

President's Corner

By Ken Van Swearingen

So, Hello!

The November Meeting was a Business Meeting in which we covered the current status of the club and prospects for the upcoming year, 2019. We also voted for the new Board for 2019.

The result of the vote:

President: Ken Van Swearingen

Vice President: Vic Green

Treasurer: Richard Campion

Secretary: Ginnie Santoli

Directors at Large (Two Year Terms):

Vince Alline (2018-2019)

Dave Crowden (2018-2019)

Jim Peterson (2019-2020)

Jim Watson (2019-2020)

Past President: Gary Robertson

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Congratulations to the new Board members. All of us look forward to be of service to our Members in 2019.

We had a very good year, with The Club being in sound financial condition.

Membership is 1,501, just shy of last year's but will probably pass by year's end.

TAP has hit another milestone in delivered systems with now over 6,000 and over 9,200 children helped. TAP has also formed an alliance with Kiwanis to help under privileged children in a Kentucky County where 15% of the children are homeless, 75% of them at the poverty level, and 97% on meal assistance for lunch – now they are getting 93 systems to help break this. TAP has also sent more systems to Africa, some helping to curb Ivory Poaching. TAP provided 20 systems and other items for the Community Church Garage Sale, with the proceeds going to support Habitat for Humanity. TAP's items bringing in over \$5,000 – which is over 33% of the total dollars taken in by the whole Sale.

We launched a new “tvcuc.org” website and a new logo to help establish our brand.

We did have some successful tours but, regrettably, a couple fell through. Wait till next year!

We had some new Programs at our General Meetings, with more to come next year.

We helped a record number of Members with our FLS Team.

We have much to be Thankful for—all of us. We are blessed with being able to live here and enjoy a good life. We are blessed to have friends around us. Some of us are blessed to have family here. We are blessed to have members who give of themselves for those less fortunate—think of those children in Kentucky who now really have something to be thankful for: a chance at a better life. We are blessed to have more opportunities to do even more.

Take a moment, not just on Thanksgiving Day but every day, to give thanks.

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News and Events

By Jim Watson

Happy Thanksgiving!

Hope you enjoy a blessed day and have the opportunity to share it with loved ones and friends. And may your blessings extend through the rest of this year and next!



New Website Now On Line

Did you catch the good news above? The new TVCUC website (www.tvcuc.org) is now live. Portions of the new website, which provides a new look and feel, are still under construction and final editing as we continue to get comfortable with the new format. We hope you find the new website more useful and easier to use. It also includes a popup box at log in that provides useful information on upcoming events. Check it out!

If you have difficulty finding something that you believe should be available at the website, or if you have suggestions or comments, please send them to me, your webmaster, at:

jim.watson@tvcuc.org.

General Meeting Notes

By Kathy Economy

The Club Annual Meeting convened on Tuesday, November 13, postponed one week from our normal General Membership meeting schedule owing to the Tennessee General Election. President Ken Van Swearingen called the meeting to order and, after welcoming the members

and guests, Ken requested the attendees to silence their cell phones and asked if everyone had received their drawing tickets.



Ken Van Swearingen Addresses Attendees at the Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting

The main topic of business of the Annual Meeting is to elect a slate of officers to serve the Membership in the coming new year. Ken provided an overview of the responsibilities of the Officers and Directors. He then advised that the following persons would be retiring from the Board: **Kathy Economy**, Secretary; **Linda Bailey**, Treasurer; and **Jim Olsen**, Director at Large. Retiring board members were thanked for their service and dedication.

Ken presented the proposed slate of Officers and Directors for 2019 from the nominating committee: **Ken Van Swearingen**, President; **Vic Green**, Vice President; **Richard Campion**, Treasurer; **Ginnie Santoli**, Secretary; **Jim Peterson** and **Jim Watson**, Directors at Large (2020).

Ken then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were offered. He called for a vote in favor of the proposed slate. **All members present voted in favor of the slate as presented.** Ken asked if there were any members opposed to the slate. There were none.

