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Julia and Everett Moore, Members
Prescott Computer Society, AZ

We attended the 2016 APCUG Conference in Las Vegas (our second one). This year's conference was much more consumer oriented and thus such a ginormous learning experience for us.

We learned all sorts of things we didn't even know we didn't know:

- Internet of Things - Digital interactivity: machines will be connecting with other machines in our homes - smart refrigerators, locks, light switches, thermostats, laundry machines, doorbells, vacuums – oh my!
- Tips on Taming Windows 10 (until the next update).
- Computer cybersecurity and cleanup – be careful; it's a jungle out there.
- Social Media – we might just create a Facebook Page after all.
- Photo Image Manipulation – crop those bad photos.
- Our cellphones are not just cellphones; they're Swiss Army Knives!
- How our lifetime of photos can be effortlessly organized and easy to find using any device – What!! Really?? YES! This will add years to our lives.
- Proper e-mail etiquette – some remain clueless.
- APCUG has FREE quarterly Virtual Technology Seminars that we can enjoy at home – in our jammies!
- APCUG has a FREE Speakers Bureau; Experts will make presentations to your local computer clubs. There is access to over 100 different seminars – again, FREE!!
- Computer Club Leaders should definitely share APCUG information with their members.

The Conference was totally well organized. There was something for everyone – all in one central area; the conference rooms were next to each other – no long walks. The food was delicious, generous, constant – and included in the cost of registration. The hotel rooms were very nice and cozy.

We met so many wonderful people from all over the country. The seminar presenters were totally approachable; they patiently answered ALL questions from us newbies and from those who knew all about what they were hearing. here were some pretty cool door prizes too – woo hoo!

We're laying out our jammies, bunny slippers, and coffee mugs for the next Virtual Technology Seminar on November 5.

**Jeff Wilkinson, Member
Sun City Summerlin Computer Club, NV**

I attended the APCUG 2016 Conference for the first time and was pleased with the presentations I attended. The presenters were well prepared and knowledgeable and imparted information and tips that I found useful and will be able to share with my fellow club members. The meals were excellent and the fellowship shared at the round tables served as my dessert. I attended hoping to make contacts as I am assisting in scheduling speakers for our monthly club meetings and I came away with a number of potential presentation subjects, speakers, and webinars. This was a worthwhile event and a day well spent.

**Ron Kehn, APCUG Rep
Victoria Computer Club, Canada**

It has been a quite a few years since I have attended an APCUG conference. I had forgotten how much information they provided. While the scheduled talks were informative, it was the informal contacts made over meals and while talking to people from other user groups that I will remember the most. I was presented with a few interesting ideas of how to get our local members involved in the things going on in the club. It was also nice to be able to talk to representatives of other groups that have had a considerable drop in membership numbers the same as our group has.

All the groups seem to suffer from a lack of willingness on the part of members to step up and perform some action. One comment that I heard several times was don't make a general appeal to get volunteers but rather approach a person and say something like "Tom, we really need help in such and such an area and I feel that you would be perfect for the job."

Many times, the quarterly Virtual technology conferences were mentioned as a source of valuable information. I know our club has a few people that attend some sessions but I will try and implement a few suggestions as to how to publicize them. I guess I knew that the information was recorded and available but now I know that APCUG has a YouTube channel. Another thing I will pass on to our executive is the idea of the Speakers Bureau. Several of the conference topics were presented by people who also offer their time to make presentations to user groups.

Alonzo Slade, Las Vegas PCUG

I just attended the APCUG Technology Conference and had a great learning experience. I wish to say thank you to the attendee who told me about CSS' (Chicago Computer Society) digital ink web site. It answered my problem with refill ink cartilages for my particular HP. In the future, I might be able to get some refill cartilages that will work.

Kathryn and Shelton Green, Laguna Woods Village PC Club

Thank you for all your hard work in putting together the 2016 International Technology Conference. Very well done! We enjoyed the event, learned much, and are pleased with the effort and resources provided for our PC Club by APCUG and its dedicated officers and members.

Carolee Montgomery, Guest

I thoroughly enjoyed the 2016 APCUG Conference. In attending the various presentations, the subjects and speakers were very interesting and I learned many things from them. I especially liked the workshops on the Apple products. Thank you to all the Presenters, Sponsors, the Hotel, and to everyone who helped make it a success.

In response to my thank you for giving a presentation email.....

Bob Gostischa, Avast Evangelist

Dear Judy,

Thanks for allowing me to be a part of the excellent APCUG International Technology Conference. It was an extremely enjoyable, helpful and educational experience.

**Dennis Rex, PR Committee
2017 Linux SCALE Conference in SoCal**

It was truly my pleasure, Judy. No surprise, I suppose, that a group of active user group members would be technically savvy but I was impressed with the level of knowledge and the interest in new approaches.

Rod Scher, Former Editor, Smart Computing

Hi, Judy!

It was great fun - glad I got to do it. Thanks so much for inviting me. I'll attach the presentation. (It's large, so it's attached as a Google Drive link.)

Jim and Chris Guld, Geeks On Tour

You're welcome.

John was a pleasure to work with.

We look forward to doing more.

Gene Barlow, User Group Relations

Judy,

Thanks for inviting us to participate in this year's APCUG Vegas conference. I sponsored the very first Vegas user group conference. Over the years, things have evolved and changed. I guess that is good, but I miss the "good old days" a bit. But you can't stop change. You just need to go with it.

Thanks again for all of the hard work that you and others put into bring this event together. We loved being part of it. Bye.