

# Happy Holidays - Keep Christ in YOUR Christmas

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**The Villages Computer Club** will meet at 1 p.m. **Friday Nov. 30th** at Lake Miona Recreation Center. The program will feature a **workshop**. We will have a variety of tables each staffed by one or more technicians

We will have refreshments and door prizes.

Guests are always welcome.

For information or to sign up to be on the VCC email list, visit the website or email Paul Rabenold at [TVCC.Pres@gmail.com](mailto:TVCC.Pres@gmail.com).

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Keyboard Lock

If you wish to make the keyboard NOT WORK, hold down the Windows key and press the L key on the keyboard. Press CTRL + ALT+DEL to unlock. Unlocking requires the password if you use a password to power up your computer.

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Stuck keys on your Keyboard?

Your computer keyboard can take a lot of abuse from dust and dirt, it is a good idea to clean it on a regular basis, and there are some things you can try when you get stuck keys like you have.

Before you begin though, you might want to consider just purchasing a new keyboard. You can get them at any office store, and basic models are under \$20. You should also be prepared to purchase a new keyboard if cleaning the stuck keys doesn't work, or in the event that you can't get the keys back on the keyboard when you are done cleaning them.

First, collect your cleaning supplies. Get some canned compressed air, lint-free cloth, mild liquid dishwashing detergent, a small screwdriver (for removing keys), cotton swabs, and 90 percent isopropyl alcohol. Before you begin cleaning your keyboard, you need to shut down your computer and unplug the keyboard from the back of your computer. Never plug or unplug your keyboard or mouse while the computer is running, you can damage the port on the computer.

Start by shaking out any loose debris. Put a large piece of old newspaper on a table, turn the keyboard over, and holding it a few inches above the paper, shake out any loose debris.

Now, take your can of compressed air and use it to loosen and remove dirt by directing the air stream between the keys.

Alternate the air with repeated shaking over the paper again.

To remove oils from your hands, dried on spills and other dirt from the surface of the keys, put a few drops of liquid dishwashing detergent in warm water. Use a cloth dampened in this solution to gently clean off the key surfaces, and wipe the keys with a dry cloth.

If you are cleaning the keys on your laptop computer, or if your keyboard is mechanical (makes a clicking noise when you press the keys) you have done all the cleaning you can do. Only continue with the following steps if you have a membrane keyboard with stuck keys.

Take your screwdriver and gently pry off the stuck keys. Don't forget which key goes where, and don't try to take off the larger keys like "Enter", "Shift" or "Tab" they can be hard to get back on and often have extra parts keeping them in place.

Use a cotton swab to clean out under the key, and the underside of the key itself. Use the alcohol only if you need to, and when you have gotten everything nice and clean and dry, replace the key and see if it will work freely.

Once your keyboard is completely reassembled and dry, plug it back into your computer, turn the computer on and see how it works.

**Note: I have read that a basic keyboard may be run through the dishwasher without soap, but I have not tried that yet. IF you want to try it, be prepared to buy a new one and then let me know if it worked. Make sure it's dry before attaching it to your computer. Jmax**

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### **Deactivate onscreen keyboard.**

1. Go to start>all programs>accessories>ease of access>ease of access center.
2. Scroll down to **Explore All Settings**,
3. click **use the computer without a mouse or keyboard**
4. Uncheck box marked **use onscreen keyboard**;
5. Click **apply**.
6. Click on **administrative settings** in the left hand column;
7. Remove the tick from **apply all settings to the logon desktop**
8. Click apply... save

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### **Keyboard Numbers Lock**

**Toggle OFF or ON the Numbers on the right side of Keyboard or on the Laptop to activate the number keys.**

**Hold down the FN key and press the NUM LK key on the desktop keyboard**

**Hold down the FN key and press the SCROLL key on Laptops.**

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## **Disable the Numeric Keypad**

**The alpha/numeric keypad on a laptop is controlled by the numloc key located somewhere at the top right of your laptop keyboard.**

**Numloc ON turns numeric on and you may now use the numeric section of the keyboard just as you did the numbers keypad on a regular keyboard. Holding down the FN key will allow you to type letters instead of the number.**

**Turn OFF numloc and that area of the laptop keyboard once again is alpha. Holding down the FN key will not allow you to type a number since you already have option to type numbers.**

## **Windows Troubleshooter Programs**

All Windows operating systems supply a list of TROUBLESHOOTER programs. These are a great source for Self-Help.

