

Former club president knows how to stay active

By John Koning

As the Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers say goodbye to 2010, we also bid farewell to our club president, Doug Erickson.

Oh, he's not actually going anywhere. We won't let him. We count on him too heavily for his energy and quiet leadership as he carries on as a club advisor.

This reporter got to know Doug, most notably on a 6.5-hour bicycle ride along the Pinellas Trail to St. Petersburg. As a mid-50s rider, I did my best not to complain about my sore backside as I tried to absorb the historical data he served up while his 76-year-old legs pumped effortlessly.

It's clear the trail is very dear to Doug, who serves faithfully as a trail ranger. Back home in Ontario, he is no stranger to long bike rides, having twice circled Lake Ontario – no task for the faint-hearted.

Speaking of his St. Catharines home, whenever you talk to Doug it doesn't take long for him to bring up one of his favorite topics, and that is Willowbank. Visit www.willowbank.ca to read more about this school of restoration arts, which also happens to be a Canadian National Historic Site.

When Doug is not here in Florida, he is



Former club president Doug Erickson.



Fixers Club

tirelessly giving of his time, talent and even his tools at Willowbank.

From his childhood in the oil fields of Alberta, through his career, first as a body man and then as an educator in the rapidly changing automobile industry, Doug has faced down many daunting personal and professional challenges.

The remarkable thing is how positive and supportive he has remained despite the setbacks. He is truly a tribute to the human spirit. If you don't believe me, simply watch him on the East Activity Center dance floor with his lovely wife, Carol Wharton.

Enough said.

Thanks for a great year of leadership Doug.

On Top of the World Computer Club

The On Top Of The World Computer Club meets every Saturday morning, downstairs in the main card room at the East Activity Center.

In addition to a monthly featured speaker, we also try to have a beginner's session for those who feel the featured speaker is too advanced.

In addition to the classes, we hold a session every Monday morning for those who are having hardware or software problems and need help. This loose group meets at 9 a.m. in Classroom No. 1, which is the first door on the right as you go downstairs from the lobby. You must be a member for this session.

As long as there is sufficient interest, we will hold beginner classes each Thursday morning from 9-11 a.m.



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Classes are in the Computer Lab, downstairs in the East Activity Center.

Why not join us on Saturday morning? For more info call 669-4731 on Mondays from 9-11 a.m.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Using the Maintenance Wizard

You can use the Maintenance wizard to make your programs run faster, check your hard disk for problems, and free up hard disk space. By scheduling these utilities to run on a regular basis, you can make sure that your computer is performing at its best.

You can run Disk Cleanup to help you free up space on your hard drive. Disk Cleanup searches your drive, and then lists temporary files, Internet cache files, and unnecessary program files that you can safely delete. You can also start Disk Cleanup by clicking Start, pointing to Programs, pointing to Accessories, pointing to System Tools, and then clicking Disk Cleanup.

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