

On the Docket for the
General Meeting
Thursday, April 16, 2009
Recession Fighter:

Extend the Life of Your Old Computer

Tune-up or Buy New? *NYPC helps you decide*

Our panel of experts, who often help clients make this very decision, will describe what upgrades may be worthwhile for you...and when you might consider a new computer instead.

Three Parts to the Evening

- Demo of hands-on computer upgrade with Mike Ostrowe shortly after 6:00pm
- Practical advice on keeping your computer running nicely or buying new
- An overview of options for donating your computer

Buy New or Tune-up Old?

Well, new computers are pretty cheap these days, so if you are having problems it is tempting to just get a new one. Perhaps your old box is just not as fast as it used to be, maybe spyware has snuck in, and the ash trays are full (no...that only applies to stuff made in Detroit).

Pros of Buying

Sure, it is fun to get a new computer. It will be more powerful, and it will probably come with some version of Vista.

Cons of Buying

It will probably come with some version of Vista. You will have to re-install all your programs. Can you find your disks? Will your software run on Vista? Will your printer, and your scanner and other peripherals, work with Vista? Will you be productive on day 1...or day 14...or, well, who knows when? Can you transfer the subscription to your anti-virus program to your new com-

puter? You may have to activate some software transferred to a new computer; can you find the 19-digit activation code? Before starting any of this, have you backed up all your data? Well, now that we are talking about it, how about doing a back up today?

Other Questions

Do you still prefer Windows XP? You may still be able to buy Windows XP, but it is hard to find. And how is your bank account? Would you like to be productive day one? Are you ready to take on a new operating system? [Query: Why do programmers move the menu items around in the latest version just after you finally got used to finding what you need?]

A hidden cost of a new computer is the time you have to take to install your programs and getting back up to speed with all the new stuff. So maybe you would like to tune up the computer you were so happy with when you first got it a while back.

This may or may not be worthwhile, depending on the age of the computer, the speed of the processor, the health of the hard drive, and the amount of memory you have. Additional memory (available at really great prices today) can make a huge difference. Or perhaps all you need to do is clean up your operating system. If you just want e-mail, the Internet, and some word processing, perhaps you want to "upgrade" your computer to Linux, which can run well on fewer resources.

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General Meeting Info

When: Thursday, April 16, 2009

Where: PS 41, 116 W 11th Street
West of 6th Avenue

Schedule: 6:00pm Doors open
6:15pm Q&A/Networking
Upgrade demo
6:45pm Presentation

Subway: A,B,C,D,E,F,Q,V to West 4th St
1,2,3,9,L to 14th St @7th Ave
(check with MTA)

PATH: Take 33rd St line to 9th St Sta

Office: (212) 643-7005

Web site: <http://www.nypc.org>

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To check on the NYPC General Meeting or get up-to-the-minute details on speakers, check our website at <http://www.nypc.org>.

NYPC holds great General Meetings—and they're Free. This is truly one of New York's Best Bargains.

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And that is what the panel will be discussing. Participants include:

Mike Ostrowe, Chair of NYPC's TechTips SIG, runs NYPC's Teach andTune workshops at NYPC's office. In these sessions Mike and other experienced computer gurus test drive ill desktops and laptops. Sometimes components need to be replaced or upgraded, or sometimes viruses or other malware needs to be eradicated.

Starting just after 6:00 pm in the lobby of PS 41 he will be working on some machines, and you will get to watch the diagnosis and ask question.

Mark Halegua, Chair of NYPC's DeLUGE (Desktop Linux Users Group for End Users) SIG, teaches NYPC's class in using Knoppix to repair Windows computers. Though a Linux evangelist, he is pragmatic when it comes to helping people use Window more effectively.

If You Opt for a New Computer

If you do decide to buy a new computer, what should you do with your old com-

puter? First, wipe your hard drive of any vital information. Then, one option is to pass it on to a relative or friend. Another is to donate it to a nonprofit that rebuilds computers for placement with social agencies or disadvantaged individuals. If you do discard it altogether, be sure that you do so responsibly. The Lower East Side Ecology Center (<http://tinyurl.com/69sl4j>) holds frequent electronic waste collection events.

