

# On the Docket for the General Meeting Thursday, October 18, 2007

## Vinyl to CD

*Efficient Audio Transfer*

*Presented by Mike Ostrowe*

**D**o you have stacks of LPs and boxes of cassette tapes that you would like to transfer to CDs or DVDs...or to an iPod, Zen, or other MP3 player? You may have great symphonies, or recordings by a European orchestra, Pavarotti, funky jazz, bouncy Beatles, or classic rock. You paid for all those LPs, and saved them for years—why not transfer your old media to new media?

Outside conversion services are expensive and hard to find, and many records or tapes are not available on CDs or via downloads. It is really not that hard, nor that expensive, to convert your old media to new media...you can do it yourself. Not only that, but the end product may be considerably improved.

It is often possible to remove pops from records and hiss from tapes. You can rebalance the sound, perhaps adding bass and diminishing treble, or making



modifications to some of each to suit your personal taste.

No turntable? No problem! Our presenter Mike Ostrowe will show how to use a new, inexpensive turntable with a USB connection. Just plug this into your computer, use software like Roxio's CD Creator, and you are set to go. [I have a lot of LP's and a working turntable, but my music system is not located near my computer, so this turntable is a practical solution.]

### *About Mike Ostrowe*

Mike Ostrowe is an avid music collector and a Tech Guru. Mike is co-chair with Kathy Petrucci of our TechTips SIG, which focuses on technical tips and tricks to make computing more enjoyable and efficient. He teaches our A+ certification class, Build Your Own Computer, and other hardware courses. He also runs our Teach and Tune PC Clinic, and is part of NYPC's Bits & Bytes TV production team.

*more...*

# Inside NYPC



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## General Meeting Info

**When:** Thursday, October 18, 2007  
RESCHEDULED from August

**Where:** NOTE **Different Location!!**  
Judson Memorial Church  
239 Thompson Street (just south of Washington Square Park)

**Schedule:** 6:00pm Doors open  
6:30pm Q&A  
7:00pm Presentation

**Subway:** 6 to Astor Place; N,R,W to W 8th;  
A,B,C,D,E,F,Q,V to W 4th St;  
1,2 to Christopher St/Sheridan Square (*check with MTA or [www.nyu.edu/about/travel.html](http://www.nyu.edu/about/travel.html)*)

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

**Office:** (212) 643-7005

**Web site:** <http://www.nypc.org>

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

### Join NYPC in Macy's Shop for a Cause Day!

For details, see page 7

Your participation benefits *both* you *and* NYPC.

Enjoy a terrific day of shopping—and fun—at Macy's (or [macys.com](http://macys.com)), with:

- Discounts on most items: See Shop for a Cause pass for details
- Special drawings:
  - ▶ Chance to win a \$500 gift card
  - ▶ Department-specific gifts
- Special events and entertainment throughout the store during the day
- Open House at NYPC: Stop before or after shopping
  - ▶ Refreshments
  - ▶ Free tech advice from some of our gurus
  - ▶ CD with freeware utilities
- NYPC keeps the entire proceeds from sale of passes. This enables us to continue to provide a community of computer users who help each other.
- Shop for a Cause is one of the ways that Macy's gives back to the community through support of local nonprofit organizations.

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### Learn More in a Class

Mike will offer a class on this topic in the near future. This will be a hands-on class with much more detail on the equipment needed and the configuration of the software. Everyone will have a turn at the audio controls. People who have taken this class in the past have been very pleased with the results. If you are in love with your old music, if you have shelves full of great LP's and you need a boost to get going, take this class! You will

appreciate the bargain. The class will cost less than buying a few new CD albums of music you already own.

By Bill Ginsberg

**Editor's note:** This meeting will not deal with copyright issues: the legality of transferring music from a vinyl recording you own to a new medium...just so that you can continue to enjoy what you purchased. (See below for some resources in this complex area.)

### References: Copyright Issues and Other Aspects of Digital Rights

Please note that this is a very complex topic, with many, varied interpretations. In general, audio transfer for private, home use should not be a problem. However, the music industry has been growing more aggressive in trying to prevent all types of copying. These references cast light on the issue.

