

## LCACE Minutes February 2, 2013

Robin Seidenberg called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm. The question of the month was have you tried Windows 8 or do you plan to do so? There were several comments made. If you are going to upgrade, you will have a chance to get a printout of programs and devices that won't work.

Remember that we are an Amazon Affiliate. You will find the link above the menu on the opening page of our website at [www.lcace.org](http://www.lcace.org).

We had two guests, Donna and Bill Coca, who I think filled out papers to join.

Robin mentioned that you could get a link on google to get an alert when your name showed up on a web page.

Help desk is opened from 11:15 to 12:15.

### Upcoming Programs

Today's program will be on Avast security software.

March 2 will be Julie Bell on GnuCash a program similar to Quicken which works on all operating systems including Linux.

April 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party, elections and ask the gurus

### Reports

\$3700 in the bank

### Old business

Photoshop Elements in May or June

Nominations for Lake County volunteers due March 13

### New Business

Passed a by-laws change

Passed a by-laws change that board positions selected by President

### Nominations for board

Robin Seidenberg

Winnie Frost

Linda Busch

Fred Barnett

Liz Barnett

John Colisimo

Linda Kudelco

Bobby Jacobs

Laptop available for sale by Robin

Lew Seidenberg needs someone to develop Power Point for Lake County Animal Control.

Doreen brought coffee cake.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10

Raffle Winners

Doreen Lagoni ebook  
Liz Barnett Cap  
John Colosimo Mug  
Robert Koudelka  
Jerry  
Carly Seidenberg Cap  
Winnie Frost  
JJ passed on raffle  
?? rescue disk  
Bobby Jacobs Rescue disk

50/50 \$6.50 George Becht

Program notes will follow  
Here are the program notes.

Charles Prince was the presenter. His subject was Avast, a free virus scan which works very well, I might add. I installed it on my computer. The home office of Avast is in Prague. The company has been around since the 80s. He is from Wilmington, NC. I found the following information very informative.

Malware 101. Malware is Malicious software for which you have not given consent. A key logger records each keystroke you make. Nanny programs to follow children's use of Internet are types of key loggers.

Spyware collects knowledge about us sometimes using cookies.

Adware is advertising software. This includes popups.

Root kit (viruses) is difficult to detect. Types of root kits are GMER and TrendMicro and Rootkit Buster.

Virus copies and infects you computer. It can copy itself anywhere.

\*An aside was that you shouldn't use an administrative account on the Internet.

A Trojan horse is an unauthorized access to your computer.

A worm is self replicating malware which can attach operating system files. It doesn't attach to existing programs. \*It corrupts or modifies files on targeted computers.

Polymorphic Malware constantly changes its own code.

PUPS are potentially undesirable programs.

You can use Maleware Bytes with Avast.

Pro Avast costs for businesses and has better script protection.

The Avast program updates automatically. It uses very little memory.

Avoid malware 102

1. Don't open unknown attachments.

2. Don't forward unexpected attachments.

3. Be wary of sites like BitTorren, Warez, Peer to Peer sites and sites for downloading songs, movies and games.

4. Use vendors' sites to download programs.

5. ? software.

6. Always check for updates.

Use Secunia Personal Software Inspector(PSI) and FileHippo

There has been a big growth in cyber crimes.

He suggested disabling Java, but making sure it isn't necessary for other things you are doing.

He suggested Nitro PDF Reader.

Use Avast mobile security for android phones.

Facebook has partnered with Avast.

Suggestions to have on your computer:

- Filehippo

- Malwarebytes

- Libra Office or open office 3

- Secunia PSI