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President's Message



Will you Serve on the Executive Board? . . .

August is the month BGAMUG begins preparing for our November election. This year we need to fill the following positions: Vice President of Protocol, Vice President of Technology, Secretary, BGA-Bytes Newsletter Editor, Historian, Sergeant-at-Arms, and two Officers at Large. All of these positions are two year positions except the two Officer at Large positions are one year positions.

James Gegner is the Chair of the Nominating Committee. At our August meeting during the short business part of our meeting, James will ask for nominations for each of these offices. Then, the Nominating Committee will contact those nominated to see if they are willing to run and serve.

I hope each of you will consider serving either now or in the future.

August Auction . . .

Do not miss our August meeting . . . It will be an auction of computer and computer /office related stuff! Bring stuff you no longer want or need. Also, bring some money with you so you can buy some of the stuff others bring to the auction. We will also have popcorn, chips, and cokes for all to enjoy while bidding. Jerry will serve as our auctioneer and knowing Jerry . . . it will just be a fun evening. **DO NOT MISS THIS EVENT!**

Community Service Projects . . .

BGAMUGers are involved in some wonderful community service projects . . . ?? Every Friday afternoon from 1 until 3 pm, several of you are helping with the mentoring program at Fern Terrace. This project is under the direction of Raymond Hunton.

?? Gene Iglehart with the help of several members continues to provide refurbished computers to people in the area who need a computer through our PC Placement Program.

The Abel Court Apartment Partnership has begun and there are many ways that members can assist with this partnership. This partnership is under the direction of Jerry Gillette.

We want to continue to expand our outreach to the community. When people are involved in community programs, not only does the community benefit but the person giving of their time and energies also reap many benefits.

Keep up the GREAT work . . . and see you on August 24 at Building F of the Bowling Green Technical College.

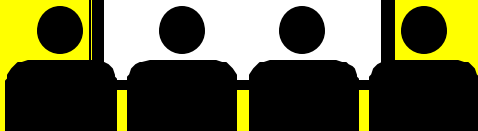
Linda

**Get Your Stuff Together
For the
BGAMUG August Auction**

**BGTC
Tuesday August 24th
Registration 6:00 ?
Auction at 7:00**

August Meeting

AUCTION



Mix for the August Newsletter

Two Amazing BGAMUG Women



I want to tell you about two amazing women whom I greatly admire! During the last two years I've gotten to know Vivian Hand and Joanne Dunklau well. Here is some of what I know about them . . .

Vivian Hand was born in Columbus, Indiana which is near Indianapolis, Indiana, and she only weighed three pounds! She was the middle child. Her brother was killed at the age of 19 but her sister, who is 80 years old lives on a 500-acre farm near Scottsville and according to Vivian, 'farms everyday'!

Vivian's family moved to Warren County when she was in the 7th grade. So Vivian went to school and graduated from Alvaton High School. After graduation and during the war, she worked at the KenRad factory which made radio tubes. She worked there until the factory closed. After working in a restaurant for about a year, she attended and completed WKU Nursing and LPN school at Glasgow. Also one of her claims to fame is the fact that during about five of these years, she did alternations for Pauline's girls and Hinton Cleaners!

She married a man who had been in the Navy and who was a Cherokee Indian from Cherokee, North Carolina. They had one son, Gary Steven Langford. Steven and his family still live in Bowling Green.

After completing her nursing training, Vivian began working at the old City/County Hospital.

When her son was only seven years old, her husband suddenly died of a heart attack at the age of 39. Vivian continued to work at the Medical Center and even remembers working with a young man by the name of Jerry Gillette!

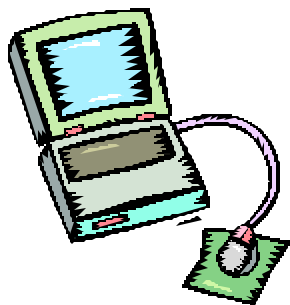
For 11 years Vivian worked hard raising her son alone. But she also was a dare devil! While sky diving with a local sky diving club at Fort Knox, she got hung in a fence and a young man, who was an Army Green Beret and was working the field came and rescued her. He told her "You're an idiot to jump out of a good flying airplane!" But this good man decided Vivian was worth rescuing and soon they were married!

Because Pecos Hand was on active duty, Vivian moved to many different places in the world. For two years they lived at Ft. Knox and Vivian continued her nursing career at Army Ireland at Fort Knox and Hardin Memorial in Elizabethtown. Then, they were 'shipped' to Germany for four years. Vivian worked at a German hospital until she got her civil service and could work at the Army Hospital.

Vivian said that rather than live on the base, they lived in the community. As the result she became good friends with a German woman who also had a spirit of adventure. Her friend encouraged her to participate in vote marches and bike trips to some of the countries nearby. Vivian actually showed me two small cases full of over 25 trophies or medals that she received for participating in these activities when she wasn't working at the hospital.

