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### FROM THE PRESIDENT:

With fall approaching, as you walk through your garden, you may identify those plants that have flourished with flamboyant beauty and fruits through the season. Often there are plants that added just as much splendor but were often shadowed by the more prominent flowers.

In BGAMUG, I think of our editor, Sharon Taylor-Carrillo, as being one of these flowers. Entering as a seed in 2008, she soon became part of our garden. Being unable to attend our Tuesday meetings and events, she continued to produce and bloom in the background.



I would like to proclaim the month of December as **Sharon Taylor- Carrillo Month for BGAMUG.**

Sharon volunteered to chair our Christmas Party this year, so please attend this event and show your appreciation. See more details about the Christmas party inside this edition.

Most of us are still bewildered and struggling with the many changes that Microsoft calls new features in Windows Vista and 7. However, the most talked about new feature in the next operating system, Windows 8, is the fast boot, start up. Can you imagine being able to start using your PC within ten seconds of pressing the power button? Now Microsoft is finally giving us something worthy. We will be following Windows 8 progress in following months.

We need you! All officers at our last eboard meeting shared the same thoughts. Some of us need a change, some of us are tired, some of us are looking for something different, but most all of us are hopeful that some of members will take a tour of duty as an officer. Nominations will open at this months meeting. All positions are open and available.



Hope to see you there, Jerry

## \*\*September Program\*\*

This Month's  
Meeting Presentation:

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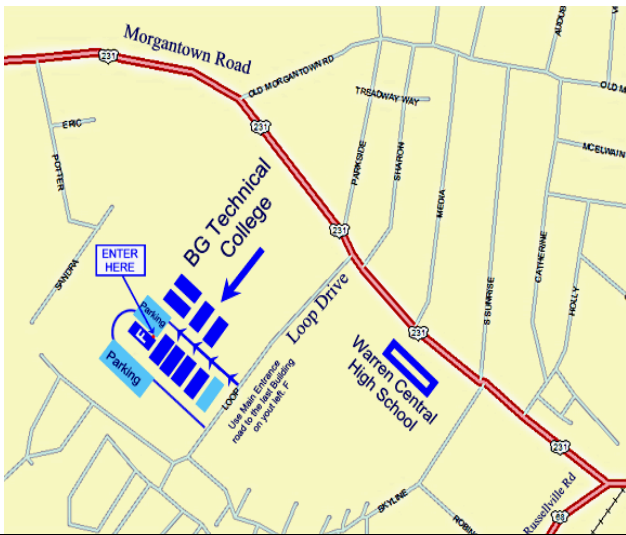
By:  
Joe Easterling

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**BGAMUG General Meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of each month.** These meetings are at the Bowling Green Technical College, Bldg F, at 6:30 PM. See the map. The entrance to the BGTC campus on Loop Drive is clearly marked. Building 5 is the last building on the left, down the road through the campus.

**BGAMUG Board Meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month.** The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, October 4th. The location will be at the Catfish House. The business meeting will begin at 6:30pm.

## September meeting will be in the F Building.....



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## Genealogy SIG

The genealogy SIG discussed how county boundary changes may cause you to find a record in another 'parent' or 'child' county. Then we discussed how to find death records in Family Bible entries, Social Security Death Index, in extracted records such as a database or book, and in the originals of a city, county, or state vital records. In depth analysis of a death record can yield information about parents, siblings and other relatives as well as locations for further research.

In September the SIG will discuss nicknames and how to deal with it in your genealogy research. We will also start discussions on a Family Search Wiki article, "How to Guess Where to Start". Spelling variations, places, date, and record types can be gleaned by examining a Family Group Sheet. Everyone is welcome to attend at 5:30 on the same night as the general meeting.

Jeri



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TAG Team Leader

Please read this article, "[How to Guess Where to Start](#)" for our next SIG meeting:

[https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/How to Guess Where to Start](https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/How_to_Guess_Where_to_Start)

Another one to glance at on Traditional Nicknames:

[https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Traditional Nicknames in Old Documents - A Wiki List](https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Traditional_Nicknames_in_Old_Documents_-_A_Wiki_List)

I believe you will find some surprising nicknames.