Having previously been elected, the following board members continue to serve: **Gary Robertson**, Past President; **Vince Alline** and **Dave Crowden**, Directors at Large (2019).

Ken then reviewed Club highlights and milestones in 2018.

Committee Reports

The following committee reports were presented:

Financial: The 2018 Financial Report and the 2019 Approved Budget were discussed.

Programs: The December 4, 2018 program will feature a presentation by Keith Sanderson of Tellico Village Broadcasting. Dr. Terry Douglas, Founder of Provision, will speak at a time to be determined next year. The 2019 Annual Picnic will be in June.

Membership: The Renewal Period for Memberships began on October 1, 2018.

Tours: No new information about rescheduling tours at the Chattanooga Volkswagen plant; Proton Therapy tours are very popular and new dates are being confirmed.

TAP: Tap contributed 20 systems plus some miscellaneous items to the recent Garage Sale. Sales from the TAP donations were approximately \$5,000, about 1/3 of the total of the total sales of \$14,272 for the event. Beneficiaries of the sale were Habitat for Humanity and Tellico Village Community Church Crafters. Also, Warren reported that 84 systems have been prepared and will be picked up on November 16 by members of the Kentucky Kiwanis Club to be distributed to the Caverna, KY, School District. Warren was advised by the School Superintendent that 15% of the District's school children are homeless and 90% are on the free lunch program.

FLS: The October “Meet with FLS” had 18 members attending. In October, 54 calls were handled. The next meeting of “Meet with FLS” will be November 27 at 3:00 in Chota Recreation Center, Room D.

Featured Presentation

Unfortunately, the speaker from Magnolia Home Theater did not show to present the topic “Smart TVs.” Ken filled in with a Q&A with the audience.

Ken introduced several new members in attendance before conducting the door prize raffle.

Door Prize

Ken awarded two door prizes, one to each of two lucky drawing winners. The November door prize winners, pictured to the right, were Debbie Musson and Cap Purvis.

Congratulations!



Debbie Musson & Cap Purvis

Tours

By Bob Kutschera

Provision CARES Proton Therapy Center Knoxville Tour

A second tour of this important cancer treatment facility was organized for October 20th, the second visit in as many months to this leading-edge treatment center. The tour group is pictured below.



TVCUC Members Tour Proton Therapy Facility in October

These tours are informative and important, and are provided periodically at no charge to participants. Bob Kutschera coordinates attendance and transportation. If you have not yet been able to participate, you are encouraged to do so in one of the upcoming tours next year. Potential dates for the next tours are being coordinated for February and March. More information will be provided at our general meetings and on our website, www.tvcuc.org, as the schedules solidify.



Other Tours in 2019

The Club is still coordinating with the VW Chattanooga Production Facility and Oak Ridge National Laboratory for resumption of tour opportunities there. We are also looking at opportunities for a site visit to Mastercraft Boats and other venues we've toured before... and some new ones, too.

