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# NEWSLETTER

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Home of Peel Seniornet

**Christine our president opened the April General Meeting and welcomed new members Raymond Hunter, Fran Williams, Janet Lampard, Jenny Aurisch, Leslie Little, Anna McKenna and Ann Davis.**

**Visitor Alex Taylor.**

### **Membership**

**She went to explain some of the recent Membership detail problems and that the extended period of time to pay the yearly subs and to remain on our membership list had been extended to the end of April this year. (An extra 3mths )**

**While on the subject of membership, some good news!**

**The committee have decided that joining fees from June each year should be halved – Sgl. \$10, Dble. \$15 and that from the first day of August Membership fees should carry through to the next year.**

**Membership Officer & Welfare Officer is Arthur Turvey.**

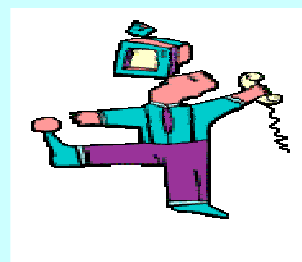
**Please notify Arthur of any changes to your details or messages to sick members you wish to relay, his address is :-**

**[tops@dodo.com.au](mailto:tops@dodo.com.au) or phone 95827913**

## Club News

### A library.

This is in the pipe line and the committee have agreed to purchase a container to house tapes, books and other learning software that members can access free of charge, available at the General Meetings. Books etc. which might be offered at our bring & buy occasions could then be added to the library and assist members with their computer study!



### Training.

The computer room sessions are going well.

One morning a month available to the 1<sup>st</sup> Click participants, as their special time for practice.

As members of the ASCCA, a book and learning tape has arrived which can be purchased by our members at a cost of \$5. A list of names was taken at the meeting

### Buddies - Reminder.

There is a 'Meet the Buddies' Session in the computer room the 4<sup>th</sup> June 1.00pm-3.30pm. Please put in your diaries !

This is to introduce members to their Buddies. The Peel Region is divided into areas, each has a Buddie who can be contacted for help by phone or e mail or will even visit.

## Social Report . Kath Sheehan

We visited SunBreakers on 22<sup>nd</sup> for a coffee and it went fairly well although the group was small.

There is a change of venue for May morning tea to the Board Walk and Sailing Museum Café, as it is easier to get to for those guys with a disability.

### Speaker for the day.- Christopher Read.

Christopher described a most interesting career with computers, commencing in 1973.

He missed the first generation of computers which mainly consisted of calculator type machines.!



He told us some amusing anecdotes of the trials and tribulations (accompanied by some fascinating sound effects).of the first computers including a cockroach that got caught up in the works

Christopher described the kind of gear they wore to the office in those days.

Floral shirts, flared pants and long hair, very fashionable for the '60s.

A whole floor building where he worked, housed the computer with a twin door entrance, like an air lock so that no dust got in.

Then there was the fire protection system. For this halogen gas was used to put possible flames out – thank goodness at the time of the drills the office was empty , the gas would have successfully put the flames out but killed everyone in the process!

He told us that they used a console with a contraption called a flexowrite, like an old fashioned typewriter and as messages were typed and eventually through a series of actions would then ask questions in the name of Orion.

At this time machines had no long term memory. About one sixth of a megabyte, very small for such a complex operation. No screen monitors, only paper read outs. It took hours and days to run a program.

Maintenance was needed frequently and 5 permanent engineers were employed.

Christopher described some of his experiences of after lunch speakers in his time. The statistics were 15% listened 20% monitored and 60% sexual fantasy!

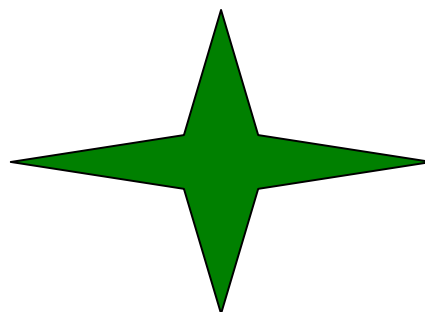
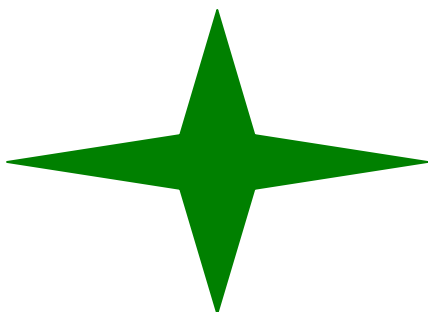
He expanded his life with an accounting interest and he travelled extensively. Including working as an Ombudsman and monitoring Super Financial planning

Later in his career Christopher enjoyed furthering his interests as Manager of Silver Chain which gave him great experience with people.

Then came a Master Degree in Administration. The pinnacle of his career was the set up of the management of patients.

On that note Christopher concluded his talk and was given a hearty round of applause. The President thanked Christopher and presented him with a Certificate of appreciation from us all.

Christopher Read kindly drew the raffle and the winner was Jean McLaughlin. Congratulations.



***Here's a Tip !                      Now, Why Did It Capitalize That?***

*Ever find yourself irritated with MS Word because it keeps capitalizing the first letter of everything it perceives to be a sentence? If you've ever made a list of things that shouldn't be capitalized, you know what I mean. You're constantly fighting Word as it continually capitalizes stuff without your permission!*

*Want to turn that little "feature" off?*

*Yes? I thought you'd say that!*

*To turn off the capitalization feature, simply go to the **Tools** menu, **AutoCorrect** choice.*

*Now, on the **AutoCorrect** tab, you're looking for the option of "**Capitalize first letter of sentences.**"*

***Uncheck** the box and click **OK**.*

*That's it. Now, you're free of the capitalization monster!*

***Reminder May 26<sup>th</sup> Next General meeting in the main hall of the Senior Citizens.***

*Happy Computing Christine*