**SIG**



## New handheld computer that also phones (SmartPhone)

*(Verizon Motorola Droid X – Android OS 2.2 Froyo)*

*By Merle Nicholson, Secretary, Tampa PCUG, Florida*

*January 2011 issue, Bits of Blue*

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OK – this is an article about an Android phone by a guy who is three times older than the demographic that normally buys these things.

So I'm going to say "Facebook" here and now, the first and last time because I'd don't have a Facebook account; I haven't "friended" anyone, so I certainly don't care where they are. And I haven't gone hunting for dates for 47 years. Just so you know who I am.

I've replaced two pocket devices with one Android SmartPhone two weeks ago. I had a tiny wireless telephone that I used for, well, telephoning, and a five year old PDA – a Dell Axim x50v.

The old Dell is still functioning almost as well as it did when it was new. Its connectivity options are limited to wireless/b and Bluetooth. I used it mostly to sync with my Outlook calendar and contacts and keep family pictures to bore people with. The charging/sync connector is getting flaky, and I bought a new part to replace it, but the tiny soldering required put me off some and also prompted me to look elsewhere. Don't get me wrong, I can solder. NASA taught me how a lifetime ago. But this is tiny, close together and there are about twenty things to be soldered.

The phone I've had for two years has been just a telephone to me; it connects to a hands-free device I bought for the car, but it will also take pictures and do messaging, in which I had no interest. I discovered that the process to keep the camera from taking pictures of the inside of my pocket made it hard to take any kind of pictures at all and that Verizon was going to charge me to get them off my phone after I did take some. I have a good camera anyway.

Verizon is making it pretty easy to get a new phone and a data/mail plan to go along with it. But Amazon is doing it better by reducing the price of this model (Droid X) down to \$120, \$50 cheaper than buying direct from Verizon. That's after a \$30 credit accumulated at Verizon for having fulfilled my last 2-year contract. That's \$120, no tax, no shipping, no activation fee, plus, I later discovered that, because I went to Amazon through the TPCUG link, \$65 was credited to the TPCUG. I activated the phone with Verizon within a few minutes of delivery to my house but after the on-line activation failed. Apparently Amazon and Verizon work it all out because the Amazon price is reduced by Verizon's \$30, and Amazon checks while you wait online to verify the Verizon eligibility if you've told Amazon that you're an existing Verizon customer and have given the phone number you want to use.

OK, now about Android phones – or rather what I've learned so far. There seems to be a consensus that the latest version of the OS, version 2.2, is the best so far, and 2.2 apparently has some much-needed new features. Being a Google product – you guessed it – it had a lot of features imbedded in it that depend on Google. I'm not especially fond of going to one source for everything, but Google has not eliminated all your choices, and, with time, now I'm completely comfortable with it.

Email would be a good example. I'm using my own email server account for email, not my Gmail account. My mail is still managed on my home PC because I run a business and my Outlook is essential. My Outlook 2010 isn't just an email/contact list/calendar; it truly categorizes and manages that searchable client data going back several years. So the phone brings in all my incoming mail from my private server, and I can send replies or initiate new mail through my server.

The web-based Gmail/Contacts manages your contact list on your Android phone pretty much seamlessly.

I export files (calendar by broad date range and contacts one at a time) from Outlook and then log into my Google email account and import each of those files.

I really don't know if the data is on the phone or in the "cloud," but I've decided I don't care. The contacts and calendar data appear in my phone not instantly but within maybe an hour; I'm not sure.

So far no one has discovered my Gmail account and that's just fine. On the phone, I pretty much just read any incoming email that I'm especially interested in, reply if required and then just erase all the phone's email. There are programs (purchased and free) that improve the Outlook to Android transfer process, but I haven't yet seen any need to fully automate the exchange.

Here's a list of most of the functions and programs I'm actively using. Most are free and already installed. A few were free from the Android Market, and just two were purchased.

