

On the Docket for the

General Meeting

Thursday, February 15, 2007

Free Computer Mini-Courses

A Smorgasbord of Sampler Classes

With Many of NYPC's Instructors

Want to learn something new to improve your computer skills? Attend NYPC's 2nd annual evening of mini-courses!

This month's general meeting gives you an introduction to some of our upcoming courses and offers the opportunity to meet many of the people who teach at NYPC. NYPC can offer classes at below market prices, thanks to the generosity of skilled instructors willing to teach at a discounted rate.

At this General Meeting you can meet many of them, see how they present, and ask them questions. They will sit at tables in the cafeteria and give brief classes (about 45 minutes each) in various areas of their expertise. You can go from table to table to learn from them.

Following is the current schedule of mini-classes and instructors.

Session 1 - 6:30-7:15 PM

☛ Cafeteria

- Discovering Excel's Power - Al Vachris
- What Makes a Smart Phone "Smart"? - Ted Cohn
- Backing Up Your Computer - Michael Horowitz
- Computer Safety Beyond Your Anti-Virus - Leftonred Atanycorner

☛ Auditorium

- Basics of Selling on eBay - Fred Kahn

Session 2 - 7:30-8:15 PM

☛ Cafeteria

- Photography for eBay - Fred Kahn
- Open Office - Mark Halegua
- Turn Old LPs into New CDs - Michael Ostrowe
- SOHO Networking: Let your office and kitchen talk! - Kathy Petruzzi

☛ Auditorium

- Google Tips and Tricks - Mary Ginsburg

Session 3 - 8:30-9:15 PM

☛ Cafeteria

- Benefits of Your Own Internet Domain - Michael Horowitz
- MAC or Windows: Have it both ways! - Pat McEvoy
- Excel for Home or Office: Getting Started - Marge Earthlife
- Photos too Dark? Here's What to Do - Mary Ginsburg

☛ Auditorium

- Getting Acquainted with Vista - Leftonred Atanycorner

For any updates, and a printed schedule, stop at our "Meet and Greet" area in the hall at the meeting.

Try to attend this exciting General Meeting, and bring your friends and colleagues. Each free mini-course will give you some solid knowledge to enhance your computing skills.

Inside NYPC



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General Meeting Info

When: Thursday February 15, 2007

Where: PS 41, 116 W 11th Street,
west of 6th Avenue

Schedule: 6:00pm Doors open
Q&A/Announcements
6:30pm Mini-courses in
cafeteria & auditorium

Travel: A,B,C,D,E,F,Q,V to West 4th St
1,2,3,9,L to 14th St @7th Ave
(check with MTA)

Path: Take 33rd St line to 9th St Sta

Web site: <http://www.nypc.org>
<http://www.nypceducation.org>
for details of this meeting

Office: (212) 643-7005

NYPC's General Meetings are free and open to the public.

To check on the NYPC General Meeting, find location, or get up-to-the-minute details on speakers, call our office or check our website.

Coming in March

David Pogue speaks on Vista

Tuesday, March 20, at PS 41 (a different night than our usual General Meeting)

[David Pogue](#), New York Times columnist and author of many books, including several of O'Reilly's valuable [Missing Manuals](#), will speak to NYPC about Vista!

His two new books, [Windows Vista: The Missing Manual](#) and [Windows Vista for Starters: The Missing Manual](#), will be available for purchase and autographing.

Thanks For The Memory (Chips)

by Fred Kahn

For some unexplained reason I had come to the belief that all memory chips were produced outside the United States. However, during some recent research I found to my pleasant surprise that the good old U.S. of A. has not sent all of its manufacturing jobs overseas. **Micron Technology** is meeting the high demand for many different types of memory chips and making them in three plants right in our own back yard! Here are some interesting facts that I recently discovered:



Micron Technology, Inc., is one of the world's leading providers of advanced semiconductor solutions. Through its worldwide operations, Micron manufactures and markets DRAMs, NAND flash memory (used in the now ubiquitous thumb drives, cell phones, PDA's, etc), CMOS image sensors (used in many digital cameras), other semiconductor components, and memory modules for use in leading-edge computing, consumer, networking, and mobile products.

