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FROM THE PRESIDENT: Just because this is my last message as your president does not mean I will not be staying in-touch. My new duties as Vice President of Protocol may not have a direct link or need for technology, but, like most of you, that's where my main interests will remain.

I expect to learn a lot from our new leaders and will support them in every way I can. Like this past year, I will be working close with the VP of Membership in maintaining the membership database and issuing renewal notices, printing membership cards, and helping make our guests and new members feel welcomed.

I would like to get back to having small group hands-on workshops at the Abel Court Computer Lab. The first I would like to offer is basic keyboarding and using the mouse. Having worked with many members over the years, I have witnessed on so many occasions where a better understanding on how to use the various special keys on the keyboard could improve their input and navigation performance. Using some keys in conjunction with the mouse can also speed things up.

How about that Christmas Party? As you can see from the photo's in this issue, we had a great time and the live entertainment was icing on the cake. Our thanks to our Newsletter Editor, Sharon Carrillo, for putting this party together for us.

I hope all of you have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

JERRY



**2011 President
Jerry
to
2012 President
Jeri**



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Looking Back and Looking Forward

BGAMUG has been a group of computer users helping each other for over 20 years. The club has gone from teaching about MSDOS to Windows and other technologies. Always we have been computer users helping other users. The question is where will we be 20 years from now? How will we get there? How do we continue to add value to our members lives?

I'm extremely honored to be serving as President of this organization. For those that don't know my background, I have been on 7 different non-profit boards including having served as President of the Dallas Genealogical Society, which has over 1000 members. I have learned and continue to learn from the members in the organizations. Our collective wisdom is always greater than one single individual.

The board and I want to see that BGAMUG continues to be financially sound, provides valuable programs each month, and is active in the community. What other activities can we provide to be of service to computer users? If you have ideas please don't hesitate to tell one of the board members. We are always open to program and community involvement ideas.

One huge issue and challenge facing the aging user group memberships is how to add and keep new members. We need to continue to provide value to our members in exchange for the dues to keep the organization running. In that light, BGAMUG is a member of the Association of PC Users Groups. We use articles that they provide to supplement what articles are written by our own group for the newsletter. Several members have attended regional and national conferences sponsored by them. In the future we hope to take advantage of other services from APCUG. We have started with a new partnership that O'Reilly and APCUG have to offer member groups. We have the opportunity to have 5 'books' sent to us each quarter (2 books and 3 eBook certificates). These books may be used as door prizes, a special fundraiser, included in a lending library, a volunteer thank you, etc. The books will be from O'Reilly Media and Microsoft Press.

"In a time when our lives are increasingly dependent on technologies, it is important we take the time to consider the impact of technology on our lives, and the importance of ensuring technology isn't used to limit us, but rather to take us further along a path of opportunity, innovation and freedom for all people." (<http://softwarefreedomday.org>) It is my sincere hope that BGAMUG can encourage innovation and freedom for all people using technology. I'm looking forward to our future together. Help the board help you by your suggestions and participation. JERI

DECEMBER 2011

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4	5	6 ^{E-Board}	7	8	9
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25	26	27	28	29	30
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JANUARY 2012

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1	2	3 ^{E-Board}	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 ^{Meeting}	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Happy Birthday



- 12-2 Wanda Marksbarry
- 12-3 Daniel Shields
- 12-4 Vivian Hand
- 12-8 Joe Easterling
- 12-8 Jeane Robertson



- Kathy Jill Johnson 1/6
- Lou Travelsted 1/16
- John Walker 1/17
- Edwin Phelps 1/20
- Elizabeth Rose 1/25

Happy Anniversary



12-27 Sharon & Miguel Carrillo



No Anniversaries in January



BGAMUG November Treasurer's Report 2011



Paula Niece, Treasurer

October period: 10/30/11 – 11/30/11

Starting Balance.....	\$	1,598.92
Income.....	\$	109.06
Expenses.....	\$	399.86
Ending Balance.....	\$	1,308.02

KROGER REPORT

We are \$448.00 away from receiving a check. My next report from them will be sent out next week. We should be receiving a check soon.

Thanks,
Paula Niece, Kroger Card Representative

BGAMUG DOOR PRIZE November Winner



Romona Bobbit

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\$\$\$Door Dollar\$ Winner\$\$\$

November \$10.00 Winner

was NOT Present

(Sorry Phyllis Siddens)

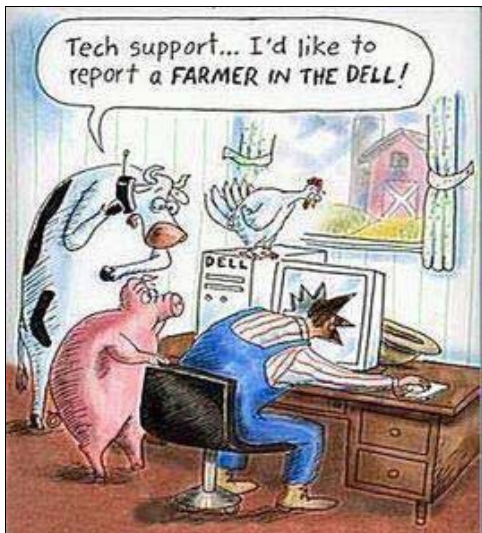
The pot is **\$20.00 for January.**

Remember you **must** be present to win.