"Copying Music to CD: The Right, the Wrong, and the Law" by Robt. A. Starrett:  
[http://www.digitalproducer.com/pages/cd\\_audio\\_rights\\_and\\_wrongs.htm](http://www.digitalproducer.com/pages/cd_audio_rights_and_wrongs.htm)

Home Recording Rights Coalition: <http://www.hrrc.org/>

Copyright law: <http://www.stereophile.com/reference/905copy/index4.html>

The Electronic Frontier Foundation, one of the best resources for learning about digital rights and about current efforts to diminish or preserve them:  
<http://www.eff.org/>

### Preserve Your Rights: The Orphan Works Issue

Photographers—and other artists—should be aware of the Orphan Works issue, involving ownership and use of creative works whose owners or creators cannot be located. Because photos and illustrations are frequently published without attribution, they may easily fall into the category of "Orphan Works." In 2006, there was an attempt in Congress to pass legislation making it easier for entities to use such work freely—and harder for photographers and designers to regain their rights. After the 2006 elections this legislation was tabled.

However, to protect future rights, individuals should endeavor to ensure that their names are attached to their works, both in print and online.

For further information, see  
[http://www.asmp.org/news/spec2006/orphan\\_faxcall.php](http://www.asmp.org/news/spec2006/orphan_faxcall.php)

### Featured Class

#### ⇒ Convert Your Old LPs to CDs

Do you have shoeboxes or cartons filled with old LPs that you'd like to preserve and use? Then come to this workshop!

Mike Ostrowe, Co-chair of the TechTips SIG, will show how to digitize audio content and transfer it to CDs or DVDs (using Roxio's Easy Media Creator or Ahead Nero). Each participant will have the opportunity to transfer one item to CD or DVD, so bring a favorite family recording or piece of music. (Please observe copyright regulations.)

Sunday, November 4, 10:00am-3:00pm  
 Workshop, \$59 (Sign up at the General Meeting and save \$10)

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# NYPC Classes

To register or to request specific classes, e-mail [classes@nypceducation.org](mailto:classes@nypceducation.org), phone 212-643-7005, x2, or go to <http://www.nypceducation.org>, where you can find complete descriptions under Courses.

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

## ⇒ Create Professional Presentations with PowerPoint

Learn how to use Microsoft PowerPoint to create effective presentations. This software tool enables you to present information and data as a slide show with consistent backgrounds, images, and fonts. In this course you will learn how to create, format, and edit informative slides, incorporating not only text and charts, but also images, sound effects, and video. In addition to the technical aspects of using the software, we will also offer some advice on arranging your information to increase slide effectiveness.

2 Wednesday mornings, October 10, 17, 10:00am-1:00pm  
Hands-on, \$69

## ⇒ Smarter Surfing

A series of classes to help you make the most of your time on the World Wide Web:

**Boss Your Browser:** how to select the best Browser for your needs and use it more effectively: Wednesday, October 10

**Safer Surfing:** how to protect data and computer while going from site to site: Thursday, October 11

**Saving Your Tracks:** how to save the results of your online research: Friday, October 12

Each class held 2:00-5:00pm

Hands-on, \$39 each (\$33 each if taking more than one)

## ⇒ 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 the many camera options to take better photos.

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

2 sessions, Tuesday, Thursday, October 16, 18, 2:00-5:00pm

Hands-on with your camera, \$59

## ⇒ 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 Mondays and Wednesdays, October 15, 17, 24, 29, 2:00-5:00pm  
12 hours, hands-on, \$129

## ⇒ The Wacom: Choosing & Using a Tablet

A digitizing tablet adds ease and fluidity to your computing. It increases the accuracy of selections and gives much finer control over brush and pen tools. The Wacom Tablet is easy to use, but new users often find difficulties in set-up and configuration. This class will help! In the first session you will learn how to install the tablet and configure it to your working style. The instructor also will discuss how to choose the best version for your needs. In session two, you will learn how to use it to increase your efficiency with Photoshop or Photoshop Elements.