* Micron manufactures semiconductor products, including memory chips and CMOS sensors, at three locations in the United States as well as other facilities throughout the world.

* Micron produced the world's first 1.4 micron (micro-meter) CMOS imaging device, enabling them to produce 1/4 inch/5 Megapixel, 1/3 inch/8 Megapixel, and 1/2 inch/12 Megapixel CMOS sensors.

A bit of history:

* In 1998 Micron purchased the memory manufacturing facilities of Texas Instruments.

* In 2002 Micron purchased Toshiba's commodity DRAM operation.

* Also in 2002, Micron introduced the first 1 GB Double Data Rate (DDR) SDRAM.

* 2003 Micron delivered the industry's first 4 Gigabyte (GB) DDR SDRAM DIMM.

* In the same year, Micron introduced a 1.3 mega pixel CMOS image sensor, which achieves image quality comparable to CCD while taking advantage of the benefits of CMOS sensor technology.

* In 2004 Micron shipped its first production 2GB 90nm NAND Flash Memory products.

* In June of 2006 Micron completed its acquisition of Lexar Media. Micron also owns Crucial Technology.

Personal Experience with an Innovation

Recently I purchased a very interesting memory chip for my new (Canon G7) digital camera. Not only is this high-speed 1GB SD II memory chip fast (60X) and inexpensive (\$39.00)—it has a feature which is both unique and highly useful. With a little bend in the middle, the chip unfolds to extend its built-in USB connection. This allows the chip itself to be plugged directly into the USB port on my computer without the need for any adapters, cords, or a card reader!



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NYPC Classes

To register or to request specific classes, phone 212 643-7005, x2, email classes@nypceducation.org, or register online at <http://www.nypceducation.org>.

For complete descriptions, click on class name at <http://www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings> or <http://www.nypceducation.org>.

Unless otherwise specified, classes are hands-on. We welcome walk-ins for seminars, but please phone to confirm that the class is being held. One advantage of NYPC computer training is our flexibility. If there's a topic you want to learn, let us know. If we have at least three students, we'll try to tailor a class to your needs.

Prices below are for NYPC members; if you are not a member, please add registration fee of \$10.

⇒ Photo Enhancement with Photoshop Elements

Learn how to enhance your digital photos! Photoshop Elements is Adobe's "consumer level" digital imaging program. Though far less expensive and easier than Photoshop, it offers considerable power in enhancing and distributing digital images. Like all graphics applications, it is also very enjoyable. In this hands-on course, we'll learn by doing, from using layers through tonal and color corrections, and more.

Each student will receive a CD with a trial (time-limited) version of Photoshop Elements, practice photos for homework and class use, and hyperlinked web resources. Students are encouraged to bring their own photos to class for advice.

4 Wednesdays and Mondays, February 21, 26, 28, March 5, 9:30am-12:30pm
12 hours, hands-on, \$129

⇒ Finding Health/Medical Information Online

There are millions of health-related sites on the Internet, but not all give valid information. How can you find the ones with the reliable information you need? In this seminar, we'll take a look at how to structure effective searches, how to separate valuable information from the questionable, and what to do with the information you find. We'll also look at some excellent sites. Each person attending will receive a CD with hyperlinked resources.

Tuesday, February 20, 1:30-4:30pm
Seminar, partially hands-on, \$29

⇒ An Introduction to eBay


Course includes:

- Defining the most useful and exciting e-commerce website
- Learning how to register and get started
- Locating hard-to-find items and great bargains

This introductory class will also touch on the basics of selling as well as how to buy and sell safely.

Taught by NYPC's own eBay Guru, Fred Kahn, who is a "Power Seller," registered trading assistant, and eBay certified education specialist trained by eBay. Fred imparts his knowledge about eBay with great enthusiasm.