We will hear from:

Mary Ellen Kennel, one of our members, works for Computers for Youth. This is a not-for-profit organization that rebuilds computers donated by corporations and places them with the families of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. A parent and the child are trained together by CFY, and get tech support from CFY for many years to come. Mary Ellen will talk about the organization and how they rebuild donated computers. For more info about the company go to <http://www.cfy.org>. by *William Ginsberg*, Program Chair, programs@nypc.org

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Timeless Quote:

"Despite best efforts by smart people, it is unlikely that computing will ever be perfect." *Microsoft CTO Craig Mundie, November 2001*

Help NYPC! Take Newsletter Electronically

Every month NYPC mails over 400 newsletters to members, at a cost of 85 cents per person. This cost includes toner, paper, and postage. It does NOT include wear and tear on the printer, nor on the volunteers who gather to staple and fold the newsletter...and then carry the bundles to the post office.

Unlike many user groups, which have switched to distributing their newsletters only via e-mail and the web, NYPC remains committed to serving those who may not have a computer or reliable Internet access. It has been suggested that we charge an extra fee to members who receive the printed version, but we are reluctant to do so. Thus we have relied on members to choose to receive the newsletter in electronic format on a voluntary basis. However, with rising costs, this becomes more and more difficult.

We have added enhancements to the electronic version: color, live (clickable) links, extra content. We are planning to do more of this, if we gain time from printing and mailing fewer newsletters.

Therefore, we are asking that, if you can, you agree to try receiving the newsletter electronically. Many of you receive both the PDF and mailed versions; could you possibly agree to the PDF version only? To do so, e-mail nypc@nypceducation.org with your preferred e-mail address. *Mary Ginsburg*, nypc@nypceducation.org

NYPC Classes

To register or to request specific classes, e-mail classes@nypceducation.org, or phone 212-643-7005.

Prices below are for NYPC members; if you are not a member, please add registration fee of \$10.

⇒ Basics of Selling on eBay: Learn eBay in 1 Day

A full day of eBay with eBay expert Fred Kahn, an eBay Power Seller and Education Specialist trained by eBay. Fred will show you hands-on how to get started selling items on the web.

He will show you how to:

- ▶ Register with eBay and Paypal
- ▶ Write eye-catching copy that will get your items sold
- ▶ Get paid
- ▶ Pack and ship
- ▶ Keep your feedback score at 100% positive

How to do it all safely, and more...

So if you want to clear out a closet full of antiques or an attic full of dusty junk, come enjoy an interesting workshop, and learn all about the exciting world of e-commerce.

Sunday, May 3, 10:00am (sharp)-5:00pm (lunch break at 1 pm)

NYPC and NYACC members \$15; Non-members \$ 25.00, plus \$5.00 Materials Fee payable in cash to the instructor at lecture

⇒ Photo Enhancement with Photoshop Elements

Learn how to enhance your digital photos! Photoshop Elements is Adobe's "consumer level" digital imaging program. Though far less expensive and easier than Photoshop, it offers considerable power in enhancing and distributing digital images. Like all graphics applications, it is also very enjoyable. In this hands-on course, we'll learn by doing, from using layers through tonal and color corrections, and more. We encourage students to bring their own photos to class for advice.

4 Friday mornings, April 24, May 1, 8, 22, 10:00am-1:00pm OR

3 Sundays, April 19, 26, May 10, 12:30-5:00pm (incl. breaks)

12 hours, hands-on, \$129

⇒ Mastering Your Digital Camera Controls

With their wealth of controls and menu options, digital cameras can bewilder even the most experienced photographer. The user can change not only aperture and shutter speed, but also ISO, white balance, automatic program, and more. In this class we'll learn how to take advantage of the many camera options to take better photos.

- ▶ Please tell registrar your camera model when you register
- ▶ Plan to bring your manual and charger to class

2 sessions, Monday mornings, April 27, May 4, 9:00am-12:00pm

OR Friday afternoons, May 1, 8, 2:00-5:00pm

Hands-on with your camera, \$59

⇒ Effective Internet Searching

Enhance your Internet Searching Skills! In each of the following courses we'll learn how to structure efficient and effective searches, and how to interpret and use your results.