Not just for artists: A tablet can save your wrist! Many users find that the tablet eases symptoms of repetitive stress syndromes such as carpal tunnel syndrome.

Taught by Terry Tolvo, Photoshop and Illustrator expert. Terry purchased her first Wacom in 1989 to use with Adobe Illustrator and soon discovered that it helped her wrists as well. She no longer uses a mouse, and considers the tablet "the best thing I ever bought" for her computer.

2 Sundays, October 21, 28, 1:00-4:00pm

Hands-on, \$69

## ⇒ Find That File...Adventures in the Folder Jungle

Have you ever saved a file, then forgotten where you put it? Or needed to copy several unrelated files to a diskette for a friend? File and Disk management in Windows is easy when you know how. Course emphasizes Windows XP. Tell registrar if you use a different Windows version.

Monday, October 29, 6:00-9:00pm

Hands-on, \$29

## ⇒ Manage Your Digital Photos

Has your digital camera led to a proliferation of image files on your hard drive, to the point where you cannot find the ones you want? Learn some techniques and software for managing them.

Tuesday, October 30, 6:00-9:00pm

Hands-on, \$29

## ⇒ Beyond Google: Advanced Internet Searching

Google is great, but sometimes it's overwhelming to get 100,000 hits! This course will look at alternatives to Google, meta search engines, clustering search engines, topic-specific searchers, and alternative ways to visualize results. We'll also look at directories (and when to use them), RSS feeds, and other ways to supplement search engines when you're seeking specific information on the web. Please bring some topics on which you'd like to search.

Thursday, October 25, 2:00-5:00pm

Hands-on, \$39

## ⇒ Getting Started with the Treo Smart Phone

Have you bought a Treo Smart Phone, but are using it only as a phone? Or are you considering the purchase of one?

Then come to this class! Ted Cohn, chair of our Cell Phone and Palm SIGs, will guide you and answer your questions..

Wednesday, October 31, 1:30-3:30pm

Anniversary Special: only \$25

## ⇒ Let us know what classes you'd like!

Send an e-mail to [classes@nypceducation.org](mailto:classes@nypceducation.org)

More classes on pages 2 and 9

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Access TechTips	2 Genealogy	3 <b>Visual Basic</b> <b>Palm</b>	4 Enterprise Windows Java GM	5	6
7	8 <i>Columbus Day</i>	9 Photoshop (D) Java-ODK Exchange Excel	10 <b>POWERPOINT</b> <b>SMARTER SURFING: Browser</b> Alpha	11 <b>SMARTER SURFING: Online Safety</b> DeLUGE	12 <b>SMARTER SURFING: Tracking research</b>	13 <b>Macy's Shop for a Cause with NYC Open House</b>
14 <b>PC Clinic</b>	15 <b>P'SHOP ELEMENTS</b> Ventura Java Cert SG(?)	16 <b>DIG CAMERA</b> Perl Investment	17 <b>POWERPOINT</b> <b>P'SHOP ELEMENTS</b> Speech Recognition	18 General Meeting <b>DIG CAMERA</b> Java Cert SG	19	20
21 <b>WACOM</b>	22 Java Cert SG(?) Adv Tech & Tech	23 Photoshop (D) NYPC Board	24 <b>P'SHOP ELEMENTS</b> Cell Phones/Wireless	25 <b>ADV NET SEARCH</b> MetaStock	26	27
28 <b>WACOM</b>	29 <b>P'SHOP ELEMENTS</b> <b>FIND FILE</b>	30 <b>MANAGE PHOTOS</b>	31 <b>Intro to TREO</b> Photog/Graph	November 1 Enterprise Windows Java	2	3
4 <b>AUDIO TRANSFER</b>	5 Access TechTips	6 Genealogy	7 Visual Basic Palm	8	9	10

**Calendar Legend**

Plain = SIG Meeting      *Italic = Other Meetings*  
**Bold = NYPC Class**      **Black background = General Meeting**

The calendar shows the events that were scheduled at press time. Sometimes there are last minute changes, so please check the online calendar at [www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings](http://www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings). If the SIG meeting you want to attend is not listed, contact the SIG chair. **See page 3 for Seminars/Classes. See pages 5 and 6 for SIG meetings.**

**Location Legend** NYPC NYPC Office, Hotel New Yorker, 481 8th Ave, Suite 550  
 MS Microsoft, 1290 6th Ave. (51st/52nd Str), 6th Fl  
 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 send you occasional meeting updates and reminders. See Location Legend at bottom of page 4.

