President's Corner: March, 2014 Soliciting Your Input and Support

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As CUGG draws people of a variety of levels of computer experience, the board of directors seeks to keep the monthly meeting presentations balanced so as to appeal to the beginners as well as the intermediate and more advanced users. For years, we have worked toward this goal by planning presentations of both types for every meeting, as well as holding a Q&A session to allow anyone to ask for technical assistance and advice on whatever topics interest or concern them. This way everyone has an opportunity to hear something that is useful and educational.

We are aware that some of the presentations have been irrelevant to attendees. Some have commented that presentations are too technical, detailed, or fast-paced. Some have commented that meetings have been too much of a hodge-podge of topics fitted into the two and a half hour meeting time. We do pay attention and are considering ways to keep the meetings relevant and interesting for all attendees. We have discussed planning for more "101" and how-to topics, so the beginning users will find more take-aways for their own home computer use. This was the motivation for Jamie's ongoing, multi-part presentation on home networking in February and March. We are also considering other relevant topics in the future, new ones as well as recaps of timely topics such as backing up your data, file management, and finding information you need on the Internet. Don Wiegel, who has been a real workhorse for CUGG for years, continues to be helpful in passing along suggestions based on what he is asked at the monthly Computer 101 SIG.

As always, we are open to suggestions from members and guests alike. The goal of CUGG is to be a resource for computer users of all levels of experience to learn how to get more out of their computers. Please do not hesitate to ask questions, to offer up suggestions for future meeting topics, to comment on what you like and don't like, and to let us know how we might do better. You are encouraged to share your comments personally with me or other board members at the monthly meetings, or through the CUGG mailing list. CUGG depends on the support of its members and guests, but more importantly, CUGG is dedicated to serving the needs of its members and guests. It remains the goal of CUGG to assist computer users in learning to use and enjoy computers.