

**Minutes of the March 14, 2007
New Jersey Computer Club General Meeting**

The meeting was opened at 6:40 PM and the 33 NJCC members and 5 visitors were welcomed by President Fred Sabin. It was noted that this was, perhaps, the largest turnout in recent months and was attributed to the efforts of George Daniel to publicize the meeting. Mention of the meeting's date and time were noted in the Courier-News and on cable TV and several other postings.

As a result of the publicity, Fred told of receiving a phone call from a woman who said that her disabled child had been outfitted with a computer some time ago by the late Jim Russ as part of the Club's Donation Program. The computer needed service and she'd had no idea about who, at the club, could be called upon to help. She saw Fred's name as club contact in the newspaper and contacted him. A resident of Bound Brook, she lives a short distance from Fred's home, so he will endeavor to help her.

It was called to the attention of those present that two of John Beck's sons and his son-in-law had been hospitalized in the past 10 days with heart problems. One of them required quadruple by-pass surgery. Best wishes for speedy recoveries were extended.

The meeting of February 14th, 2007 was cancelled because of bad weather. The presentation on Turbo-Tax by Rich Byrne was postponed though he gave a summary of the talk at the start of this month's meeting. Some interesting discussion followed.

Vice-President John Beck announced that the April 11th program would be presented by NJCC members Werner Kruck and Abner Mathews on how to perform a Genealogy Search. The May 9th program will feature Picasa by NJCC Vice-President Lenny Laich and How to Build a Web Site by NJCC member Paul Natanson.

Fred raised the question of the availability of free e-mail and internet programs, like Juno, and the availability of them. Some seniors Fred had spoken to were interested in the free services. It was determined that there were a few such free programs to be had that were of limited scope but were nonetheless usable.

The main Program Presentation was begun at 7:45 PM. Fred spoke of the history and development of VISTA and his attendance at a Microsoft Seminar on the system, one of many given in the Tri-State area. Some comparisons between the various VISTA packages available were shown and it was opined that a Clean Installation was to be preferred over an Upgrade. With the interaction of several NJCC members it was also recommended that unless it was really essential, one should not upgrade from XP but rather wait until a new computer, with VISTA installed, was acquired, since Microsoft was continuing support of XP until 2014. In fact, MS is planning to issue Service Pack 3 for XP next year. It was, however, pointed out that VISTA had numerous useful improvements and features not available in earlier Operating Systems.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Len Kopf
Acting Recording Secretary