

South Pickering Seniors' Club

Technology Learning

Again this year we are undergoing reorganization in the Computer Club. Robert Blackwell has moved away from Pickering; he was the SPSC Technical Administrator and did excellent work last year in the initial reorganization. Please be patient as we get the ball rolling again. There will be upcoming announcements of course offerings and monthly meetings with topics of general and computer interest.

In addition, the user's needs keep changing and we need to as well. Traditional learning in a computer course is still a major concern as it appears that many seniors either have inadequate knowledge how to use their computer or are under utilizing it. Our quest is to motivate, inform and help the general user enter the digital age which is all around us. Now we have additional needs as to working with iPads, smart phones/TVs, and tablets etc. We hope to address some of these issues. If you have a particular need please let us know.

We also want to help those of you who need help with issues that are holding you back. Last year we instituted the "Guide on the Side" or "Computer Walk-In Clinics". This allowed one-on-one help to individuals. In the Email course, for example, many participants had fundamental problems which were overcome by interacting with our knowledgeable volunteers.

The Computer Club has a number of volunteers. As of September 2017 we have the following persons supplying their expertise and ancillary activities:

- Joanne Stevens: Photo Editing Instructor
- Joanne (Jo) Stacey: Photo Editing Instructor
- Peter Henderson: Registration, administration
- Tim Chapman: Webmaster, Email Instructor, Technical Administrator
- Veronica Stoute: Email Instructor, assistant Webmaster
- Ernst Lutz: Club Photographer, Web photo posting, Linux
- Jocelyne Hammond: Smart phones and apps
- Walter Kent: Introduction to Computers
- Elizabeth Kovacs: Word Processing, Spread Sheets, Presentations
- Suzanne Pacholzuk: SPSC Director of Activities

There is always room for more volunteers with good computer or digital applications knowledge who wish to impart their skills to club members.

In the following months we will set up courses for:

- Introduction to Email
- Photo Editing and Restoration
- Introduction to Computers
- Individual Help Clinics
- Special courses on specific topics like iPads etc.

A new course offering sheet will be available in the near future to register for these.

In addition we expect to have group meetings with invited guests who will deliver general interest topics related to the digital age. Meeting dates are to be determined but normally fall on the second Monday of each month except September, December, June, July and August. Registration is not required.

Please see our web page at www.spsc753.com for contact information and club activities.

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Tim Chapman