

Carl Bulger presided. There were no visitors or guest speakers.

Treasurer DJ Campbell reported that she and former treasurer Ken Godstrey visited the bank so she could get registered as BSCC Treasurer. Carl Bulger was a little slow getting there. Consequently, the bank wouldn't let him add his name without one of the others being there.

Dave Hackenberg advised that the BSCC laptop computer when it is in "projector" mode now has HDMI/VGA output to the monitor screen at the front of the room.

Jerry Kursban celebrated his birthday yesterday. His kids gave him a new Dell laptop to replace an ACER laptop that hasn't been working. He brought both to the meeting. When the laptop's screen was raised, a part of the plastic trim caught the lid and distorted. We discovered a screw that held that plastic in position was missing. But it also has a jittery display which we assumed is a failed part in the video circuitry. Jerry immediately set the ACER aside and unboxed his new DELL laptop and began to set it up despite the fact that he had left his eyeglasses at home. He did a fairly good job.

Bob Long's daughter has a Toshiba Satellite laptop. The battery couldn't be recharged. Irv Salzberg suggested that they replace the recharging module which will cost in the range of \$100-\$110, he estimated.

Carl Bulger noted that there is a Bowie computer tech that advises his services on Craigslist. He or Dan Lee sent him an email invitation to speak to the Club but he has not responded.

Sharon Bachelor brought in a laptop again. It has an unknown Windows password. Club members attempted to recover the password using OPHCRACK software and other means but were unable apparently because of a corrupted Window Security Accounts Manager (SAM) file. (OPHCRACK by Slitaz is available at <http://ophcrack.sourceforge.net/> )

Project Reboot will accept your donation of old computers. They are located at 4 Cherry Creek Rd in Rockville. It's run by volunteers from the Capital PC Users Group. Refurbished computers and monitors are sold at nominal prices to impoverished students and other people below the poverty line. <http://reboot.cpcug.org/donate.html>

Jerry Kursban asked how he could watch TV shows on his computer. There are lots of ways. Bob Blum suggested VLC Media Player [www.videolan.org/index.html](http://www.videolan.org/index.html) (free) which supports streaming video. Also, Microsoft's Media Player and Netflix (not free) will support it.

Bob Blum demonstrated Wikiwand <http://www.wikiwand.com/> and Better Wikipedia 3.3, an extension on Google's Chrome browser which presents topics in Wikipedia in a better format including color substitutes for black-and-white photos.

Another app that Bob recommended: Unchecky.com which prevents websites that download programs from downloading additional, unwanted programs.

Dave Hackenberg recounted some of the benefits of having to come up with a 5-year plan for the Computer Lab in support of the Senior Center's Recertification. He was present when the "inspector" visited the Center and said that he was impressed by the 5-year plan and asked for a copy. Dave said the brainstorming that went into planning also benefitted the Computer Lab and its instructors by helping them come up with ideas to improve their teaching and other functions. Example: They reorganized the schedules for Computer I and II so that each meets twice a week for 4 weeks instead of once a week for 8 weeks. Students remember more and forget less when there is a shorter interval between successive classes.

## **Holiday Lunch 2014**

**Bowie Seniors Computer Club**

**Thursday Dec.4<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**12 Noon to 2 PM**

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**On Rte. 3 near Rte 424**

**Crofton, MD 21114**

**(410) 721-1222**

Submitted by Barry Hammond, Outgoing Secretary, and Bill Long, Incoming Secretary

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