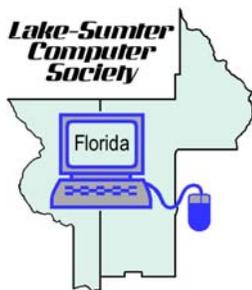


The Lake Sumter Computer Society

Welcome to Your Computer User Group



LSCS is a volunteer, not for profit Computer User Group established in the fall of 1989 in concert with the Lake Sumter Community College's Leesburg Campus. It has continually met at the College since then. We are THE official College Student Computer Society!

We have over 150 members with widely varying levels of expertise from beginner to fairly proficient.

Our mission is to improve the quality of life of the citizens of Lake, and surrounding counties, by helping them to better utilize their personal computers. A secondary goal is to provide financial support to students of the Lake Sumter Community College. We have contributed over \$14,000 in scholarships to date!

This document is intended to make you aware of our programs and activities.

Membership:

Membership is on a calendar year basis. We have Individual, Family and Business Sponsor Memberships. Our calendar year Individual membership dues are recommended by the Executive Committee and voted by the membership. Family or household memberships are one and a half times the Individual membership. Full-time LSCC students, faculty and staff, and LSCS Emeritus Members, pay no dues.

Business Sponsor membership is on an annual basis from the month of becoming a member. There are three levels of Sponsoring Membership: Bronze at \$50, Gold at \$100, and Platinum at \$200.

Regular Weekly Meeting Programs:

We meet every Thursday the college is open in the Lecture Hall of the Leesburg Campus of the Lake Sumter Community College, 9501

U.S. Highway 441. Free parking is provided with a required college decal, which may be obtained at the receptionist's office in the Student Services Center.

Meetings begin at 2:30 p.m. on Thursdays and usually last until about 4:15 p.m. Subject matter varies with the desires of the members and the availability of presenters. Current meeting schedules are available at the Programs Button on our web site, www.lscs.us.

Special Interest Groups:

SIGs are a subset of our members who wish to apply computers to a unique area of interest. They are open to all members and visitors, and there are no special SIG fees. SIGs meet Tuesdays in the same room and at the same time.

- **Computer-Genealogy SIG** – The GEN SIG, as the name implies, focuses on the use of computers in Genealogy. The *Kinseekers Genealogy Society of Leesburg* is a co-sponsor. Membership in either LSCS or Kinseekers is required to regularly attend this SIG. If you are into genealogy then you will find Kinseekers of great interest and utility. The Genealogy SIG normally meets at 2:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.
- **Computer Repair Clinic:** – Meets on the second Tuesday of the month also in LH-1 at 2:30 p.m. It is intended to be a place where you may bring your ailing computer to be examined and repaired by our volunteer members. Both hardware and software problems are examined. You will be asked to sign a waiver to be able to use the Repair Clinic.
- **Computer Explorers SIG** – This SIG, which meets on the third Tuesday of the month, was developed to enable members at especially the beginning level of computer proficiency to understand how to manage the information in files and folders on their computers, and to accomplish meaningful computer projects. Applications include basic files and folders, MS Office, pdf files, graphics and picture files, CD/DVD burning, Google searching, etc.

The NewsBytes:

Members receive a color pdf copy of the monthly *NewsBytes*, the official, monthly Society newsletter, by email. Limited black and white copies are also available at meetings.

LSCS Library:

We presently maintain two library functions:

- An assortment of CD-ROM-based training discs that are loaned to members to take home to become more proficient on operating systems and computer applications (see Lynne Rimmer or Gene Vollmer), and
- A family of freeware and shareware CDs and DVDs that are offered to members in return for a contribution to the Society's general fund (see Chuck Olds).

Our Web Site www.lscs.us

Our web site is our primary source of information, and the primary host of Society management data. This includes membership information, program schedules, handouts for future and past presentations, newsletters, a list of members willing to assist other members on various software programs ("Colleagues List") and other materials. It is only available to members in good standing. We ask that new members go there as soon as possible to validate their information in our membership database. This online database is the place to go if you have questions about programs, where your fellow members live in case you wish to car pool, etc.

Teaching Computer Classes:

Because of our unique arrangement with the Community College, we have been asked to not teach formal computer classes. Instead we assist each other through seminar and SIG types of programs.

Membership in State, National and International User Group Associations:

LSCS is a member of the Assoc. of PC User Groups (**APCUG**) (International UG Assn.) and the Florida Assoc. Computer User Groups (**FACUG**). As a member of LSCS, you are, therefore, entitled to software discounts, good outside speakers, the opportunity to obtain and review software, and other such benefits. Their web sites are: <http://www.facug.org/> and <http://www.apcug.net/>

Notice:

All materials published in the LSCS *NewsBytes*, and/or presented at Society meetings and other functions represent the opinions of their authors and presenters, and do not carry any endorsement by the Society, its Officers and Executive Committee, *NewsBytes* Editors, LSCS members at large, or of the Lake Sumter Community College. LSCS does not test programs or tips that are published and/or presented at meetings; *members are cautioned to use all such items at their own risk.*

Your Place in LSCS: What do you hope to accomplish by becoming a member of the Society? Most likely you want to learn more about your computer and how to use it more productively.

Well, LSCS IS the right place for that. But, what you get from any organization is a function of what you put into it. If you just go to the meetings and little else you will learn something.

But, if you really want to learn to use your computer, then volunteer for one of the many program and leadership openings in the Society. Make a presentation. Review a software program. Or perhaps edit the newsletter.

Then you will really learn to use your computer and we will all gain in the process.

And computer proficiency is not a prerequisite!

Member's Rights:

Keep this premise in mind when you go to meetings:

- ***You are entitled to learn at least one bit of new knowledge at every meeting***
- ***If you learn two, you are in bonus territory!***
- ***If you don't learn anything, please let me know.***

Thank you for joining your Society!



Tom J. Thiel, President

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