\$



Gift Card



BGAMUG General Meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of each month. These meetings are at the Bowling Green Technical College, Bldg F, at 6:30 PM. See the map. The entrance to the BGTC campus on Loop Drive is clearly marked. Building 5 is the last building on the left, down the road through the campus.

BGAMUG Board Meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month . The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, **January 3rd.** The location will be at Mr. Gatti's in the Fair-view Shopping Center. The business meeting will begin at 6:30pm.

No general meeting will be held in December.....

Need to advertise your business???
 ADVERTISING RATES are listed on page 10.

GEN-SIG Notes

In November information was presented on Tennessee Genealogical Society's online access to their journal, *Ansearchin' News*. If you haven't seen it and have roots in Tennessee check it out at <http://www.tngs.org>. This journal has been in continuous publication since 1954 and covers all Tennessee counties.

There were technical issues at Linkpendium.com in November so we will be covering this website in January. Next, presented will be how to methodically approach examining a new source of online documents using the monographs for New York research accessible at Cornell.edu.



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By Jerry Gillette

I just stumbled onto a website that is worth sharing.

It's focus is on Office applications, Word, Excel, Power Point, Publisher, and Access.

<http://inpics.net>

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Doubling as user manuals

These tutorials also function as user-friendly manuals. Can't remember how to do something? To get step-by-step instructions, just click the program you're using, then the task you want to complete.

“2011 BGAMUG Awards”



THE BGAMUG AWARD

Betty Lyne



Extra Mile Award

For the man who always goes that extra mile
for BGAMUG:

Joe Easterling



2011 BGAMUG ANGEL AWARD

Receiving this award :

Sharon Taylor-Carrillo



**Aiko Gunderson
Received a BGAMUG
Dependable Service
Award**



**Colonel Raymond Hunton
received a Gold Magnet Name Badge
for Outstanding Service**





***Betsy Sheppard,
Jerry Gillette,
Neva Gielow, &
Lou Travelsted***

Received a Certificate of
Appreciation for their
service to BGAMUG.

(Lou was not present for photo)



The 2011 Rookie
Officer plaques were
presented to:

***Ray Eddy
Gary Wickliff
and
Karen Wickliff***



Jeri Steele
received the 2011
SIG Leadership Plaque



Paula Niece
was presented an
award for all her
hard work for
BGAMUG and
serving as the 2011
Holiday Awards
Chair.





BGAMUG 2011 Blue Ribbon Pot-Luck Buffet Holiday Recipe Winners



Grape Salad-Marge Hurt



**Pineapple
Casserole
Neva Gielow**

Grape Salad Recipe

4 cups red seedless grapes
(may use green or combination of)-dry well
1 (8oz.) regular sour cream (not Light)
1 (8oz.) pkg cream cheese
1/2 cup regular sugar
1tsp vanilla

Dry grapes well on paper towel.
(If grapes are not dry, dish may get runny)
Place in a bowl
Using a mixer, mix remaining ingredients
well and pour over grapes.
Stir and refrigerate.
Can be made the day before.



**Cream Cheese
Dessert**



**Sweet Potato
Casserole**



Sweet Potatoes



**Mac and Cheese
Kathy Jill Johnson**



The Horseshoe Bend Family Band

is a string band formed by the Newman family of Allen County, KY.

At their concerts you will hear Old Time, Bluegrass and Irish music played on fiddle, banjo, hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer, mandolin, guitar and pennywhistle.

The members of the band are: **Steve and Leslie Newman**, and featured players are their children, **Josiah and Alicyn Newman**.



“Josiah” is 10 years old and homeschooled. He has played banjo for 5 years and violin for 4 years. He enjoys banjo and fiddle competitions and has won numerous awards for his playing. These include first place in his age category two years in a row in Bluegrass Banjo Competitions in Adams, TN. In July of 2010 Josiah won his age division in the KY State Championships in Old Time Fiddling. In July of 2011 Josiah won the Bluegrass Banjo category at the National Championship for Country Music Beginners in Smithville, TN. Josiah also plays the mandolin. In addition to playing in his family band, Josiah is a member of the Red River Fiddlers and he plays in the praise band at Calvary Baptist Church. Josiah’s other interests are reading, science and swimming.

“Alicyn” is 14 years old and homeschooled. She has played the violin for 6 years and enjoys classical music as well as fiddling. Alicyn enjoys fiddle competitions and has won numerous awards for her playing. She is currently the Tennessee State Champion in Old Time Fiddling in her age division for the second year in a row. She has also won championships in Kentucky and Indiana. In the summer of 2010, she placed third in her age category in the National Old Time Fiddling Competition in Weiser, Idaho. In the spring of 2011 Alicyn received a 1st place trophy at the Symphony String Contest at WKU. Alicyn also enjoys playing the mountain dulcimer. In addition to performing with her family band, Alicyn is a member of the Red River Fiddlers and she performs with the praise band at Calvary Baptist Church. Alicyn’s other interests are reading, writing and horses.