## Meetings at Microsoft

Security procedures at Microsoft have become tighter. As always, a photo ID is imperative. Also, be sure that your name is on the SIG Chair's security list.

### AXS Access

Linda Ewen, [LindaEwen@nyc.rr.com](mailto:LindaEwen@nyc.rr.com)  
 Monday, October 1st, 6:30 PM  
 Location: MS  
 Topic TBA

### ATT Advanced Technologies and Techniques

Jessie Shereff, [jshereff@gmail.com](mailto:jshereff@gmail.com)  
 Monday, October 22nd, 6:30 PM  
 Location: MS  
 General discussion of PC technology.

### ADB Alpha Database

Barry Rochford, [brochford1@comcast.net](mailto:brochford1@comcast.net)  
 Wednesday, October 10th, 6:00 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 Jay Talbott: A Touch Screen application developed for a long-time Alpha user

### BEG Beginners SIG

If interested, contact [lm\\_ginsburg@earthlink.net](mailto:lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net)

### LUG DeLUGE (Desktop Linux Users Group for End Users)

<http://www.delugeny.org>  
 Mark Halebua, [phantom21@mindspring.com](mailto:phantom21@mindspring.com)  
 Thursday, October 11th, 6:30 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 Virtualization: running one operating system within another; emphasis on Virtual Box

### EMB Embedded Systems

Lee Thalblum, [lee\\_t@bigfoot.com](mailto:lee_t@bigfoot.com)  
 On hiatus. Contact leader if interested

### EWN Enterprise Windows

Stephen Goodwin, [srg@winny.com](mailto:srg@winny.com); Tony Iams, [tony@dhbrown.com](mailto:tony@dhbrown.com); <http://nyewin.org>  
 Thursday, October 4th, 6:00 PM  
 Location: MS  
 Michael Murphy: Next Generation Networking with Windows Server 2008 & Windows Vista

### EXC Excel

Al Vachris, [Alfred.Vachris@gmail.com](mailto:Alfred.Vachris@gmail.com)  
 Tuesday, October 9th, 6:00 PM  
 Location: MS  
 Topic TBA

### ART Microsoft Exchange

Ben Serebin, [exchangeug@reefsolutions.com](mailto:exchangeug@reefsolutions.com)  
<http://www.nyexug.com>  
 Tuesday, October 9th, 6:00 PM  
 Location: MS  
 DoubleTake's Software Failover Solution

### GFH Genealogy

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~metrony/>  
 David Kleiman, [roots@heritagemuse.com](mailto:roots@heritagemuse.com)  
 Tuesday, October 2nd, 6:00 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 Deep Searching for Family Info: Google and Beyond

### HRD Hardware

Kevin Raguette, [Rags6600@hotmail.com](mailto:Rags6600@hotmail.com)  
 Date/topic TBA

### NET Internet

Mary Ginsburg, [lm\\_ginsburg@earthlink.net](mailto:lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net);  
 Tony Holley, [tholley@citytech.cuny.edu](mailto:tholley@citytech.cuny.edu)  
 On hiatus. Contact leaders if interested

### INV Investment

Phyllis Pawlovsky, [PGP106@cs.com](mailto:PGP106@cs.com). SIG follows the investment principles of the National Association of Investment Corp.  
 Tuesday, October 16th, 6:15  
 Location: MS  
 Asset Allocation