**Browser** – The Internet browser is surprisingly good considering the screen size. It responds to 2-finger zoom and pan rapidly, so, with a small amount of manipulation, you can see any part of even a large page in all detail. A very large number of websites have pages optimized for mobiles. Wikipedia is one excellent example.

**Navigation** – Google navigation is just amazing, and it's free, unlike the optional VZNavigator, which has a \$10 monthly fee from Verizon. Type in or speak a destination, and Google looks up and presents all the possibilities; select the one you want and the route is presented with voice directions as you drive. When you reach the destination, it presents a Google Street view. This really surprised me when I stopped and it showed a photo of the front of my house.

**Maps** – Google maps, satellite view and Street View, just like on the PC. Nothing seems to be missing.

**Car Locator** – This is a small GPS program that lets you quickly set the location of your car and then find it later using a directional arrow as you walk with the distance in feet or meters. \$3.

**Kindle** – This is a Kindle book reader; there are versions available for many other devices including PC's. The library of digital books you own here are identical to your Kindle. If you stay connected on both, it tracks your last read page so you can switch devices and not lose your place. It's wonderfully readable. It's not a substitute for the Kindle if you own one, but it's handy, and if you happen to own a mobile phone, there's no real need to buy a Kindle if you don't want to.

**Email** – Well, it's email. It's the mail that I get from my mail server. I do reply to email from the phone when I feel I have to, and, since the voice-to-text feature works here as well, it's pretty easy.

**Calendar** – It's pretty good, completely integrated with Google Calendar.

**Voicemail** – Google voicemail takes your voicemail messages, translates them to text and places a message on your phone to read or play – your option.

**Music player** – There's a sync app that detects when you're plugged into a PC and syncs your PC music to the device. There's also a DLNA app that plays media from a network with a media server. Otherwise it's a decent MP3/WMA player that also does videos.

**Camera** – An 8 Megapixel camera with face detection and panorama stitching. It has two fairly bright LEDs for flash and plenty of manual settings. Very good zooming, as you'd expect with 8MPixels to work with.

**Camcorder** – The camera also functions as a 720p HD video recorder. The device also has a mini HDMI port for playing to an external device such as a wide screen TV. It comes with a 16GB SDHC card.

**Slideshow and picture management** – naturally.

**Password management** I use the PC version of KeePassX, and I was delighted to find they make an Android version. Free.

**Swype** - I saved this for last. It's an alternative screen keyboard that allows you to enter a word by sliding a finger from letter to letter. It uses error-correcting algorithms to guess the word and presents alternatives. A world record was set on a touchscreen and Swype using a Samsung Galaxy S. The world record text message consists of 26 words and was typed in 25.94 seconds, which corresponds to a speed of 60 words per minute.

**The few things I don't like** It's a mystery to me that Android applications don't have an exit or close. Instead, they stay running until you either shut down each service manually or turn off the phone. I'd guess the upside to this is that everything launches very quickly. It's so fast in fact that you take it all for granted. I haven't found a disadvantage to this, although I've read complaints that it must be taking up cpu cycles and therefore must be draining the battery and contributing heat to global warming. I guess I doubt all that, but what I really don't understand is why I find apps such as Skype running when I've never used them. There are programs you can purchase to you manage these, but it's also widely held that you'd live a calmer life if you just ignored it all. Finally I did read a built-in tutorial recommending that you turn the phone off once a day to clear out unused programs in memory.

Second, in spite of the claim of 220 hours of standby and 480 minutes of talk time, this thing eats battery. I'll admit I pretty much actively used it all one day for 10 hours and ran the battery down. I used it for phone calls very little. The display, when on, eats most of the battery, so a continuous charge is necessary if you're going to use it for navigation. There's an extended battery for \$50, which is way too much.





The 2012 BGAMUG Officer Elections are approaching and I want “**YOU**” to consider serving your club in a leadership position.

