, more productive?

Can we reduce worry about how you use a computer?

Please let us know how we may help you.

Contact: SPSC Technical Administrator
Email at spsc753techadmin@spsc753.com

Your feedback is important.

Call For Volunteers

Would you like to participate in our Group? Make new friendships?

We would love your help. We're a fun team looking for new people. The time commitment is 2 - 4 hours per week.

The Computer Group needs volunteers for the following roles:

- A. **Program Instructors** (MS Office Applications): with support of training workshops you can enjoy the satisfaction of coaching club members in building computer skills. Get to know other club members.
- B. **Tech Walk-In Clinic, Your Guide on the side**: enjoy helping others? Be a guide on the side; cadre-support coach.

Those interested should **contact:** ED Fry
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