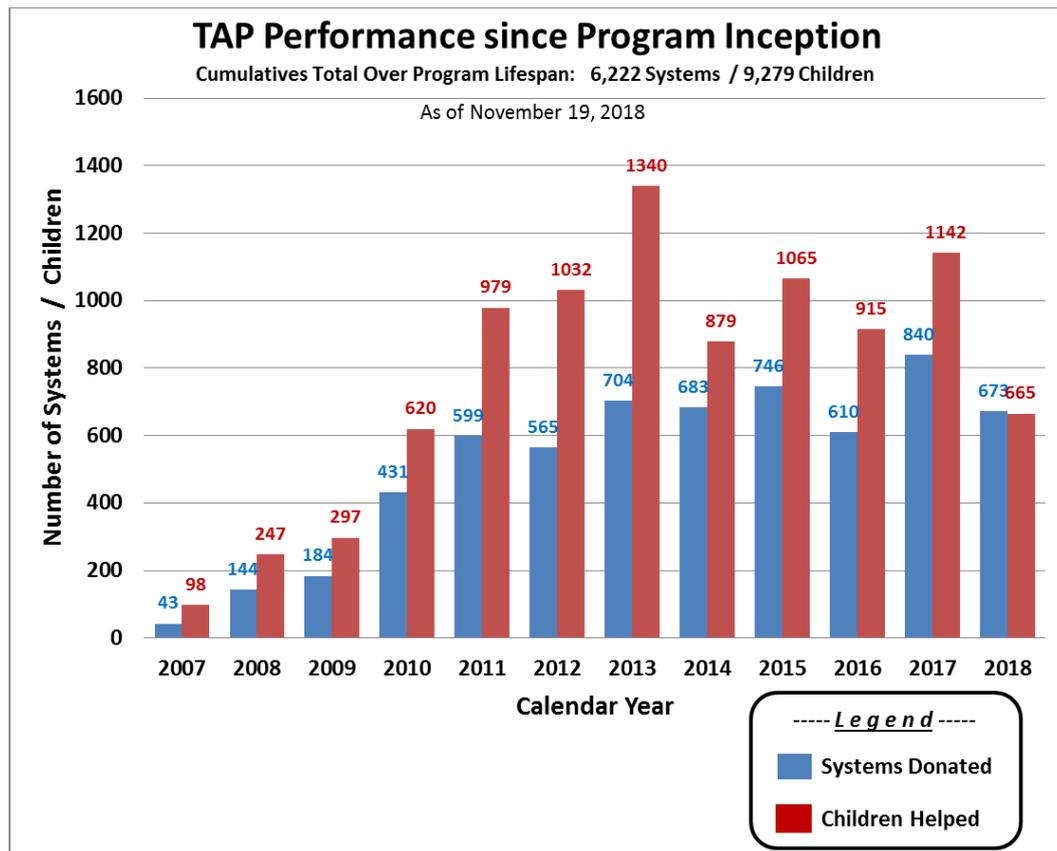
If you have a suggestion for a tour destination that would be of interest to our members, please share your thoughts and any contacts you may have. We can explore the opportunity, promote, and coordinate the tour visit.

Technology Access Program

By Warren Sanders

TAP Update

As of November 19, 2018, TAP has donated **6,222 systems** since the program’s inception in 2007, helping at least **9,279 needy children**. The chart below illustrates the numbers of computer systems donated annually, along with children helped, through 19 Nov 2018.



Most recently TAP, in partnership with Kiwanis Club (Roger Larsen), delivered **93** refurbished computer systems to an underserved school in East Kentucky. Some 11% of the students in the school are homeless and about 75% of the students live below the poverty line and are on the Federal School Lunch Program. These donated systems represent 93 impoverished families now with access to the internet, where the children can compete with their peers and have a chance to break out of the poverty cycle. The following is an excerpt from ***Kiwanis Notes*** (the KT District Newsletter), which was the lead article for the November issue.

NINE THOUSAND AND MORE

Roger Larsen

Nine Thousand!! Nine Thousand area children have been given an opportunity to compete scholastically thanks to the 501(c)3 Tellico Village Computer Users Club’s TAP program. TAP – Technology Access Program of the thousand-member Computer Users Club has been providing computer systems, free of charge, to local families who could not otherwise afford one. To date, over six thousand complete systems have been provided. At the recent Kiwanis District Conference in Gatlinburg, TN, a participant noted **“Sounds too good to be true”**. More on how Kiwanis can be a part of this success in a moment... Ten years ago TAP was formed when founders recognized that without a home computer it is difficult for children to thrive academically. Research necessary for homework assignments, student creative endeavors and communication with other students and teachers were difficult – a significant disadvantage in today’s educational environment. The solution was at hand – local families who had upgraded their computer systems wanted to keep replaced equipment out of landfills; companies that had replaced equipment needed a way to dispose of it without additional expense. TAP, a Microsoft Certified Refurbisher, accepts these components, upgrades the equipment to meet performance standards, installs a current Windows Operating System together with supporting Utilities and productivity software, assembles them into complete, powerful systems and donates those systems to qualified families. The underlying financial benefits for businesses and individuals donating equipment are attractive. Business equipment that has been depreciated retains a fair residual commercial value. Donating equipment to a 501(c)3 organization permits writing off that value for taxes. Personal equipment that has been donated and, receipted, can be taken as a tax deduction. What about the cost of the refurbishing, upgrading? All TAP “employees” are volunteers; there are no salary costs. 1. Microsoft provides a substantial Operating System copy discount for certified refurbishers when equipment is designated for charitable purposes. 2. Where necessary, components are purchased and costs are covered by the host Computer Users Club and grants from United Way, Walmart and others. 3. Obsolete equipment is disposed of in an ecologically sound, no-cost way. 4. Free Utilities, Productivity Systems compatible with Microsoft applications are installed.