### CSG Java: Gen'l Mtg

<http://www.nycjava.net>  
<http://nycjava.org/certification>  
 See also our Yahoo group: [nycjava.org](http://nycjava.org)  
 Dario LaVerde, [dario@nycjava.net](mailto:dario@nycjava.net)  
 Thursday, October 4th, 6:00 PM  
 Location: NYPC

Owen Taylor: No more hops—towards a linearly scalable application infrastructure

### CSG Java: Certification Study Group

Dario LaVerde, [dario@nycjava.net](mailto:dario@nycjava.net)  
 Thursday, October 18th, 6:00 PM  
 Tentative: Mondays, October 15th, 22nd  
 Location: NYPC  
 Study for Sun's test. For more information and additional dates, e-mail Dario

### ODK JAVA: Object Data Knowledge Management

Carlos Jerome, [cjinterf@panix.com](mailto:cjinterf@panix.com)  
 Tuesday, October 9th, 5:30 PM  
 Place/Topic TBA. Contact leader.

### LNX LINUX

We hope to resume this SIG soon.  
 If interested, e-mail [nypc@nypceducation.org](mailto:nypc@nypceducation.org)

### MAK Adventures with Make Magazine

We hope to resume this SIG.  
 If interested, e-mail [nypc@nypceducation.org](mailto:nypc@nypceducation.org)

### MKT Marketing Committee

Murray Strelitz, Grace Lee, [marketing@nypc.org](mailto:marketing@nypc.org)  
 Date TBA  
 E-mail Murray for information

### MTA MetaStock

Al Kinzinger, Jr, [metastockug@yahoo.com](mailto:metastockug@yahoo.com)  
 Thursday, October 25th, 7:00 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 Topic TBA

### BRD NYPC Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 23rd, 6:30 PM  
 Members are welcome to attend, but please e-mail [pres@nypc.org](mailto:pres@nypc.org) for location

### GEN NYPC GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, October 18th, 6:00 PM  
 Location: Judson Memorial Church  
 239 Thompson Street  
 Audio Transfer: LPs to CDs

### PDA Palm Pilot

<http://nypc.org/palm.php>. Ted Cohn and Grace Lee, [nypcpalmpilot@gmail.com](mailto:nypcpalmpilot@gmail.com)  
 Wednesday, October 3rd  
 Location: NYPC  
 Topic TBA

### PRL Perl Seminar NY

[www.techgroups.yahoo.com/group/perlseminy/](http://www.techgroups.yahoo.com/group/perlseminy/)  
 James E. Keenan, [jkeen@verizon.net](mailto:jkeen@verizon.net)  
 Alex Gill, [ag@tkwx.us](mailto:ag@tkwx.us)  
 Tuesday, October 16th, 6:15 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 Topic TBA

### PHT Photography & Graphics

Mary Ginsburg, [lm\\_ginsburg@earthlink.net](mailto:lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net);  
 Tony Holley, [tholley@citytech.cuny.edu](mailto:tholley@citytech.cuny.edu)  
 Wednesday, October 31st; 6:30 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 Report from PhotoPlus Expo  
 Halloween photos: sharing and making (using tools like Liquify)

### PHO Photoshop

[http://www.hookbuilt.com/nypc/photoshop\\_sig.html](http://www.hookbuilt.com/nypc/photoshop_sig.html); Laura Balsam, [nypc@hookbuilt.com](mailto:nypc@hookbuilt.com)  
 Tuesdays, October 9, 23, 1:00 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 Topics TBA  
 Join us at 11:45 AM in the TickTock for socializing prior to the meeting.

...SIG Directory, continued

**ACC QuickBooks/Accounting**

Len Ginsburg, LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net  
On hiatus. E-mail Len if interested.

**SPR Speech Recognition**

<http://www.out-loud.com>. Laura Miner,  
76233.3413@compuserve.com; Leftonred  
Atanycorner, vp@nypc.org  
Wednesday, October 17th, 6:30 PM  
Location: NYPC  
Automating Your Work: Macros and more

**STR Streaming Media Plus**

On hiatus

**PAS TechTips**

Kathy Petruzzi, kathypetruzzi@hotmail.com;  
Michael Ostrowe, mjestrowe@earthlink.net  
Monday, October 1st, 6:30 PM  
Location: NYPC  
Scary Computer Stories: Creaky hard drives,  
bewitched networks, gremlins, and  
more...plus refreshments!