This is one of this year's NYPC \$25.00 classes for our 25th anniversary

 Register early as this class is sure to sell out.
Sunday, February 25, 10:00am-2:00pm
Seminar, \$25

⇒ Getting Started with Open Office

Open Office is an office suite which is free for the downloading. The suite includes word processor, spreadsheet, presentation generator, and drawing application. Testers particularly like the integration among the suite's applications, such as being able to create new spreadsheet applications from within the word processor. It is able

to import from and export to such familiar file formats as .doc and .xls. Available in both Windows and Linux versions, it is written in open code, with a community of contributors. It receives good reviews and is growing in popularity. Here's your chance to learn it! Mark Halegua, chair of the DeLUGE SIG, will give you the instruction you need to get a running start. Each class participant will receive a CD with Open Office and some resources. (See <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,1895,1571626,00.asp> for an interesting comparison between Open Office and Office 2003.)
2 Saturdays, February 24, March 3, 1:00-4:00pm
Hands-on, \$79

⇒ Mastering Your Digital Camera Controls

With their wealth of controls and menu options, digital cameras can bewilder even the most experienced photographer. The user can change not only aperture and shutter speed, but also ISO, white balance, automatic program, and more. In this class we'll learn how to take advantage of these many camera options to take better photos.

- Please tell registrar your camera model when you register
- Plan to bring your manual to class

2 Tuesdays, February 27, March 6, 1:30-4:30pm
Hands-on with your camera, \$59

⇒ What is a Database?

A database is an ordered compilation of data set up for quick entry and retrieval. A database can be extremely useful for tracking everything from a personal collection to a store inventory.

This class will help you understand databases! It will give an overview of the fundamentals of database design, including the differences between relational and flat file databases, database components, some basic design issues, and the syntax of basic operations. The information gained here will help you decide which database application is best for you...or even if you want to get involved in database development at all.

Sunday, March 4, 1:00-4:00pm
Seminar, \$29

Coming Soon!

⇒ Getting Started with BASE, the Open Source Database

⇒ Building Websites with Dreamweaver

⇒ Excel: for Beginners or "Refreshers"

⇒ Photoshop for Digital Photographers

⇒ Buying (or Building) Your Next PC

NYPC Meetings, Seminars/Classes & Other Events **February 2007**

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--|---|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 Enterprise Windows Java Gen Mtg | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 TechTips Access | 6 Genealogy | 7 Visual Basic Palm Pilot | 8 DeLUGE | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 C++/ODK Exchange Excel Alpha DB | 14 | 15 General Meeting | 16 Phot/Dig Graph | 17 |
| 18 A+ | 19 Ventura | 20 MED SEARCH Investment Perl | 21 P'SHOP ELEMENTS Speech Recog | 22 MetaStock | 23 Marketing | 24 OPEN OFFICE |
| 25 EBAY Intro | 26 P'SHOP ELEMENTS JAVA: Projects Adv Tech | 27 DIG CAM CONT Wireless NYPC Board | 28 P'SHOP ELEMENTS Hardware | March 1 JAVA Gen Mtg Enterprise Windows | 2 | 3 OPEN OFFICE |
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Calendar Legend

Plain = SIG Meeting
Bold = NYPC Class

Italic = Other Meetings
Black background = General Meeting

The calendar shows the events that were scheduled at press time. **Confirm meeting information at our online calendar, <http://www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings>.** See page 3 for Seminars/Classes. See pages 5 and 6 for SIG meetings.

Location Legend

MS Microsoft, 1290 6th Ave. (51st/52nd Str), 6th Floor
 NYPC NYPC Office, Hotel New Yorker, 481 8th Ave, Suite 550
 PS41 116 West 11th Street, west of 6th Avenue

SIG Directory

The calendar shows the events that were scheduled at press time. You can find detailed information about many SIG meetings by going to the online Calendar at <http://www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings>, and clicking on the SIG of interest. Details appear in a pop-up. Updates—changes, cancellations, or topics to replace TBA—are announced here.

If we have your e-mail address, we will also send you occasional meeting updates and reminders.

Meetings at Microsoft

Security procedures at Microsoft have become tighter. As always, a photo ID is imperative.