Eligibility? TAP – The only requirement is that there is no operable computer in the home and that a referral is provided by a 501(c)3 organization or school. **Broadband Access** – Most Internet Service Providers have a discounted “hardship” access program – often qualification for this program is simply answered by this question: “Is there a recipient enrolled in the Federal School Lunch Program?” **Why a Kiwanis / TAP partnership?** Kiwanis and TAP share a common focus on children. TAP has, to a large extent, satisfied the need for computer systems among eligible families in the immediate Knoxville counties. The Kiwanian Club structure can, however, provide an opportunity to extend the reach of this program to families well beyond those counties. TAP invites Kiwanis Clubs to consider a “Club Project” – partnering with TAP to get these systems into the hands of qualified families in your area where they can make a big difference.

For further information, Contact Warren Sanders, (865) 332-5313

“Too good to be true??? No, not at all!

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Do you have a computer or peripherals to donate?

You can bring your donated equipment to the TAP office located at 244 Lakeside Plaza in the lower level of building #2 (underneath the Thai Restaurant / old Grindz Grille). Call first to make sure someone will be there, (865) 332-5313.

We are proud to sponsor the Microsoft certified Technology Access Program (TAP). The TVCUC TAP is a Microsoft Registered Refurbisher and provides refurbished donated computers loaded with Windows Operating Systems for distribution through non-profit organizations.

Donated equipment is inspected and cleaned on arrival. The operating system, all programs, and any remaining personal information are removed from the computer. A new operating system and basic applications are installed so that a "clean" system can be delivered to a deserving student.

Membership

By Jim Autry

As of November 13th, the club has 1,501 members in good standing.

The Club provides the opportunity to communicate and exchange ideas, knowledge, and experiences for the enrichment of members including both PC & Mac Users.

Do you know someone who could benefit from Club membership? If so please share this newsletter with them or speak with them about the benefits of being a TVCUC member.

Anyone can join TVCUC via *TellicoLife*. Follow this link [Join/Renew TVCUC Membership](#). Or bring them to our next general meeting at the fellowship hall, Community Church at Tellico Village.

Mac Special Interest Group

By Karen Brown

There is **no meeting in November**—see you again in January. And have a **Happy Thanksgiving**.

Remember that 2019 TVCUC dues are due now, delinquent after 12/31/18. I will purge our mailing list in January, so anyone who has not paid dues by that time will stop receiving these notices. Go to tellicolife.org to pay your dues. If you pay online with a credit card, dues are \$15...\$20 if you pay by check.

The October program was about the new features of Mojave, OS 10.14. Macworld magazine says that if you have no other reason to upgrade to Mojave, you should do so for the security features. To read more about the security features, see go.macworld.com/mjsc.

Meanwhile, here are some things you might find interesting.

Printable Mac How-To Cheat Sheet For Mojave

This is something I created for my Mojave course that I also wanted to share with my newsletter subscribers. It is a one-page PDF that you can print with quick how-to tips for macOS. These are answers to some of the most commonly-asked questions from Mac users. The descriptions are very short and meant to quickly guide you to a solution, rather than provide a detailed step-by-step explanation.

Download **The MacMost macOS Mojave How-To Cheat Sheet**. Share it with your friends! **Privacy Preferences in macOS Mojave**.