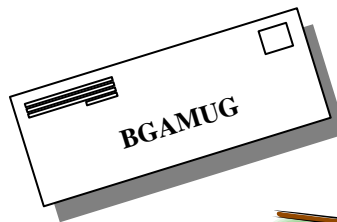
**Your name needs to be on this list!!!!**

- President:**
- Program Director:**
- VP of Technology:**
- VP of Membership:**
- VP of Protocol:**
- Web Master:**
- Secretary:**
- Treasurer:**
- Newsletter Editor:**
- Sergeant at Arms:**
- Officer At Large (1):**
- Officer At Large (2):**
- Historian:**

**WE NEED YOU !!!!**

Nominations for the 2012 officers will be taken at the September and October meetings. The election will be held in November and additional nominations will be taken from the floor in November.

*You know what your club can do for you, now what can you do for your club?*





**Karen, Ginny, Paula and Lou**



Ginny Molloy and some BGAMUG members went from Bowling Green to New Albany, IN to celebrate and attend Ginny's 75th birthday party on August 27.

## LIFE BEFORE THE COMPUTER

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- \* Memory was something that you lost with age
- \* An application was for employment
- \* A program was a TV show
- \* A cursor used profanity
  - \* A keyboard was a piano
  - \* A web was a spider's home
  - \* A virus was the flu
  - \* A CD was a bank account
- \* A hard drive was a long trip on the road
- \* A mouse pad was where a mouse lived
- \* And if you had a 3 1/2 inch floppy  
...you just hoped nobody found out





# Holiday Party

## Christ Episcopal Church

### 6:00pm to 8:00pm



**Friday, December 2nd** will be an evening of great food, lots of fun with friends and a memorable night out. Paula will handle the Awards section and we will have door prizes and goodies for those who attend.

So please don't miss out, mark your calendar and get your festive Holiday attire ready.

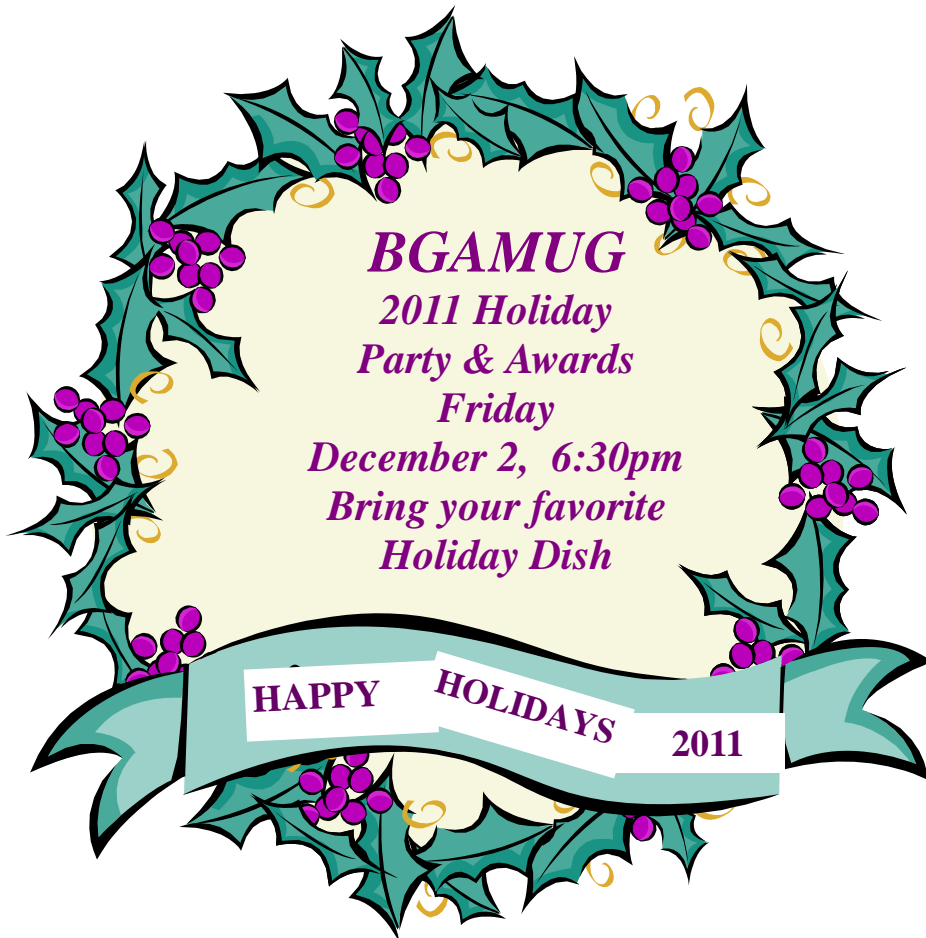
I look forward to seeing you at the Christ Episcopal Church at 6:00pm on Friday, December 2nd for the 2011 Holiday