Congratulations to the 2012 BGAMUG Officers

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Officer At Large (2): Neva Gielow

Special Thank You Notes

***Dear BGAMUG Members, Many of you are unaware that BGAMUG has occupied a special place in my heart for the past 22 years. On Friday evening, Dec. 2, at our annual Family Christmas Party, I was deeply touched by being presented the BGAMUG Member of the Year award plaque.*



Thank you sincerely for this great honor. Betty Lyne.

***Dear BGAMUG Members, Thank you for allowing me to chair the 2011 Holiday Dinner Party. I hope that everyone who attended the event enjoyed the evening as much as I enjoyed preparing for it. The event was well attended. If you did not attend, you missed a great musical presentation from the Horseshoe Bend Family Band and tables full of delicious foods, some of which received a "Blue Ribbon" for their hard work in the kitchen but let me say that "everything was delicious". I want to Thank everyone for their continued confidence in me. I wish I could attend the meetings, but I appreciate you allowing me to serve as your newsletter editor because, I truly love doing the BGA-Bytes. This year I was chair of the Christmas event at the last minute, so I hope you will allow me to chair the event next year and that will give me an entire year to plan. Thank you for honoring me with the 2011 Angel award. Happy Holidays to everyone, Sharon*



Thanks from Abel Court,

Dear BGAMUG members:
Just a few lines to let you know how much we appreciate your sponsorship of the "Pictures with Santa." It was a very successful event and Jerry and Paula took some great pictures. And as always, Santa Bob had all of the children in awe. We had a good turnout and we took pictures of adults as well as children.



Also, we served cookies, cake, juice and hot cocoa to all of the participants. A small gift bag was given out to each adult that participated. Again, thank you so much for your support and kindness!
Debbie Fugate,
Abel Court Apartments -
cell #270-392-0135

Debbie had her picture taken with Santa along with two of her prize Chinese Chickens.

Three More Interesting Online Sites



Hi, everyone! I hope everything is going well for you all. I liked the Christmas Party a lot. And I look forward to the neat Membership Booklet with photos in it too. Here are three sites I think you will like. You may already know about them.

The AARP site online

(at <http://aarp.org>) has a lot of useful information for anyone of any age who uses a computer.

You can protect yourself from scams and fraud here:
<http://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/>

and you can also use their tools to figure out your future retirement and/or mortgage payoff:
http://www.aarp.org/money/money_tools/

Another good page on this site is the AARP Money Experts page. Right now this page:
<http://www.aarp.org/money/experts/>
has articles about credit card company secrets, staying safe online, and having a good financial plan in your life.

Their Games Page features fun and free popular online games like Solitaire, Mahjongg, Alien Attack, and Disco Bowling, just to name a few.

And last but not least, their Technology page, here:
<http://www.aarp.org/technology/>
is also worth a look. It has useful articles like How to Use Social Networking Sites, How to Use your PC, and Protect your Digital Life.

I know I will be back to read these...and I hope you like these resources too.



Silent Unity

Many people don't know about this site, but I have used it before. It has a 24-hour calling line, with a real person on the other end who is a trained prayer ministry associate. This person will listen to you (or somebody else) and pray with you, no matter what your religion or denomination.

Who knows when you or someone else you care about may need to call this service? The number is 1-800-NOW-PRAY (669-7729) or International: 01-816-969-2000. Their website is here:
<http://www.unity.org/> and their prayer page is here:
<http://www.unity.org/prayer>.

Backup... backup... backup... with BackBlaze – and maybe still have money in your wallet afterwards...

You probably already have a backup solution for your computer files, like a separate backup drive or an online service. I won't go into the many reasons to back up your computer files because you probably already know these.

I have recently joined a new online backup service called BackBlaze. I really like it so far. My plan is \$5 per month for unlimited storage. I paid for the year.

I have tried two other services, and I was not happy with them. One I think was Elephant Drive, and one was MyOtherDrive. Elephant Drive was hard to use, and MyOtherDrive.com still has my older files on it. I am trying to cancel it because I can't access them, but I want my files first. So it's way too expensive for me. I like my sites I have to pay for to be useable.

Anyway, I know there are other services out there that are good, but many are way too expensive for me. I have a LOT to back up.

So far, BackBlaze is cheap, (which is great!) and the service is easy to use too. The owners are former Apple employees. Here is their site:
<http://www.backblaze.com/internet-backup.html>

Well, that's it for this month. Have a REALLY fun holiday season and I hope to see you at the next meeting on January 24th.

Betsy

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BGAMUG holds regular presentation/membership meetings the fourth Tuesday of each month (except December) at the Bowling Green Technical College (BGTC) on Loop Drive in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

The public is invited to attend our regular presentation meetings. To join, our annual membership dues are \$25 for an individual and \$35 for a family.

Loop drive intersects Morgantown Road just West of Warren Central High School. There is a stoplight at the intersection. The access road to BGTC from Loop is clearly marked with a sign. The meeting building is Building F .

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Don't forget our next meeting at the B G Technical College, F Building, January 24th, 6:30 PM



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