Mojave changes how apps ask for privacy settings and gives you easier control of those settings. In System Preferences, Security & Privacy, Privacy, you can see all of the permissions that have been granted to apps and change them. However, for typical users it is often hard to determine why an app needs access to a specific type of information. [Read More...](#)

Showing File Data In Mojave Finder

The new Gallery View in Mojave allows you to see file data for the file selected. You can choose to show more or less of this data. You can also customize this data to pick which items are shown by default. This function isn't for the Gallery View only, however, as you can also see it in all four Finder views. [Read More...](#)

Tip: Use Spotlight Instead of Contacts

Next time you need to look up a phone number or email address of a contact, use the Spotlight menu instead of launching the Contacts app. Just a quick Command+Space and start typing the name of the contact and you get the basic information right there. You can roll over a phone number or email address and click on a button to the right to send a message or email. You can also just press the Return key to open up Contacts right to that person for full access to all information.

Tip: Turn Off Content Blockers For a Website

If you opt to use content blockers, but find they interfere with a website you are visiting, you can turn them off for just that site. Choose Safari, Settings for This Website. Then uncheck Enable Content Blockers. You can also access this by Control+clicking on the address field, or add the Website Settings button by customizing the Safari toolbar.

Use Password Assistant To Create Random Passwords

Your Mac has a password generator built into the Keychain Access utility. It takes a few steps to access, but it can be handy to generate passwords outside of Safari or in unusual situations. You can vary the length and type of password and copy and paste the result. [Read More...](#)

For those of you who missed the last meeting in which I talked about changes in Mojave, here are the topics I addressed.

Using Desktop Stacks In macOS Mojave

A new feature in macOS Mojave is the ability to temporarily group files on your Desktop into Stacks. These Stacks can contain files of a similar kind, or groups organized by date or tags. You can expand and collapse any Stack to see what is inside, and use the file icons inside the Stack like regular icons. Desktop Stacks can help if your Desktop gets messy and you need to find files right now, but don't have time to organize your Desktop files at the moment. [Read More...](#)

Gallery View In macOS Mojave

The new Gallery View replaces Cover Flow View in macOS Mojave. It is useful for flipping through a folder full of images, PDFs or other document types when you need to find one using a large preview image. There are some customization options for Gallery View. [Read More...](#)

Using macOS Mojave Dynamic Desktops

The new Dynamic Desktop feature will change the image on your desktop depending on the time of day, or more accurately, the position of the sun. You can see this in action by manually adjusting your Mac's time. Apple includes two dynamic desktops with Mojave, but we may see more from Apple or third-parties at some point. [Read More...](#)

The Top New Features of macOS Mojave

The new macOS has many new useful and exciting features. Take a quick look at Dark Mode, Dynamic Desktop, Gallery View, Quick Actions, Continuity Camera, Desktop Stacks, a new screen shot method, new apps like News, and much more. [Read More...](#)

Tip: Website Icons In Safari

A new feature in Safari 12 is the ability to see website icons in tabs. Turn it on by going to Safari, Preferences, Tabs and then check Show website icons in tabs. Then when you see the tab headings visible at the top of the Safari window, you'll see the icons along with the site name.

Using Mojave Finder Quick Actions

A new feature in macOS Mojave is the ability to edit and manipulate files directly in the Finder using Quick Actions. You can rotate and mark up images, mark up PDFs, trim video and audio, and even convert images to PDF files. In the future you will be able to do more with third-party extensions. You can currently build your own Quick Actions in Automator too. [Read More...](#)

The macOS Mojave News App

New to macOS Mojave is the News app, a port of the iOS app that has been around for a few years. You can now access news articles from thousands of sources in an aggregated news feed, and read the articles in a distraction-free environment. You can also go directly to sources and topics, and search for specific articles. You can save articles for later reading or look through your history and share articles with others. [Read More...](#)