In addition, be sure that your name is on the SIG Chair's attendee list.

See Location Legend bottom of page 4.

AXS Access

Linda Ewen, LindaEwen@nyc.rr.com
 Monday, February 5th, March 5th, 6:30 PM
 Location: MS
 2/5: Linda Ewen and Barry Cunningham:
 Security Systems

ATT Advanced Technologies and Techniques

Jessie Shereff, shereff@cs.nyu.edu
 Monday, February 26th, 6:30 PM
 Location: MS
 General Discussion of PC technology

ADB Alpha Database

Barry Rochford, brochford1@comcast.net
 Tuesday, February 13th, 6:00 PM (different day this month only)
 Location: NYPC
 Discussion of SIG purpose/organization

BEG Beginners SIG

Mary Ginsburg, lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net
 On hiatus. E-mail if interested.

CSG C++/Java Gen'l Mtg

<http://www.cppsig.org>
<http://www.nvcjava.net>
 Gary Russo, garyrusso@hotmail.com
 Thursday, February 1st, March 1st, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Check Yahoo group for topic

CSG C++/Java: Java Projects

Dario LaVerde, dario@nvcjava.net
 Monday, February 26th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Check Yahoo group for topic

ODK C++/JAVA: ODK Management

Carlos Jerome, cjinterf@panix.com
 Tuesday, February 13th, 5:30 PM
 Call for location: 212-673-9187
 Development of a constituent communications system using LDAP & CRM-focused process

LUG Deluge (Desktop Linux Users Group)

<http://www.delugeny.org>. Mark Halegua, phantom21@mindspring.com
 Thursday, February 8th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Konquerer: File manager, web browser, more!

EMB Embedded Systems

Lee Thalblum, lee_t@bigfoot.com
 On hiatus. Contact leader

EWN Enterprise Windows

Stephen Goodwin, srg@winnyc.com; Tony Iams, tony@dhbrown.com; <http://nyewin.org>
 Thursday, February 1st, March 1st, 6:00 PM
 Location: MS
 Microsoft Solution Accelerator for Business Desktop Deployment 2007

EXC Excel

Al Vachris, alfred.vachris@gmail.com
 Tuesday, February 13th, 6:00 PM
 Location: MS
 Topic TBA

EXG Microsoft Exchange

Ben Serebin, exchangeug@reefsolutions.com
<http://www.nyexug.com>
 Tuesday, February 13th, 6:00 PM
 Location: MS
 Topic TBA

GFH Genealogy

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~metrony/>
 David Kleiman, roots@heritagemuse.com
 Tuesdays, February 6th, March 6th, 6:00 PM
 Restoring and using family photos in genealogical applications - 2 sessions

HRD Hardware

Kevin Raguette, Rags6600@hotmail.com
 Wednesday, February 28th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 TBA

NET Internet

Tony Holley, tholley@citytech.cuny.edu;
 Mary Ginsburg, lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net
 On hiatus. Contact leader

INV Investment

Phyllis Pawlovsky, PGP106@cs.com. SIG follows the investment principles of the National Association of Investment Corp.
 Tuesday, February 20th, 6:15 PM
 Location: MS
 Money Mangement Tools: Microsoft Money, Quicken, Portfolio Manager

Check the Online Calendar!

Be sure to check the online calendar for updates:
<http://www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings>

LNX LINUX

On hiatus. We're working toward reviving this important SIG

MKT Marketing Committee!