**VPI Ventura**

Allison Moore, amoore@nyc.rr.com  
Monday, October 15th, 6:30 PM  
Location: TBA  
Field trip

**BAS Visual Basic**

David Kulick, dgkulick@hotmail.com  
Wednesday, October 3rd, 6:15 PM  
Location: MS  
Creating the Business Logic Layer

**WMM Web Design for the 21st Century**

On hiatus

**WFI Cell Phone/Wireless**

Ted Cohn, TedCohn@earthlink.net  
Wednesday, October 24th, 6:30 PM  
Location: NYPC  
Tips and tricks for using your smart phone

**XML XML/Web Services**

Mahesh Chhatlani, nypcxml@hotmail.com  
On hiatus. E-mail Mahesh if interested

*Other Organizations*

**NPC Non-Profit Computing**

John L. German, 212-759-2368  
Includes:

**JOB Career Development Group**

Wednesdays, October 10, 24, 5:00 PM  
Location: West-Park Presbyterian Church at  
86th and Amsterdam  
Facilitators include:  
Susan Werbin, 212-799-6111  
Mort Trachtenberg, 212-769-TRAC

**Thanks to Our Hosts!**

The following company provides space for many of our meetings.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank them.

**Microsoft**



**Gift-wrapping at Barnes & Noble**

Dates this season are:

- ▶ Sun., Nov. 25, 11 AM-9 PM
- ▶ Sun., Dec. 2, 11 AM-9 PM
- ▶ Mon., Dec. 3, 10 AM-5 PM
- ▶ Tues., Dec. 4, 10 AM-5 PM
- ▶ Fri., Dec. 7, 9 AM-6 PM
- ▶ Sun., Dec. 9, 11 AM-9 PM
- ▶ Thur., Dec. 27, 11 AM-5 PM

If you can help, please contact Len Ginsburg at LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net



**I Want to Join NYPC**

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 Phone: (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (eve) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership:  One Year - \$45     Two Years - \$80     Three Years - \$120     Student - \$35  
 Family     One Year - \$60     Two Years - \$105     Three Years - \$160

Add'l Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 New membership     Renewal - Member number \_\_\_\_\_

Payment:  Check enclosed (payable to Gotham NYPC)     Visa, Mastercard, Discover, AMEX  
 Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Billing address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Computing Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

If a gift: Name of giver: \_\_\_\_\_

Send gift certificate to:  Giver     Recipient

Please send completed application with payment to **NYPC Membership, 481 Eighth Avenue - B25, New York, NY 10001.**

NYPC is a non-profit education organization run by volunteers. It may take up to six weeks to fully process a membership.



★ **NYPC participates in  
Macy's Shop for a Cause Day** ★

**Saturday, October 13th, 2007  
9:00 am to 10:00 pm**

Any Macy's Store...but we encourage you to shop at Macy's Herald Square and then drop in to visit the NYPC office.

**What is Shop for a Cause?**

This one-day shopping event is another way for Macy's to give back to our community through support of local non-profit organizations. On *Shop for a Cause Day*, customers have an opportunity to support NYPC while receiving special discounts as they shop. How does this benefit NYPC?

We are selling \$5 shopping passes to the event. NYPC keeps every penny of the proceeds from every shopping pass that we sell, thus enhancing our ability to serve computer users and learners.

Your purchase of a shopping pass supports NYPC while entitling you to such extraordinary discounts as:

- ▶ 20% off regular, sale and clearance items in most departments
- ▶ 10% off regular, sale and clearance furniture, mattresses and rugs

You may purchase shopping passes for you and your friends at a SIG or at the NYPC Office. (Call first: 212-643-7005.) Or purchase via PayPal by going to our special Macy's Shop for a Cause webpage, <http://www.nypceducation.org/Shop>. Or use form on page 8. We'll then mail you the passes.



