Dan Lee presided.

Vic Kiviat provided the following info from the restaurant's website regarding our 2013 Holiday Luncheon Dec.5th, 2013

Osaka Grill &Supreme Buffet

The buffet area at Osaka Grill and Buffet offers Italian, American, Japanese and sometimes even Mexican food alongside the traditional Chinese fare.

We have over 250 different items on the bar. Plus, we have an HIBACHI section where you can pick and choose to make up your own menu… then we can cook it on the Hibachi for you at no additional charge.

We offer Rib eye Steak, Salmon Fish, Butter Shrimp, Ham, Black Pepper Shrimp, Crabmeat, Cheese, General Tso's Chicken, Crawfish, Mussels, Cold Shrimp, Clams, Spare Ribs, Oysters, different selections of Sushi, large selection of Salads, Fruit & Desserts.

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http://www.osakagrillbuffet.com   for a $1 coupon in addition to the Senior Discount and for a map.

Luncheon Buffet: **$7.49 +tax and Tip ~$9.10**   10% Senior Discount

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At our November 21st meeting we'll be having a forum on Backing Up Your Computer organized by Irv Salzberg with a panel featuring Bob Blum (pronounced as in "plum"), Dennis Evans, Eric Hein, Tom McCabe, and Irv Salzberg. Carl Bulger will moderate. PowerPoint slides outlining the discussion were distributed to members as an attachment to the announcement for the November 7th meeting. If the slides change dramatically between meetings, we may send them out again.

COMPUTER PROBLEMS:

Tom McCabe mentioned that the anti-virus program he prefers is the new version of Avast free. It has a removal tool for browser plug-ins; it notifies of updates, and it performs a boot-time scan before the operating system is running. It even reported errors in Java.

Irv Salzberg said that Avast, like most anti-virus programs, eats up resources (processor and memory). He prefers to do without an anti-virus program, but instead back up often and check monthly with AVG, Comodo, both free anti-virus programs and Anti-MalwareBytes, which cleans up bots mostly.

McCabe lets these three programs boot up: Avast free, AntiMalwareBytes free, and SuperAntiSpyware. They can run at the same time. Avast is an anti-virus program. You can only have one anti-virus program running at a time. The other two are anti-malware, including anti-spyware. Why two? Because they have different algorithms and catch different malware. But he doesn't let a lot of other processes startup at boot time, such as QuickTime updates, Acronis Scheduler, etc. If you use msconfig or some other program to control your Start Menu of processes that automatically start up when you boot up your computer, you can Google each process to find out whether that process is critical to computer operation.

Bill Long stated that Internet Explorer is the most popular browser. Tom McCabe disputed that but conceded that in South Korea it is true (based on a story in the Washington Post). NetMarketShare http://netmarketshare.com/browser-market-share.aspx?qprid=0&qpcustomd=0 supports Bill. W3Schools.com 's browser statistics support Tom, reporting Google's Chrome's share at 54%, Firefox's share at 27%, and Internet Explorer's share at 12% last month. http://www.w3schools.com/browsers/browsers_stats.asp

Irv Salzberg noted that Internet Explorer was the first to use HTML5 which provides the most flexibility for dynamic web pages. Google and Mozilla Firefox were slower to adopt the new standard, waiting to see how it worked out for IE.

Dennis Evans said that they use Internet Explorer in the Computer Lab/Classroom because it comes with Windows. He noted that the banking industry likes IE, with some banks insisting on the use of IE. In the computer lab, they have used Google's Chrome browser for the email class and for Google Documents because individual email accounts are easy to set up by the students. Google has a wealth of applications accessible via its Chrome browser and they are better integrated, says Salzberg.

Dale Grant says that he needs the Chrome browser to access the free genealogical application of the FamilyResearch.org.

On another topic, Dennis Evans wanted to know if anyone was familiar with Chromecast, a wi-fi application that allows broadcasting to TVs, particularly Samsung TVs. He wants to use it when he is teaching a class or giving a talk or presenting a technical paper. Irv Salzberg says all new TVs, not just

Samsungs come with a chip that allows direct broadcasting via DLNA. Here's a recent review of Chromecast http://gigaom.com/2013/08/14/honest-chromecast-review/ DLNA (Digital Living Network Alliance) was started by Sony in 2003. For an article discussing it and how to stream videos to your TV see http://www.techradar.com/us/news/digital-home/home-networking/dlna-what-it-is-and-what-you-need-to-know-1079015 .

Bob Long mentioned that there are programs that analyze hard drive performance using S.M.A.R.T. technology and give warnings when a hard drive is about to fail.

We will have a Forum on Backups at our November 21st meeting being organized by Irv Salzberg. Someone (I believe it was Dan Lee) mentioned that he picked up a free copy of Smart Computing (no longer available as a subscription) at Staples recently which featured a story on Backing Up.

Submitted by Barry Hammond, Secretary