Better "Googling": Emphasizes Google's syntax and features, helping you to pinpoint the information you need April 22

Beyond Google: Advanced Internet Searching: Google is great, but sometimes it's overwhelming to get 100,000 hits! We'll look at alternatives to Google: meta search engines, clustering engines, topic-specific searchers, and exciting new ways to visualize results...also directories, RSS feeds, and more. April 29

Finding Health/Medical Information Online: There are millions of health-related sites on the Internet, but not all give valid information. How can you find the ones with the reliable information you need? In this class, we'll take a look at how to structure effective searches, how to separate valuable information from the questionable, and what to do with the information you find. We'll

also look at some excellent sites. Each person attending will receive a CD with hyperlinked resources. May 6

Using TECH Sites to Solve Computer Problems: Of course, the best resource for tech help is NYPC, but where do you go at 2am? There's a wealth of helpful, specific information on the web, but finding the most useful sites often depends on knowing how to structure your search and choose the best sites. This class will show you how! May 13

Wednesday afternoons, April 22 - May 13, 2:00-5:00pm

Price per hands-on session, \$35 for 1; \$30 each for more than one

⇒ Special Topics in Using Microsoft Word

For those who use Microsoft Word but want to go beyond the basics:

Advanced Formatting: Learn to use tables to format text with perfect alignment. Automate document formatting with Styles and Templates. Your documents will look better and be more consistent.

Efficient Letters: Learn how to use Mail Merge, AutoText and AutoCorrect, and simple Macros.

Working with Long Documents: Table of Contents, Index; Bookmarks, Cross-references, Collaborative writing/editing, more
Thursdays, April 23 (Formatting), 30 (Efficient), May 7 (Long), 10:00am-1:00pm

Hands-on, \$35 each class (\$30 each if taking more than one)

⇒ Create Professional Presentations with PowerPoint

Learn how to use Microsoft PowerPoint to create effective presentations. This software tool enables you to present information and data as a slide show with consistent backgrounds, images, and fonts. In this course you will learn how to create, format, and edit informative slides, incorporating not only text and charts, but also images, sound effects, and video. In addition to the technical aspects of using the software, we will also offer some advice on arranging your information to increase slide effectiveness.

3 Thursday afternoons, April 23, 30, May 7, 2:00-5:00pm

Hands-on, \$99

⇒ What to do with All Your Digital Photos Easily!

You have a new digital camera, and you're enjoying taking snapshots the new way. They look great in the camera screen.

Now what? You don't want to learn Photoshop—or even Elements—but you want to tweak and manage your new photos. This course will help! We'll show how to get your photos onto the computer, demonstrate some easy-to-use photo management and enhancement tools, and help you find the one that's best for you. Then we'll discuss ways to print them. (Bring your camera to class.)

Two sessions, hands-on, \$59

Wednesdays, April 29, May 6, 6:00-9:00pm

⇒ Getting Started with QuickBooks

QuickBooks, the popular bookkeeping application for small businesses, has powerful capabilities, but effective use depends on proper set-up and getting to know the ins and outs of its forms and reports. In this class we'll help you get started, using QuickBooks 2009. Trial versions of the program will be given out so you can practice and do your homework. Four sessions, plus one individualized session with the instructor, for help in setting up your own QuickBooks.

