

Carl Bulger presided.

Presentation: We had an impromptu presentation at the beginning of the meeting. Here's a summary by Irv Salzberg:

"John Anderson, an instructor/coordinator at Prince Georges Community College, provided information on a course he will be teaching in the fall semester (starting Monday Aug 25) on 3D modelling and printing. The course (ART-2670) will be presented at the PGCC campus two days a week and is open for registration to seniors for \$25. Students will be exposed to several 3D imaging software programs and will have the opportunity to use the thirteen 3D printers in the lab where the classes will be conducted. John Anderson can be reached at ["andersjj@pgcc.edu"](mailto:andersjj@pgcc.edu) for further information. Club member Irv Salzberg ([irv1@salzberg.com](mailto:irv1@salzberg.com)) has taken the course and can also provide additional information."

Main Presentation: Victoria Herman, Legislative Aide to Geraldine Valentino-Smith, MD House of Representatives from District 23a, described the software and service she uses to email communications to constituents. The online service/software is called Constant Contact ([www.constantcontact.com](http://www.constantcontact.com)). It allows Geraldine Valentino-Smith to communicate with lots of people. They charge per email on a sliding scale depending on quantity. For 2500 constituents, they will charge about \$21/month. Victoria can request that a particular email be sent at a prescheduled time. Constant Contact eliminates duplicate addresses, gives Victoria a report of how many emails appeared to have been "opened", how many bounced (bad email addresses? Or mailboxes full?). She can divide her contacts by location and interest. For example, she often sends different emails to constituents in Laurel and Bowie. When a constituent contacts Geraldine Valentino-Smith with a legislative concern, Victoria sees that they get Geraldine's reply and that they are informed of future hearings and legislation concerning that concern. Notices about specific concerns typically go to much smaller groups. In those cases, the cost per month is less than the \$21.

Business:

One member complained that the notice that was sent out announcing this meeting ended up in her spam box, sometimes called Junk Mail. If that happens there usually is a way of telling your spam filter that mail from that sender is not Spam or Junk. If you can't find the method of "training" your spam filter, try putting the sender's name in your list of contacts associated with your email client. I send out the notices for Bowie Seniors Computer Club meetings using my personal email account: [hammondb70@msn.com](mailto:hammondb70@msn.com). Put this email address in your list of contacts. Your email client will then know that communications from me are not spam.

Next meeting we will entertain nominations for next year's officers and vote on them at the first meeting in October.

Submitted by Barry Hammond, Secretary