Vivian talked about her German friend, who had actually lost part of her leg as the result of an American bombing. But the woman truly befriended Vivian and helped her feel at home in Germany. Vivian actually said some things were more advanced in that country at that time. Vivian said "Germans taught me that age doesn't have anything to do with what you do, it's your frame of mind." Vivian also showed me some of the china and other mementoes she purchased on some of the bike trips.

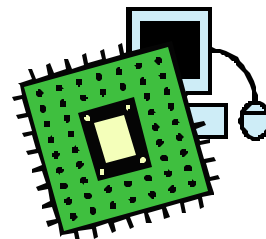
August Auction



For the past two month's we have been advising all members to set aside any items you would like to donate for the BGAMUG Auction to take place during the August meeting. O. K. August is here and we are gearing up for a good auction, fun, and many deals.

Depending on the number of items on-hand, we may set aside various small items for a silent auction where members write their name and bid on a form. At the close of the evening, the person with the high-bid is awarded the item.

There will be a form to attach to each item or group of items to tell a little about the item and to follow the item through the auction. These forms will then be used to record payments.



For the event to run smoothly we will need some extra help such as; a couple members to help accept and place items as they are received, a couple runners and spotters to help during the actual auction, and maybe extra cashiers to work with the treasurer to accept payments. If anyone has any experience at auctioneering and would like to ramble off a few items, we can use you too.

Registration for this event will start at 6:00 PM.

If you are willing to help in any capacity, please contact Jerry Gillette, 781-6309, jagky@insightbb.com. Come early if you can.

September 2004

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Tech Corner

By Chuck Thomas

The call came at 8:00 A.M. Tuesday morning, just before breakfast. Jim said, "The email subject was 'Price Changes' so I opened the attachment."

Then we spent the next 1 ½ hours trying to get the latest variant of the W32beagle virus off this company president's computer. So much for breakfast!

You are probably thinking that a company president wouldn't know about the danger of opening email attachments and might not even have antivirus software installed. Or, that it isn't kept updated. But it isn't so in this case.

Jim is an experienced computer user who has Norton Antivirus installed with both auto updates and email checking configured. Also, he knows to not open suspicious attachments.

But the sender was familiar, and 'price changes' are important to a businessman. Haven't you done the same at one time or another—especially if you know emails are checked by your antivirus software?

This time, there might have been no way to avoid the virus other than a suspicious mind that kept him from opening the attachment. You see, he had opened the email the previous afternoon and hadn't noticed any problem.

Norton didn't catch it because their antivirus update with the signature for this variant was issued the morning Jim called.

It was a friend, another president, who called Jim to warn him not

to open any email that mentioned prices in the subject.

The friend reported that his company has a server dedicated solely to checking Norton (Symantec Corp) every 15 minutes, and to update the virus signatures on every company computer whenever there is a new update.

Despite that care, some employee opened an email attachment before Symantec posted the update. And the first thing that this virus does is to *disable any antivirus software, firewall, or other safety features* of the infected computer. The virus not only spread to all the friend's company computers, but it also prevented any attempts to update the antivirus software.

Working with Jim over the phone, I was able to help him remove references to the virus files (there were several copies) from his system registry—using information about the virus I had obtained at the Symantec web site.

Once the virus was set not to run on reboot, he was able to restart the computer and to update his Norton antivirus software. A scan revealed that the virus had infected 365 files that he couldn't delete, but had to quarantine individually in order to clear out the virus.

Jim still doesn't know how many virus-infected emails were sent from his computer overnight.

The lessons are evident:

--you can't depend solely upon firewalls or antivirus software to protect you from attacks

--you can't be too cautious with email attachments

Now, what about that email from your friend with the subject "A Funny Story" which is in an attachment instead of the body of the email? Can you resist...?

Microsoft rolls out XP update Service Pack 2

by Jerry Gillette

When a new Service Pack is released, people inevitably ask, "should I install it?" In this case the answer is - **absolutely yes!**

Every single computer in the world running the Windows XP operating system needs to be updated with this new service pack.

This service pack includes all of the patches and hotfixes that had been released by Microsoft at the time. For this update, since it is unusually large, Microsoft is requesting that most Windows XP users simply turn on Automatic Updates in order to obtain it. Your computer will then automatically download a customized update that is much smaller than the full download. However, if you need to update multiple computers you will probably be better off downloading the full update or obtaining the free CD.

The update can be downloaded automatically to users connected to the Internet who have the "Automatic Update" option of their software enabled, but will also be available on CDs. Next month's PC World magazine will have an update CD on the cover.

If you have a slow Internet connection or are uncomfortable doing this update, you may want to obtain the CD or ask a more knowledgeable friend for assistance.