4 Tuesday afternoons, April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 2:00-5:00pm

Hands-on, \$129

⇒ Learn at Lunch Series - See page 7

One-hour, focused seminars on interesting computer topics

Various days, 12:00-1:00pm

Presentation, \$10

Bring your lunch; beverages provided

NYPC Meetings, Seminars/Classes & Other Events April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Enterprise Windows Java GM	3	4
	6 Access Visual Basic	7 Genealogy	8	9 Java SG	10	11
12	13 MAC	14 Photog/Graph Exchange	15 Speech Recognition	16 General Meeting	17	18
19 P'SHOP ELEMENTS (1)	20 Ventura	21 Investment Perl Seminar	22 NET SEARCH: Google Web Lounge	23 WORD Format PowerPoint (1) TechTips	24 P'SHOP ELEMENTS (1) Social Networking	25 <i>Trenton Computer Festival</i>
26 <i>Trenton Computer Festival</i> P'SHOP ELEMENTS (2)	27 DIG CAMERA (1) Web Dev Adv Tech & Tech	28 QuickBooks (1) QuickBooks SIG	29 NET SEARCH: Adv Easy Dig Photog (1)	30 WORD Letters PowerPoint (2) Java SG	May 1 P'SHOP ELEMENTS (2) DIG CAMERA (1) Digital Video	May 2 PC Upgrade/Repair Clinic
May 3 eBay in a Day: Selling	4 DIG CAMERA (2) Visual Basic Access	5 QuickBooks (2) Genealogy	6 Med/Health SEARCH Easy Dig Photog (2)	7 WORD Long Docs PowerPoint (3) Enterprise Windows Java GM	8 P'SHOP ELEMENTS (3) DIG CAMERA (2)	9
10 P'SHOP ELEMENTS (3)	11 MAC	12 QuickBooks (3) Exchange Excel	13 TECH HELP ON WEB QuickBooks (2) Alpha	14 DeLUGE	15	16

Calendar Legend

Plain = SIG Meeting *Italic = Other Meetings*
Bold = NYPC Class **Black background = General Meeting**

The calendar shows the events that were scheduled at press time. Sometimes there are last minute changes, so please check the online calendar at www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings. If the SIG meeting you want to attend is not listed, contact the SIG chair. **See page 3 for Seminars/Classes. See pages 5 and 6 for SIG meetings.**

Location Legend NYPC NYPC Office, Hotel New Yorker, 481 8th Ave, Suite 550
 MS Microsoft, 1290 6th Ave. (51st/52nd Str), 6th Fl
 PS41 116 West 11th Street, west of 6th Avenue

SIG Directory

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Meetings at Microsoft

Security procedures at Microsoft have become tighter. As always, a photo ID is imperative. Also, be sure that your name is on the SIG Chair's security list.

AXS Access

Linda Ewen, LindaEwen@nyc.rr.com
Monday, April 6th, May 4th, 6:30 PM
Location: MS
Topic TBA

ATT Advanced Technologies and Techniques

Jessie Shereff, jshereff@gmail.com
Monday, April 27nd, 6:30 PM
Location: MS
General discussion of PC technology.

ADB Alpha Database

Barry Rochford, brochford1@comcast.net
Next Meeting, Wednesday, May 13, 6:00 PM
Location: NYPC
Topic TBA

LUG DeLUGE (Desktop Linux Users Group for End Users)

<http://www.delugeny.org>
Mark Halegua, phantom21@mindspring.com
Next Meeting, Thursday, May 14, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
Topic TBA

EWN Enterprise Windows

<http://nyewin.org/>
Edwin Wu, nyewin@live.com
Thursday, April 2nd, May 7th, 6:00 PM
Location: MS
Topic TBA

EXC Excel

Al Vachris, Alfred.Vachris@gmail.com
Next Meeting, Tuesday, May 12th, 6:00 PM
Location: MS
Topic TBA

EXG Microsoft Exchange Server

Ben Serebin, exchangeug@reefsolutions.com
<http://www.nyexug.com>
Tuesday, April 14th, May 12th, 6:00 PM
Location: MS
4/14: Enhancing Outlook Web Access Security
5/12: Microsoft Online Services

GFH Genealogy

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~metrony/>
David Kleiman, roots@heritagemuse.com
Tuesday, April 7th, May 5th, 6:00 PM
Location: NYPC
Your family genealogy on the web, parts 3 & 4

HRD Hardware

Kevin Raguette, Rags6600@hotmail.com
Date/topic TBA
Hands-on hardware

INV Investment

Phyllis Pawlovsky, PGP106@cs.com. SIG follows the investment principles of the National Association of Investment Corp.
Tuesday, April 21st, 6:15 PM
Location: MS
Topic TBA

CSG Java: Gen'l Mtg

<http://www.nycjava.net>
See also our Yahoo group: nycjava.org
Dario LaVerde, dario@nycjava.net
Thursday, April 2nd, May 7th, 6:00 PM
Location: NYPC
Topic TBA

CSG Java Study Group(s)

Dario LaVerde, dario@nycjava.net
Thursday, April 9, 16, Other Dates TBA
Location: NYPC
For more information and dates, e-mail Dario

ODK JAVA: Object Data Knowledge Management

Carlos Jerome, cjinterf@panix.com
Dates TBA
Place/Topic TBA. Contact leader.