### **To reach the Troubleshooter List in XP:**

1. Rightclick START....click Explore
2. Click HELP and select Help and Support to go to the Help & Support Center.
3. Into the SEARCH box, type Troubleshooters.
4. From the options given, select List of Troubleshooters.
5. From the list given, select the one you need for the specific problem you now are trying to solve.
6. Follow each step given

## **Troubleshooting Programs for Win 7**

1. **Click Start**
2. **Click Control Panel**
3. **Scroll down and select Troubleshooters**
4. **Select the particular troubleshooter program you need.**
  - a. **Programs**
  - b. **Hardware and Sound**
  - c. **Network and Internet**
  - d. **Appearance and Personalization**

## e. System and Security

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**Important!**

**Pay attention to your next Social Security income, whether you get a check or an electronic deposit....note what it is now called...see below..**

**SOCIAL SECURITY NOW CALLED 'FEDERAL BENEFIT PAYMENT' /ENTITLEMENT!**

**Have you noticed, your Social Security check is now referred to as a "Federal Benefit Payment"?**

***I'll be part of the one percent to forward this.***

***I am forwarding it because it touches a nerve in me, and I hope it will in you.***

***Please keep passing it on until everyone in our country has read it.***

**The government is now referring to our Social Security checks as a "Federal Benefit Payment."**

***This isn't a benefit – its earned income!***

**Not only did we all contribute to Social Security but our employers did too.**

**It totaled 15% of our income before taxes.**

**If you averaged \$30K per year over your working life, that's close to \$180,000 invested in Social Security.**

**If you calculate the future value of your monthly investment in social security (\$375/month, including both**

**Your and your employer's contributions) at a meager 1% interest rate compounded monthly, after 40 years of**

**Working you'd have more than \$1.3+ million dollars saved! *This is your personal investment .***

**Upon retirement, if you took out only 3% per year, you'd receive \$39,318 per year, or \$3,277 per month .**

**That's almost *three times more* than today's average Social Security benefit of \$1,230 per month, according to the**

**Social Security Administration (Google it - it's a fact).**

**And your retirement fund would last more than 33 years (until you're 98 if you retire at age 65)!**

**I can only imagine how much better most average-income people could live in retirement if our government had**

**Just invested our money in low-risk interest-earning accounts.**

**Instead, the folks in Washington pulled off a bigger Ponzi scheme than Bernie Madoff ever did.**

**They took our money and used it elsewhere. They "forgot" that it was *OUR* money they were taking.**

**They didn't have a referendum to ask us if we wanted to lend the money to them.**

**And they didn't pay interest on the debt they assumed.**

**And recently, they've told us that the money won't support us for very much longer.**

**But is it our fault they misused our investments?**

**And now, to add insult to injury, they're calling it a "benefit," as if we never worked to earn every penny of it.**

**Just because they "borrowed" the money, doesn't mean that our investments were a charity!**

**Let's take a stand.**

**We have earned our right to Social Security and Medicare.**

**Demand that our legislators bring some sense into our government – Find a way to keep Social Security and Medicare going, for the sake of that 92% of our population who need it.**

**Then call it what it is:**

**Our Earned Retirement Income**

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Letter from an airline pilot:

He writes: My lead flight attendant came to me and said, "We have an H.R. On this flight." (H.R. Stands for human remains.) "Are they military?" I asked.

'Yes', she said.

'Is there an escort?' I asked.

'Yes, I've already assigned him a seat'.

'Would you please tell him to come to the

flight deck. You can board him early," I said..

A short while later, a young army sergeant entered the flight deck. He was the image of the perfectly dressed soldier. He introduced himself and I asked him about his soldier. The escorts of these fallen soldiers talk about them as if they are still alive and still with us.

'My soldier is on his way back to Virginia ,' he said. He proceeded to answer my questions, but offered no words.

I asked him if there was anything I could do for him and he said no. I told him that he had the toughest job in the military and that I appreciated the work that he does for the families of our fallen soldiers. The first officer and I got up out of our seats to shake his hand. He left the flight deck to find his seat.

We completed our pre-flight checks, pushed back and performed an uneventful departure.

About 30 minutes into our flight I received a call from the lead flight attendant in the cabin. 'I just found out the family of the soldier we are carrying, is on board', she said. She then proceeded to tell me that the father, mother, wife and 2-year old daughter were escorting their son, husband, and father home. The family was upset because they were unable to see the container that the soldier was in before we left. We were on our way to a major hub at which the family was going to wait four hours for the connecting flight home to Virginia .

