

Please note---Bob Walther will be standing in for our originally scheduled General Meeting speaker and will do a presentation on OpenOffice.org. This program is one fantastic deal. Not only does it do everything that Microsoft office does, Microsoft works does, WordPerfect does, but it is free and downloadable for the asking.

In this age of tight budgets, shrinking discretionary income and just plain disdain for throwing good money away, this program is a godsend to us seniors. Any of the data that you have generated through the above programs can be read and edited in OpenOffice. Many of the features of OpenOffice are much simpler to use than the ones found in the above programs. Of particular note is the use of tables and the ease of setting up, formatting and using them.

Please don't dwell on the above though, come and see for your self what a joy it is to work with what is not only a free program, but a very powerful substitute for those high cost, high maintenance, others.

If you like Open Office, and I'm sure you will, you can pass it on to your friends and grandkids without feeling that you are stealing or committing a crime. The whole program is based on the concept of committee involvement. (The committee being a group of volunteers from across the world adding to, working on, and improving this program)

In a situation such as ours, living in a retirement community, limited budget, trying to make ends meet, helping the kids and all the other drains and draws our budget, why would we ever spend money on a program that does the same data production as a high cost, commercial program when we can have it as a free program.

Personally I like --FREE-- and so does my wife.