Microsoft's Brett Roberts says it is a significant improvement for XP with some major security enhancements, giving protection against hackers, viruses, worms and spyware, without affecting usability.

He says they have tried to take a holistic approach to the update, so the software will be better able to protect itself against future, as-yet unknown attacks as well as current ones.

It is not compulsory to install the update, but will be a big improvement for users, particularly in the home environment.

It has been noted this update has had the most extensive beta testing of any Microsoft product ever.

People who buy new computers over the next few weeks should check with their retailer whether the Service Pack has been installed yet on the machine.

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After living in German for four years, Vivian and Pecos were 'shipped' to Colorado and then to Korea for two years before Pecos was assigned to Fort Campbell. Vivian again began working at BG Medical Center. Her husband went to Vietnam three times and was there when the U.S. pulled out in 1972. In 1983 when Pecos was only 39 years old and while he was working a parade to open the hospital at Fort Campbell, he suffered a heart attack. He was taken to Walter Reed Hospital and had surgery for three blockages. Pecos lived seven more years until his death in February 1990.

Needless to say Vivian has been through some difficult times during her life, but she says, "You have to let bruises heal and go on . . . You can't let bad rub off on others." I admire Vivian's positive outlook on life.

Vivian retired four years ago from the Medical Center. Now she enjoys knitting, sewing, attending classes, and mowing grass! She recently had knee surgery but is determined to have a full recovery. Vivian purchased her first computer only about two years ago!

Vivian has been a member of the Eastern Star for over 30 years. In 1991 while she was Worthy Matron, she met another woman she greatly admires, Joanne Dunklau. Joanne says she always wanted to join Eastern Star and after she was initiated in 1991, Vivian ask Joanne to be one of the star points. Vivian says she really admired Joanne because she learned all her parts and also quit smoking that year. Joanne has been a star point ever since!

Joanne was born in Buffalo, New York and was one of five children. Joanne now has only one sister living. Her sister, Carol, lives in the Atlanta area. During her childhood the family moved a lot. Joanne's grandparents lived in Richpond. So after she graduated from high school at the age of 19, Joanne moved to Bowling Green.

Joanne worked at her aunt and uncle's drug store, Holland's, that was located at the corner of Main & Adams. It was there she met her future husband, Henry Dunklau. Joanne and Henry had six children. During their 51 years of marriage, they only moved three times!

Henry ran an area beer distributorship on College Street and later the warehouse moved next to their home. Joanne also helped in the warehouse doing the books. They also had a big farm on the Gasper River where they raised cattle, hay, tobacco, rabbits, chickens, peacocks, horses, ginnie hens, and goats. Joanne helped with all the farm chores. Joanne personally milked the goats and sold some of the milk to a local family with a baby who could not drink regular milk. Joanne also made goat cheeses. Joanne also worked a number of jobs including the Frishes Restaurant and the original Iron Skillet and Andrews Restaurants until she retired about 15 years ago. In recent years for a while Joanne and one of her daughters operated a flea market in the warehouse that is between their two homes.

Since Henry's death in March of 2000, Joanne has faced a number of health challenges. She is a four-time cancer survivor. She also survived a very difficult wound that took a year and half to heal and much assistance from her daughter, Patty. Joanne believes in the power of prayer and faith.

Now Joanne enjoys reading fiction, sewing, fishing, traveling, and being a student! She also enjoys spending time with her ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren. But she says she really enjoys "doing as little as possible"! Joanne also enjoys her computer which she got in 2001.

Both Joanne and Vivian have taken three of the classes which I teach and will be participating in an Introduction to Computers class this fall that is taught by one of my colleagues. They work hard and they enjoy having a good time! They are just fun to be around!

Now you know some of what I know about these two amazing women!

**Abel Court Report
by Jerry Gillette**

With the new partnership between BGAMUG and Abel Court Apartments new doors and opportunities are being opened for many residents as members share their expertise in using computers.

The media coverage from the partnership Kick-off Saturday, July 31st, has prompted some good exposure for both Abel Court and BGAMUG.

We currently have a pilot session each Monday and Wednesday evening with three first-time-user adults and are getting set up for the kids.

Once the computers are ready and have the proper software installed we will need member volunteers to help.

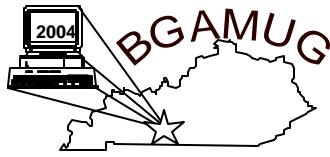
If you are interested in participating by sharing your time and knowledge with this mentoring program, please contact me at jagky@insightbb.com 781-6309.

Our thanks to all of you that have helped in any to the progress we are making with this worthwhile program.

JG

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**Don't forget this month's
meeting Tuesday
July 27
B G Technical College
Building F 6:30 PM**

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