Using Dark Mode With macOS Mojave

A new feature of macOS Mojave is Dark Mode. This favors light text on a dark background instead of dark text on a light background in the system and standard apps. You can see the change in the menu bar, app toolbars and sidebars, and even the backgrounds of apps like Contacts, Calendar, Reminders, Notes, Mail and Maps. Not all apps will change, especially third-party apps. Document content and images will not change either, as they keep using the true color specified in the document. You can also change the accent color used in standard interface elements throughout macOS. [Read More...](#)

Tip: Two Ways To Add Emoji To Your Emails

A minor addition to the Mail in Mojave is a Emoji button to the toolbar. It appears when you are composing a message and brings up a control panel to allow you to select or search for Emoji and other characters to add to your messages. It looks like the classic smiling face emoji. In fact it is the same control panel that comes up when you use the default Control+Command+Space keyboard shortcut that has been around for years.

Recording Voice Memos On Your Mac

The new Voice Memos app in macOS Mojave allows you to quickly and easily record voice memos and any audio from your Mac's microphone. It keeps a small library of voice memos

and lets you go back and append to them, trim them, and edit them. They sync over iCloud with the Voice Memos app on your iPhone and iPad so it is easy to record on one and edit and listen on the other. You can also export the memos as standard audio files. [Read More...](#)

Capturing Photos For Your Mac With Your iPhone Using Continuity Camera

A powerful new feature of macOS Mojave and iOS 12 is the ability to use your iPhone or iPad as a camera and capture images directly to your Mac. You can grab images right in apps like Preview, Pages, Mail and others. You can also scan multipage documents. Images skip being stored on your iPhone and go directly into the app on your Mac. However, using this feature requires the latest operating systems, recent hardware, and the right settings including two-factor authentication for your Apple ID. [Read More...](#)

First Level Support

By Tom Verbeke

FLS responded to 54 trouble calls via the “Hot Line” in October. Ninteen members participated in the Meet with FLS session that convened on October 30th.

Top issues continue to be:

- Windows 10 Software Updates
- Slow Running Computers
- Malware
- Network Connection after Updates

Printers continue to be problems, it appears that Windows 10 updates, on occasion, will break the connection to printers and a re-install of the printer is then required.

The next FLS sessions—last of the year—is scheduled: **Tuesday, November 27th** in the Chota Recreation Center (Room D) at 3:15 PM. Sessions are typically 90 min in duration, so arrive early with your laptop or question. Pre-registration is possible but not necessary:

You can pre-register for a Meet with FLS session at [TellicoLife](#)...just log in and click [here](#).

The First Level Support (FLS) team has a "Support Hot Line"

Members needing support for computer issues can call:

(865) 408-8223

Leave a message and a FLS technician will contact you as soon as possible.

Tip of the Month

By Lou Miller

Window 10 Update Delayed Again

Apparently the update is delayed again due to a bug. [See more...](#)

At the end of that article there is a link to another article that talks about why you shouldn't ever click "Check for Updates" because you might get an update that is still buggy and not quite ready for prime time.

From Vince Alline: **As an update to Lou Miller's Tip of the Month, Microsoft released the October 2018 update to Windows 10 last Thursday.**

Laptop Recommendations

Consumer reports December 2018 has a good article on laptops. The article is available on the Club website.

It recommends for most folks the following hardware specifications: I5 processor, 8 gigabytes of memory, 1920X1080 display.

It also recommends a solid state drive (SSD), because it is faster and lighter than traditional hard drive. However, it's storage size is much smaller, which can be an issue.

It also says finger print scanners and facial recognition software adds additional security. As far as I am concerned finger print scanners and facial recognition software makes logging on much easier and prevents casual thievery; but, if someone steals your laptop, to get your files all they have to do is remove the hard drive and read it in another computer. So I like the convenience they add, but I am not sold on the added security.

The article mentions AMD processors but does not make a comparison between Intel and AMD processors. I know that some AMD processors compete with and surpass the Intel I5. But, I have been unable to find a good comparison between AMD and Intel. In other words, what AMD processor performs like an Intel I5? This is an important question because usually AMD powered computers are cheaper than Intel.