LNX LINUX

We hope to resume this SIG soon.
If interested, e-mail nypc@nypceducation.org

MAC MAC SIG

Betty Henderson, esqh@yahoo.com (temp)
Monday, April 13th, May 11, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
More on Using iWeb for a Website

MKT Marketing Committee

Murray Strelitz, Grace Lee,
marketing@nypc.org
E-mail Murray for information

BRD NYPC Board Meeting

Date TBA
Members are welcome to attend, but please e-mail correspond@nypc.org for information

GEN NYPC GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, April 16th, 6:00 PM
Location: PS 41
Extending the Life of Your Computer

PRL Perl Seminar NY

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/perlseminy/>
James E. Keenan, jkeen@verizon.net
Alex Gill, ag@tkwx.us
Tuesday, April 21st, 6:15 PM
Location: NYPC
Justin DeVuyst: Intro to Test::Able;
Raffaello Galli: Bioinformatics: Not Just for Perl Programmers

PHT Photography & Graphics

Mary Ginsburg, lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net;
Tony Holley, tholley@citytech.cuny.edu
Tuesday, April 14th, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
Photo gifts, using our photos, from commercial sites

PHO Photoshop

http://www.hookbuilt.com/nypc/photoshop_sig.html; Laura Balsam, nypc@hookbuilt.com
Dates, topics TBA
Join us at 11:45 AM in the TickTock for socializing prior to the meeting.

QBB QuickBooks

Len Ginsburg, LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net
Tuesday, April 28th, 6:30 PM;
More on QB Reports: Choosing and Using

SNT Social Networking

Leftonred Atanycorner, vp@nypc.org
Friday, April 24th, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
Social Networking is more than FaceBook. This SIG will explore many sites & features
Topic TBA

SPR Speech Recognition

<http://www.out-loud.com>. Laura Miner, 76233.3413@compuserve.com; Leftonred Atanycorner, vp@nypc.org
Wednesday, April 15th, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
Gathering feedback on NaturallySpeaking 10

PAS TechTips

Michael Ostrowe, mjostrowe@verizon.net
Thursday, April 23rd, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
Topic TBA

...SIG Directory, continued

VPI Ventura

Allison Moore, amooore@nyc.rr.com
 Monday, April 20th, 7:00 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Designing a Combined Flyer/Poster for Marketing Purposes, continued

VID Digital Video NEW SIG!

Tony Holley, tholley@citytech.cuny.edu
 Friday, May 1st, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Video formats demystified, plus hands-on experiments with Pinnacle Studio and Adobe Premiere Elements

BAS Visual Basic

David Kulick, dgkulick@hotmail.com
<http://nypcvb.org>
 Monday, April 6th, May 4th, 6:15 PM
 Location: MS
 4/6: Creating a task panel in Word 2007

WMM Web Design with Dreamweaver

Mary Ginsburg, nypc@nypceducation.org
 Monday, April 27th, 2:00 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Exploration of Dreamweaver as a web development tool. Oriented towards beginners, but all are welcome

WFI Web Lounge

Ted Cohn, TedCohn@earthlink.net
 Wednesday, April 22nd, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Topic TBA

Other Organizations

NPC Non-Profit Computing

John L. German, 212-759-2368
 Includes:

JOB Career Development Group

For information, see
<http://www.idealists.org/en/org/119879-107>
 Facilitators include:
 Susan Werbin, 212-799-6111
 Mort Trachtenberg, 212-769-TRAC

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SIGs on hiatus:

Contact leader with interest

BEG Beginners SIG

Mary Ginsburg, lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net

EMB Embedded Systems

Lee Thalblum, lee_t@bigfoot.com
 Returning SOON

FLA Flash

Jeff Frankel, webjff1967@aol.com

NET Internet

Tony Holley, tholley@citytech.cuny.edu;
 Mary Ginsburg, lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net

MTA MetaStock

Al Kinzinger, Jr., Metastockug@yahoo.com

PDA Palm/Treo/Centro/Wireless

On hiatus. Contact leaders, Ted Cohn and Grace Lee, nypcpalmpilot@gmail.com

XML XML/Web Services

Mahesh Chhatlani, nypcxml@hotmail.com
 Other Organizations



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Send gift certificate to: Giver Recipient

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NYPC Needs YOU!

