October 28 Get Together

President Ceazar's presentation on "Computer Security" included a wealth of information on antivirus and spyware programs, firewalls, UPS (universal power sources) and many tips on how to clean and protect your systems at home and while on the Internet. Lots of good food for thought and snacks for the tummy. Grace K. and Liz S. each won a free year's club dues in the drawing.

The "Prez" Speaks

SIGs (Special Interest Groups)

*1ˢᵗ **Saturday, Nov. 3 - How To and Helping Hands SIGs*** - Subjects/Problems covered were: MS Excel Spreadsheet cell formatting, updating OS (operating system) using Control Panel and Updates, understanding routers, Canon Power Shot SX40 (video & still photography) setup and file transfers to outside HD (hardrive), Mozilla Firefox (an Internet browser) compatibility with 64 bit OS and OS diagnostics using ESET and GRC online. Note: SIG help is usually one on one with access to all and includes all levels of expertise.

*2ⁿᵈ **Saturday, Nov 10 - Novice and Software & Product Review SIGs*** - Subjects/Problems covered were: Vice President Chuck only got to a couple of subjects on his list before many questions were asked by the participants on a variety of subjects including the CC and BCC

fields when sending emails and tips on forwarding emails. With the help of Frank P. they advised how to insert a special character in a document and a shortcut method to access Windows Update.

Also covered were some basic items used to operate and protect a system and how to update them (OS, anti-virus, Adobe Reader and Java). The subject of Java prompted the question of what exactly is Java and do or why do we need it? Additional subjects were: Do I have to get Win8 (Microsoft's new OS), and why or why not? How to set up a home page in your favorite browser. How to print a list of directories and files on your computer will be researched and discussed at the next Novice SIG on the 2ⁿᵈ Saturday in December.

Ceazar warned about scammers impersonating the FBI and what it does to your computer and why it is important to protect yourself by timely updates of your OS, firewall, antivirus and spyware programs, after which you should do scans on your system. For this and other information on the "FBI" and other scams check out the following URLs: http://www.networkworld.com/community/blog/fbi-finds-scammers-impersonating-fbi-now-one-worst-online-threats. Instructions to remove it from your system: http://www.2-spyware.com/remove-fbi-virus.html

Help Wanted & Other Classified Ideas

Calling all ***Excel*** users. Please let us know (info@lvpcug.org) if you use this program and are willing to help us troubleshoot a few questions now and then. Be sure to put "Excel" in the subject line.

**Election Committee**: It is time again to appoint 2 or 3 people to serve our club for the elections to be held in March 2013 for the five Board of Directors positions. The new board will hold office from May 1, 2013 - April 30, 2014. Duties includes contacting our members, via email, to see if they would be willing to run for office or nominate someone who would. It is estimated to require about 1 hour per week through January. Volunteers would periodically report progress to the Board, develop a slate of candidates and handle email for the voting. Position descriptions for each board position and instructions will be given to those who volunteer so they do not have to re-invent the wheel to do the job. Please let us know if you will help info@lvpcug.org and be sure to put "Election Committee" in the subject line.

**A Mid Week Afternoon Meeting?**
Anyone interested? Let us know. You know the drill: info@lvpcug.org Subject line: mid week meet. Advise date and time preferred.

ODDS & ENDS

Is anybody out there? Do you have any questions? Have anything for sale that is computer related? Know of any upcoming computer events? We will even consider short software program or equipment reviews. Heck, we will accept most anything computer related that is not immoral, illegal or fattening. Just let us know at info@lvpcug.org. Even a few "atta boys" now and then will be welcome.

Or if you would like to contribute to this newsletter, the deadline is the 15th of each month. Be sure to put "For Newsletter" or something in the subject line relating there to. No, not the word "something"! :)

Goodies at the Oct 28 Get Together

UPCOMING LVPCUG EVENTS
(all open to the public)
Thursday, November 29, 1pm - 4pm Board of Directors Meeting, JC Park Clubhouse, 5805 W. Harmon Ave.

Saturday, December 1, 10am-4pm How-To and Helping Hands SIGS, NV Energy, 6226 W. Sahara Ave, Wengert Rm.

Saturday, December 8, Novice SIG **1 - 3pm** and Software & Product Review **3 - 5pm**., NV Energy, 6226 W. Sahara Ave., Wengert Rm.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Is the Internet Alive? And Why Does It Matter? Lecture by Michael J. Savoie, Director, Center for Information, Technology and Management, The University of Texas at Dallas. **Thursday, December 1, 7:30pm at the Barrick Museum Auditorium on the UNLV campus. Admission: Free.**