The father of the soldier told the flight attendant that knowing his son was below him in the cargo compartment and being unable to see him was too much for him and the family to bear. He had asked the flight attendant if there was anything that could be done to allow them to see him upon our arrival. The family wanted to be outside by the cargo door to watch the soldier being taken off the airplane. I could hear the desperation in the flight

attendants voice when she asked me if there was anything I could do. 'I'm on it', I said. I told her that I would get back to her.

Airborne communication with my company normally occurs in the form of e-mail like messages. I decided to bypass this system and contact my flight dispatcher directly on a Secondary radio. There is a radio operator in the operations controlcenter who connects you to the telephone of the dispatcher. I was in direct contact with the dispatcher. I explained the situation I had on board with the family and what it was the family wanted. He said he understood and that he would get back to me.

Two hours went by and I had not heard from the dispatcher. We were going to get busy soon and I needed to know what to tell the family. I sent a text message asking for an update. I

Saved the return message from the dispatcher and the following is the text:



'Captain, sorry it has taken so long to get back to you. There is policy on this now and I had to check on a few things. Upon your arrival a dedicated escort team will meet the aircraft. The team will escort the family to the ramp and plane side. A van will be used to load the remains with a secondary van for the family. The family will be taken to their departure area and escorted into the terminal where the remains can be seen on the ramp. It is a private area for the family only. When the connecting aircraft arrives, the family will be escorted onto the ramp and plane side to watch the remains being loaded for the final leg home. Captain, most of us here in flight control are veterans.. Please pass our condolences on to the family. Thanks.'

I sent a message back telling flight control thanks for a good job. I printed out the message and gave it to the lead flight attendant to pass on to the father. The lead flight attendant was very thankful and told me, 'You

have no idea how much this will mean to them.'

Things started getting busy for the descent, approach and landing. After landing, we cleared the runway and taxied to the ramp area. The ramp is huge with 15 gates on either side of the alleyway. It is always a busy area with aircraft maneuvering every which way to enter and exit. When we entered the ramp and checked in with the ramp controller, we were told

That all traffic was being held for us.

'There is a team in place to meet the aircraft', we were told. It looked like it was all coming together, then I realized that once we turned the seat belt sign off, everyone would stand up at once and delay the family from getting off the airplane. As we approached our gate, I asked the co-pilot to tell the ramp controller we were going to stop short of the gate to make an announcement to the passengers. He

did that and the ramp controller said, 'Take your time.'

I stopped the aircraft and set the parking brake. I pushed the public address button and said, 'Ladies and gentleman, this is your Captain speaking I have stopped short of our gate to make a special announcement. We have a passenger on board who deserves our honor and respect. His Name is Private XXXXXX, a soldier who recently lost his life. Private XXXXXX is under your feet in the cargo hold. Escorting him today is Army Sergeant XXXXXXX. Also, on board are his father, mother, wife, and daughter. Your entire flight crew is asking for all passengers to remain in their seats to allow the family to exit the aircraft first. Thank you.'

We continued the turn to the gate, came to a stop and started our shutdown procedures. A couple of minutes later I opened the cockpitdoor. I found the two forward flight

attendants crying, something you just do not see. I was told that after we came to a stop, every passenger on the aircraft stayed in their seats, waiting for the family to exit the aircraft.

When the family got up and gathered their things, a passenger slowly started to clap his hands. Moments later more passengers joined in and soon the entire aircraft was clapping. Words of 'God Bless You', I'm sorry, thank you, be proud, and other kind words were uttered to the family as they made their way down the aisle and out of the airplane.

They were escorted down to the ramp to finally be with their loved one.

Many of the passengers disembarking thanked me for the announcement I had made. They were just words, I told them, I could say them over and over again, but nothing I say will bring back that brave soldier.

I respectfully ask that all of you reflect on this event and the sacrifices that millions of our men and women have made to ensure our freedom and safety in these United States of AMERICA

Foot note:

I know everyone who has served their country who reads this will have tears in their eyes, including me.

Prayer chain for our Military... Don't break it!

Please send this on after a short prayer for our service men and women.

Don't break it!

They die for me and mine and you and yours and deserve our honor and respect.

**'Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us..bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.. In Jesus Name, Amen.'**

There is nothing attached. Just send this to people in your address book. Do not let it stop with you. Of all the gifts you could give a Marine, Soldier, Sailor, Airman, & others deployed in harm's way, prayer is the very best one.

**GOD BLESS YOU!!!**

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