<http://www.nypc.org>

**NYPC participates in  
Macy's Shop for a Cause Day**

Support NYPC!

Purchase a pass for \$5 which entitles you to special discounts throughout any Macy's store (or online).

**Order Your Shop for a Cause Pass(es),  
usable all day at Macy's, Saturday, October 13**

For a \$5 donation, you receive a pass for substantial discounts off most purchases and a chance to win a \$500 shopping spree. *NYPC keeps 100% of proceeds from the \$5 shopping passes.* Purchase some as gifts, as well as for yourself.

To receive pass(es) by mail, use this form or purchase online at [www.nypceducation.org/Shop.html](http://www.nypceducation.org/Shop.html) with PayPal or credit card. Please allow enough time for us to mail them to you.

Or purchase at a SIG, in the NYPC office, or via phone at 212-643-7005.

Or order via mail using this form:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of passes ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment:  Check  Visa, Mastercard, Discover, AMEX

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp date \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Please send completed form with payment to **NYPC, 481 Eighth Avenue-B25, New York, NY 10001**

**NYPC Open House on October 13**

**10:30 AM - 9:00 PM**

Stop in the NYPC Office before or after your shopping

Just one block from Macy's

Room 550 in the New Yorker Hotel, 481 8th Avenue (between 34th & 35th Streets)

- ☆ *Free tech support:*  
Ask your computer questions...one of our tech gurus will try to help
- ☆ Enjoy refreshments
- ☆ Check your e-mail
- ☆ Pick up a CD with useful freeware utilities



## Directory of NYPC Supporters

Please support these merchants who have chosen to support NYPC! Dollar signs (\$) indicate supporters offering discounts or extras to NYPC members. Present your membership card (or newsletter with membership number) to exercise these discounts.

### CONSULTING SERVICES

#### ❖ ACCOUNTING

**LHG Consulting:** Leonard Ginsburg  
718-828-9547; [LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net](mailto:LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net)  
QuickBooks consulting: set-up, training, maintenance. Help with accounting-related problems in computerized bookkeeping. A QuickBooks ProAdvisor.

#### **Metis Group LLC Certified Public Accountants:**

Steven Fromer, CPA  
14 Penn Plaza, Ste 1800, NYC 10122;  
212-643-0099x137; fax: 646-304-6312;  
[SFromer@metisgroupllc.com](mailto:SFromer@metisgroupllc.com);  
[www.metisgroupllc.com](http://www.metisgroupllc.com)

- keeping your taxes to a minimum
- satisfying recordkeeping requirements
- using financial reports for business decisions
- maximizing success in your business \$

#### ❖ COMPUTING SERVICES

**FarSight Data Systems:** Mark Halegua  
718-360-1712; [info@farsight-data.com](mailto:info@farsight-data.com)  
Providing general computer services for businesses and individuals including repair, network design & setup, hardware & software recommendations, malware eradication, and more.

#### **mister-etail, eBay Education Specialist:**

Fred Kahn  
[misteretail@yahoo.com](mailto:misteretail@yahoo.com); 718 263-2041  
eBay Trading Assistant trained by eBay. I sell for you or teach you how to do it. Together we can set up your eBay Store. Digital Imaging Specialist: I teach photography too\$

#### **Middle Earth Media:** Leftonred Atanycomer 631-793-0930; [middleearthmedia@yahoo.com](mailto:middleearthmedia@yahoo.com)

- Computer Service & Training
  - Wired & Wireless Networks
  - Spyware & Virus Removal
  - Data Backup & Recovery
- Windows, Mac & All Other OS's. Serving large & small businesses & individuals. \$

#### ❖ DATABASE

**Software Pundits, Inc:** Mahesh Chhatlani  
516-205-4709; [Mahesh@SoftwarePundits.com](mailto:Mahesh@SoftwarePundits.com);  
[www.SoftwarePundits.com](http://www.SoftwarePundits.com)

