

# WASHINGTON COUNTY PAF USER GROUP

Morningside Stake Center on 9<sup>th</sup> South and River Road

## Member Meeting

20 February 2010

**GREETERS:** ..... Max Turpin and Julie Hammons

**WELCOME:** ..... Connie Stewart  
Connie welcomed the Members and Visitors to our meeting today

**OPENING PRAYER:** ..... Fran Lightner

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** .....

**Connie Stewart:**

♣ Connie noted the passing of one of our Lifetime Members – Barbara Sherratt on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010.  
♣ 'Who Do You Thing You Are' a BBC TV program is coming to the USA on 5<sup>th</sup> March on NBC, be sure and tune in to see if you like this new genealogy program.

♣ There are several other genealogical TV programs out there on BYU TV.

♣ St. George Family Expo will be held next weekend, February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at the Dixie Convention Center.

♣ We have a new editor for the newsletter, Julie Hammons, who will be addressing us each month to get your input into the contents of the newsletter. Wasn't the new Newsletter this month GREAT!!!

**Julie Hammons**

♣ Julie address the membership, asking about the size of the Font and the Contents .... All attending though the Font, which is larger was great! Julie asked the membership to give hints as to what they would like to see in the newsletter each month.

**WELCOMING THE PRESENTER:** ... Shaun McCausland ..... Connie Stewart

Shaun McCausland is a computer consultant, serviceman and teacher. He also is a professional musician and performer, a patriot, a teacher of statesmanship, a ward mission leader, an author and a thinker/philosopher. You may know Shaun from his weekly articles in the St. George Senior Sampler on computers, repair, software, buying a computer, keeping your computer safe - all that is important to know for those of us with a computer.

He has been working in computer related fields for 28 years and has been a performing musician for 44 years. He has a degree in music education from BYU and taught for a few years in the public schools. He sees himself primarily as a teacher and friend. His presentations are generally relaxed and open.

**PRESENTATION:** ..... Internet Security and Windows 7 ..... Shaun McCasuland

Shaun first spoke to us about Window 7, with on screen pictures of Windows 7 and some of it's fun gadgets. Shaun and those who have Windows 7 feel that this program is far superior to Windows Vista.

You can go one line to learn more about Windows 7. Explore features and choose which edition of Windows 7 is best for you at: <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windows-7/what-is-windows-7.aspx>

You can go online to get compatibility information for Window 7. Browse and find compatibility information on programs and devices at the Windows 7 compatibility center.  
<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/compatibility/windows-7/en-us/default.aspx>

The Windows 7 Upgrade Advisor scans your PC for potential compatibility issues and lets you know about your Windows 7 upgrade options. Within minutes, you'll get a report that tells you if your PC meets the system requirements, if any known compatibility issues with your hardware, devices, and installed programs are found, and gives guidance on what to do to before installing Windows 7 on your PC.

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=1B544E90-7659-4BD9-9E51-2497C146AF15&displaylang=en>

Or simply go to Google and in the search field type: Windows 7 Upgrade Adviser

If you are a Windows XP user it will tell you which of your devices (printers, etc) are compatible with Windows 7. ... Realizing that XP users will have to reinstall all your programs.

Which brings us to the most important "ToDo" of all .... BACKUP all your files ... whether it be online or external or a second hard drive. An Offsite backup being the best of course. You might be interested in investigating Carbonite or Mozy. Carbonite indicated that now you can securely access your files in your Carbonite backup from any computer in the World. All you need is an Internet connection, your email address and Carbonite password.

### **Internet Security:**

It's critical that all computer that use the Internet have an Anti-Virus software. Several that he mentioned were AVG – which also has a free software; Eset NOD32; Kaspersky ..... and others were discussed.

For a listing of all Anti-Virus Software Comparison List you can go to Wikipedia :

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_antivirus\\_software](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_antivirus_software)

Shaun also mention that you could only have one anti-spyware program installed on your computer at a time. Otherwise they fight against each other and do not work properly.

All of our machines should have the system Restore enabled. One of the ways you can see if your System Restore is on is by going to the Control Panel and clicking on "System", then "System Restore".

If you are tired of all the STICKY NOTES hanging from your Monitors edges or on the bathroom mirror you can download a free program ..... *Sticker Lite* is a free sticky notes program for Windows that offers you an easy way to keep all your thoughts, quick notes, web links, addresses, phone numbers, and other information in one place. Whether you need to create a todo list, plan daily tasks or organize recipes, *Sticker Lite* is the only free sticky notes application that provides you with everything you need. <http://www.sticky-notes.net/sticky-note-program.html>

Another helpful free software is Belarc Advisor. The [Belarc Advisor](http://www.belarc.com) builds a detailed profile of your installed software and hardware, missing Microsoft hotfixes, anti-virus status, [CIS](http://www.cis.org) (Center for Internet Security) benchmarks, and displays the results in your Web browser. All of your PC profile information is kept private on your PC and is not sent to any web server. The [Belarc Advisor](http://www.belarc.com) builds a detailed profile of your installed software and hardware, missing Microsoft hotfixes, anti-virus status, [CIS](http://www.cis.org) (Center for Internet Security) benchmarks, and displays the results in your Web browser. All of your PC profile information is kept private on your PC and is not sent to any web server. [http://www.belarc.com/free\\_download.html](http://www.belarc.com/free_download.html)

**Passwords:** If you have children using your computer it was suggested that you install a Boot-up Password. In creating a password .... choice something simple like asparagus, a word that you will remember and insert a few numbers for the letters.

**Filtering Software:** If you need parental controls, Shaun mentioned a few you could investigate: Kidswatch and NetNanny. You can go to this site and review a comparison of ten different Filtering Softwares. <http://internet-filter-review.toptenreviews.com/>

**Wireless Systems:** It is very important that your system has been locked down.

The presentation was very informative and enjoyed by all. It answered many questions for each of us relative to ... the new software available and Internet Security,

**CLOSING PRAYER:** ..... **Sharon Jeweks**

**Prize Winners:** Joyce Baird, Betty Versteeg and a visitor.

**Total Attendance: 26** ..... Membership: 23 ..... Visitors: 3

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