All of the offices on the NYPC Board are open in the upcoming election: President, Vice-President, Membership Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.

We need new ideas! Please consider running for a board position, or attend some meetings to give your input.

If you are willing to help, or know of someone who might be, please e-mail Bill Ginsberg, programs@nypc.org.

Learn at Lunch Series

- At NYPC Office
- 12:00-1:00pm. 50-minute presentation, \$10
- Bring your lunch; beverages provided
- Register via 212 643-7005, or classes@nypceducation.org
 - ▶ Mon., Apr. 20: Choosing a Digital Camera
 - ▶ Wed., Apr. 22: Tips & Tricks for Computer Security
 - ▶ Wed., Apr. 29: Get up to Speed with OpenOffice Writer
 - ▶ Tues., May 5: MS Office 2007—Overview of Changes
 - ▶ Wed., May 6: Microsoft Word 2007 basics
 - ▶ Mon., May 11: Survey of Useful Tech Sites

From a Member: Kudos to the NYPC Clinic

Dear NYPC members:

Many thanks to the NYPC clinic held on September 21 and to Mike Ostrowe who volunteered over 2 1/2 hours of his valuable Sunday morning to patiently diagnose and remove the virus that had infected my Dell. The virus locked my Dell to the desktop. Couldn't get past the desktop after booting, so it was not possible to simply run antispyware to clean the hard drive.

To complicate matters, I didn't remember to bring my original operating system installation discs, but Mary searched and found the exact XP Home Edition installation discs my machine required so Mike was able to complete the reinstallation process to clean the harddrive and all is well. He also installed free antispyware and all the necessary drivers.

All this for \$50! I recommend any member who has an infected or slow running PC to attend the next PC clinic.

They also sold me a CD drive for \$15 they had on hand so now I have an extra CD drive.

Much appreciated NYPC.

B rgds,

David Sherman, NYPC member



<http://www.nypc.org>

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Patient training in computing basics, digital imaging (Photoshop and more), and Internet use. Help with advanced Internet searching; specialty: medical/health topics. \$

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TCF2009 TRENTON COMPUTER FESTIVAL

When: Sat. & Sun., April 25 & 26, 10AM - 5PM (4PM on Sun.)

Where: College Of NJ (TCNJ), 2000 Pennington Rd, Ewing, NJ
See <http://tinyurl.com/cuzkun>

Details: <http://www.tcf-nj.org>

Price: Advance tickets 2days \$10 - available online till 4/19
2-Day at gate \$15, Sunday only at gate \$10

- ▷ Discount Computer & Electronics Sales
- ▷ 100+ Talks, Workshops, Tutorials, Demos & Events
- ▷ Amateur Radio License Testing
- ▷ Circuit Bending Workshop
- ▷ Robotics Contests

Professional Conference: Fri., April 24. See <http://tinyurl.com/c3uebv>

Tune and Teach: PC Upgrade & Repair Clinic

Saturday, May 2, 10 AM - 3 PM

Bring your ill computer to NYPC for evaluation and installation of freeware antivirus and firewall.

Unlike other repair facilities, our experts use the teaching opportunity to explain what they're doing!

A donation of \$50 (per computer) goes to help NYPC. Diagnosis only; any parts cost extra, and are installed later.

We cannot guarantee that we can restore your PC to function, but if not, we'll explain your options.

Back up any data before you bring your computer to the clinic.

*Tell your friends and colleagues!
Many computers have been restored to health by our experts!*

- ▶ Reservations required
- ▶ For information or to reserve a spot: e-mail classes@nypceducation.org or phone 212-643-7005, x2

coming attractions

We've got some great general meetings coming up...

Let us know what you'd like to see! Tell us on the evaluation forms we pass out at the General Meeting, or send an e-mail to [Bill Ginsberg, programs@nypc.org](mailto:Bill.Ginsberg@nypc.org).



From a member:

"I recommend any member who has an infected or slow running PC to attend the next PC clinic." (Full comments, page 7)