Over 20 years' experience helping businesses achieve success through technology. Clients range from small business owners to Fortune 500 companies. No-obligation consultation. \$

#### ❖ INTERNET

**Progressive Internet Action,** "The Ben & Jerry's of Internet Services"  
215 W 91st Street, Suite 57, New York, NY 10024-1336; 212-787-0700;  
[DickJones@pia.net](mailto:DickJones@pia.net); <http://www.pia.net>  
Full service web solutions. Affordable rates. First-class service. Site design & development, web hosting & e-commerce. Web marketing strategy, Search Engine Marketing, content development. Discounts for Non-profits. \$

#### ❖ PROOFREADING/EDITING

#### **Professional Editing Services**

631-422-6804; fax: 631-422-1170;  
[Claire-M@att.net](mailto:Claire-M@att.net)

Are your Web sites and print materials compromised by poor grammar and spelling errors? Let me make your work successful. Call today for free estimate. \$

#### ❖ TRAINING

#### **Mary Ginsburg**

718-828-9547; [MaryGinsburg@earthlink.net](mailto:MaryGinsburg@earthlink.net)  
Patient training in computing basics, digital imaging (Photoshop and more), and Internet use. Help with advanced Internet searching; specialty: medical/health topics. \$

Classes, continued from p 3

#### ⇒ Coming in November

#### ⇒ 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 Sundays, November 11, 18, 1:00-4:00pm  
Hands-on, \$69

#### ⇒ SOHO Networking

Learn how to set up an effective, safe network in your home or small office.  
Date TBA

### Tune and Teach: PC Upgrade & Repair Clinic

Sunday, October 14th, 10 AM - 3 PM

Unlike other repair facilities, our experts use the teaching opportunity to explain what they're doing!  
Bring your ill computer to NYPC for evaluation and installation of freeware antivirus and firewall.

A donation of \$50 (per computer) goes to help NYPC. Diagnosis only; any parts cost extra, and are installed later.

We cannot guarantee that we can restore your PC to function, but if not, we'll explain your options.

#### **Back up any data before you bring your computer to the clinic.**

Tell your friends and colleagues! Many computers have been restored to health by our experts!

- ▶ Reservations required
- ▶ For information or to reserve a spot:  
[classes@nypceducation.org](mailto:classes@nypceducation.org) or  
212-643-7005

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## First Class Mail

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### Featured SIGs

Try a new SIG this month!  
Both of these SIGs meet at NYPC at 6:30 PM

#### **TechTips, Tues., Oct. 1**

Pre-Halloween Party  
Scary Computer Stories:

- ▶ Failure to back up
- ▶ Hard drive failure
- ▶ Spyware slows computer to a crawl

Plus Refreshments

#### **DeLUGE, Thur, Oct. 11**

Virualization:

- ▶ Running one (or more) operating system within another
- ▶ Example: run Windows XP inside a primary Linux OS
- ▶ Emphasis on Virtual Box

### Volunteer to Help NYPC

E-mail LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net if you can help.

#### **\*Gift-Wrap at W. 82nd St. Barnes & Noble**

This is one of NYPC's most popular volunteer opportunities! In addition to helping NYPC by telling people about us, volunteers are able to:

- ▶ Make purchases at a 30% discount the day they wrap
- ▶ Get to know fellow wrappers—a nice chance to socialize
- ▶ Improve wrapping skills & learn about popular new books

See page 6 for this season's dates.

#### **\*Volunteer Day/Saturday night at the movies**

*Saturday, October 27:* Work starts at 3 PM, movie at 7:30  
Help out in the NYPC office in the afternoon and/or socialize in the evening with a movie and refreshments.

#### **\*Support NYPC's Participation in Macy's Shop for a Cause Day**

- ▶ Buy some for yourself and gifts
- ▶ Sell some to friends and colleagues!
- ▶ Details: pages 7 & 8

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## coming attractions

*Some great general meetings coming up...*

Thurs., November 15      B&H presents holiday gifts

Let us know what you'd like to see!

Send an e-mail to Bill Ginsberg, wzg128@aol.com.