Murray Strelitz/Grace Lee, marketing@nypc.org
 Friday, February 23rd, 6:30 PM
 E-mail Murray for information

MTA MetaStock

Al Kinzinger, Jr., Metastockug@yahoo.com
 Thursday, February 22nd, 7:00 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Speaker: Peter Dalal, author of FXTA Plug-in to MetaStock

BRD NYPC Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 27th, 6:30 PM
 Members are welcome to attend, but we'd like to know ahead. Please e-mail pres@nypc.org

GEN NYPC GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, February 15th, 6:00 PM
 Location: PS 41
 Mini-Courses in Computer Technology

PDA Palm Pilot

<http://nypc.org/palm.htm>. Ted Cohn, Grace Lee; nypcpalmpilot@gmail.com
 Wednesday, February 7th, March 7th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Q&A, sharing, and networking

PRL Perl Seminar NY

James E. Keenan, jkeen@verizon.net; Alex Gill, alexgill@nyc.rr.com
 Tuesday, February 20th, 6:15 PM

PHT Photography & Graphics

Mary Ginsburg, lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net;
 Tony Holley, tholley@citytech.cuny.edu
 Friday, February 16th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Videos from your still camera

PHO Photoshop

http://www.hookbuilt.com/nypc/photoshop_sig.html; Laura Balsam, nypc@hookbuilt.com
 Dates/Topics TBA
 Geared toward intermediate to advanced Photoshop users, but all are welcome

SI G Directory, continued

SPR Speech Recognition

<http://www.out-loud.com>;
<http://www.speechwiki.org/sr/nypcsrsig.html>
 Leftonred Atanycorner, pres@nypc.org;
 Laura Miner, 76233.3413@compuserve.com
 Wednesday, February 21st, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 How to create Custom Commands ("Macros")
 in NaturallySpeaking

STR Streaming Media Plus

On hiatus

PAS Tech Tips

Kathy Petrucci, kathypetrucci@hotmail.com;
 Michael Ostrowe, mjoostrowe@earthlink.net
 Thursday, February 1st, March 1st, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Topics TBA

VPI Ventura

Allison Moore, amooore@nyc.rr.com
 Monday, February 19th, 7:00 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Topic TBA

BAS Visual Basic

<http://www.nypcvb.org>
 David Kulick, dgkulick@hotmail.com
 Wednesday, February 7th, March 7th, 6:00 PM
 Location: MS
 2/7: Vista/Framework 3 Launch
 3/7: Windows Presentation or Workflow
 Foundation

WMM Web Design

On hiatus

WLS Phones/Wireless

Ted Cohn, TedCohn@earthlink.net
 Tuesday, February 27th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Topic TBA

XML XML/Web Services

Mahesh Chhatlani, nypcxml@hotmail.com
 Contact leader for information

Other Organizations

NPC Non-Profit Computing

John L. German, 212-759-2368

Includes:

JOB Career Development Group

Tuesday, February 13, 27, 5:00 PM
 Location: Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew,
 263 West 86th Street at West End Avenue
 Facilitators include:
 Susan Werbin, 212-799-6111
 Mort Trachtenberg, 212-769-TRAC

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NYPC is selling one of our lovely customized computer desks, designed by Bill Ginsberg and assembled by NYPC volunteers.



With enclosures for two computers, and openings for wires, which can fit nicely in the back, this is a terrific desk for:

- Joint projects, or individualized instruction
- Using two computers with one monitor and keyboard
- Using two monitors with one computer (Store your supplies in the second cubicle.)

\$150 or best offer. E-mail treasurer@nypceducation.org or phone 212-643-7005 if interested.

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New York, New York 10001

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February 2007

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Thanks to Our Volunteers!

We are grateful to all the dedicated volunteers who helped in our recent move from two rooms (550/551) to one (550):

- Kevin Raguette
- Kathleen Stolarski
- Kathy Petruzzi
- Frank Manus
- Gene Guthrie
- Fran Wetzstein
- Leftonred Atanycorner
- And anyone else we may have overlooked

coming attractions

We've got some great general meetings coming up...

Tuesday, March 20 David Pogue on Vista

Thursday, April 19 Katrin Eismann, Photoshop Diva

Let us know what you'd like to see! Tell us on the evaluation forms we pass out at the General Meeting, or send an e-mail to Bill Ginsberg, program@nypc.org.



New Logo for Our 25th Year!

Allison Moore has redesigned our logo in honor of our 25th year, which is 2007.



Elections Coming Up

NYPC will elect new officers in March.

If you're interested in running for office, please contact Bill Ginsberg, program@nypc.org.