

Carl Bulger presided.

New member: Dennis Evans is a self-employed professional who retired from NASA Goddard. Except for an Apple II, all of his computers have been PCs. He currently has different operating systems on three of them: Windows 7, Vista, and Windows XP.

The vote for where we will have the Holiday Party was 13 for Empire Gardens, 7 for Old Country Buffet, and 0 for Helos Restaurant & Lounge.

Carl Bulger moved that we make no changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. We will vote on his motion at the next meeting.

Our speaker last time, Matthias Gotzmann, graciously sent us his PowerPoint slides, which are detailed and logical. Dick Henthorn initially had problems converting them from .pptx to .pdf files using Google Docs. The converted files were garbled. The footer moved up into the text. He then tried "Free PDF Convert" which does the conversion "in the Cloud"; it required him to upload the .pptx file to a server but did not require Dick to download any software to his computer.

Cheridine Birt asked "What is Windows Live Messenger?" It keeps loading itself when she boots up her computer. It is Microsoft's instant messaging service. To learn more from Microsoft go to <http://explore.live.com/messenger>. Vic Kiviat showed her how to use msconfig to eliminate it from the startup list. Click on START >> For XP, click on **Run** (in the right-hand column); For Windows 7, perform the next step in the Search Box at the bottom of the Start Menu that appears when you click on the Start button. >> type **msconfig** in the box >> Click on the **Start Up** tab >> find **msnmsgr.exe** in the list >> remove the check mark from the box in front of **msnmsgr.exe**. This does not remove it from your computer. To do that you would have to go to Control Panel >> **Add/Remove Programs** (in XP) or to **Programs and Features** in Windows 7 and uninstall it. Even though Windows Live Messenger will not automatically install on bootup, it will eventually be activated by one or another of the Windows Live programs or features. If you use Facebook or Voice Over the Internet (VOIP), Windows Live Messenger may be helpful. To see all of the places it is currently mentioned or involved with applications on your computer, type **Windows Live Messenger** in the Search Box at the bottom of the Start Menu.