**Christmas Party Chair: Sharon Taylor-Carrillo**



**Christmas Party Awards Chair: Paula Niece**



The December Newsletter will have a special section with all the Holiday Recipes from the Dec. 2nd Holiday Gathering.

Please bring your recipes or email them to [SharonLyrae@aol.com](mailto:SharonLyrae@aol.com)

If you just have a favorite recipe for the holidays that you would like to share send it on.



Hi, all!

I have seen some funny and inspiring Facebook postings lately. Here are some to share:

(Via Robyn and Patty) The hobbit you just called fat? He's skipping 2nd breakfast. The dwarf woman you called ugly? She spends hours braiding her beard so you can differentiate her from a dwarf man. The Uruk-Hai you just killed? He's been abused by Saruman. See that Gollum creature with the gangly limbs & large eyes? For 500 years the Ring poisoned his mind. That Elf you just made fun of for crying? She just lost her wizard friend to a Balrog. Put this as your status if you're against bullying in Middle-Earth.

Via Robyn Rice's Be Who You Are Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/BeWhoYouAreWithRobinRice> - "I like thinking outside the box (for that matter, the stratosphere). And I am confident in doing so because my own worth, value, esteem, etc... is no longer in question. This is NOT because I've "arrived," but because I've taken the question of my worth off the table. I get it--mistakes are okay, and inevitable. That's about the nature of life, not the nature of ME. So NOW, I can freely ask, what can happen here? What supports my creativity? My vision? My world? That freedom is priceless. It makes a life, a work of art."

"Only when the mind is calm and quiet  
Can you hope to see"  
— Shiro, the Zen Master Cat

On a shared poster: "The more boring a child is, the more the parents, when showing off the child, receive adulation for being good parents – because they have a tame child-creature in their house. –Frank Zappa

Helping Hands are Better than Praying Lips – Come forward and help ... -[Narayanan Krishnan](#)

[The Dalai Lama Foundation](#) "When we disarm ourselves internally, we create the conditions for external disarmament." -- H.H., the Dalai Lama

[LorenzoTheCat](#) Google+ is threatening to delete my newly created account. "No cats allowed," said their message. Boo Hiss. I've always detested discrimination.

[Official Tommy James and the Shondells Fan-page](#) - Don't forget to tell your friends and family that Tommy is OFFICIALLY on Facebook! Get them to stop by and like the page - we're shooting for 2000!

[Learning Wisdom Everyday](#) - "If A is success in life, then  $A = x + y + z$ . Work is x, play is y and z is keeping your mouth shut."\* ~ Albert Einstein

\*Said to Samuel J Woolf, Berlin, Summer 1929. Published in the New York Times, August 18, 1929. Cited with additional notes in The Ultimate Quotable Einstein by Alice Calaprice and Freeman Dyson, Princeton UP (2010) p 230

Well, that's all the fun and inspiring stuff could find for now. I hope you get a chuckle or an "aha" from them.

AND I hope everyone in BGAMUG is having a GREAT week!

Oh – and are you on Facebook yet? My cousin Lee, the Chef, from out West just joined Facebook for the first time last week, and I'm thrilled to be back in touch. Cousins and friends are friending him now from all over. It was fun to make suggestions for him.

That's just another plug for Facebook. See you there!

Betsy Sheppard  
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The BGAMUG Computer Club  
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The public is invited to attend our regular presentation meetings. To join, our annual membership dues are \$25 for an individual and \$35 for a family.

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**Don't forget our next meeting at  
the B G Technical College,  
F Building, September 27th, 6:30 PM**