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MERRY CHRISTMAS

A big thanks for Harley Bloom

For the past 11 years, for the December general meeting, Harley Bloom from Bloom Microtech (<http://www.bmtnet.com>) has generously donated his time to come out and enlighten us on what's new in the stocking stuffer department. And when not doing that, he was happy to spar with me about the value of things like personal firewalls and passwords on routers.

On top of that, Harley donated tons (I would estimate 1/5, at least) of goodies for our raffle. As all members should be aware, it is the income from raffles that keeps the OPCUG using black ink for our bottom line.

After 11 years, Harley has decided the time has come for him to bow out of the limelight. On behalf of the entire OPCUG, I would like to extend my thanks to Harley for his amazing support of the OPCUG. If you happen to drop by his store, please be sure to let him know how much you appreciated his presentations and generosity.

Harley, thank you.

Chris Taylor, President, OPCUG Inc.

December Meeting and Raffle

December 8, 2010

How can we follow 11 years of Harley coming out and entertaining us? Well, we will do our best by filling that plum December time slot with a favourite of members ... Members' Favourites Night. This is an opportunity for members who have found some piece of software or hardware to be just the "cat's meow", to do a short presentation on it to the rest of the group.

While we have a few ideas already up our collective sleeves, there is always room for more. So, if you have something you think is the neatest thing since jelly was slathered onto peanut butter, why not contact the Program Chair, Andrea Wells (andrea.wells@opcug.ca) and get yourself added to the agenda?

December Raffle

Courtesy of the Microsoft MVP program, we have a copy of **Windows 7 Ultimate** for the December raffle. This is the full version (not the "upgrade only" version) that can be installed on any PC. Valued at \$350.

If you have not yet moved to Windows 7, and you didn't win the October raffle copy, this is your chance to start using what is widely perceived to be Microsoft's best ever operating system.

Tickets are, as always, a good deal at \$1 for one, a great deal at \$2 for three or the unbelievable bargain of \$5 for ten!



November Prize Winners

Members **Dan Byrne, Mark Cayer, Bob Gowan, Wayne Houston, and Andrea Wells** took home free McAfee coffee mugs presented as door prizes.

Frank Rogers and Bernard Lipski were the raffle winners for the evening. Each took home a copy of the McAfee Total Protection 2011 software suite.

Many thanks to McAfee for the prizes.

Next Meeting: WEDNESDAY, December 8th, 2010

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OPCUG meets on the second Wednesday in the month, except July and August, at the Canada Museum of Science and Technology, 1867 St. Laurent Blvd, Ottawa. Meetings are 7:30–9:00 p.m. and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) go until 10 p.m.

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2010 CALENDAR

Meetings	Date	Time and Venue
OPCUG General Meeting	Wednesday, December 8 th	7:30 p.m. Auditorium of the Canada Museum of Science and Technology , 1867 St. Laurent Blvd. http://www.science-tech.nmstc.ca/english/index.cfm
Beginners' SIG	Wednesday, December 8 th	Immediately following the OPCUG General Meeting.
Linux / Open Source SIG	Wednesday, December 8 th	Immediately following the OPCUG General Meeting.
Beer BOF (Wing SIG East)	Wednesday, December 8 th	10:00 p.m. (after all other SIGs) at Liam Maguire's, St. Laurent Blvd. at Innes Rd.

Please note that unless otherwise noted, SIGs meet at 9:00 p.m. (immediately following the OPCUG General Meeting).