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**Some viewers you may need**

**Microsoft Viewers for Powerpoint – Word - and Excel** <http://tinyurl.com/2hlzph>

**Microsoft Office Compatibility Pack for Word, Excel and Powerpoint 2007 file formats.**  
 These will have extensions docx pptx and xlsz which you can then open.  
<http://tinyurl.com/y5a879>

**Adobe Flash Player** (Take the check mark out of Google Toolbar if you don't want it)  
<http://www.adobe.com/products/flashplayer/>

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**MS has its own version of Java. If games etc are working ok, then you shouldn't need this.**  
**The J2SE Java Runtime Environment (JRE) allows end-users to run Java applications.**  
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## HOT TOPICS

**January 8, 7 p.m., Room 129**

Hot Topics permits small group discussions on a variety of subjects.

Your host is Sherry Foecking, [program@gtbpcug.org](mailto:program@gtbpcug.org)

Email her suggestions for this and future sessions.

Bring your ideas and bring your friends.



## **TV'S CONSUME MORE ENERGY**

**Darry D Eggleston, December 15, 2007**

If you're considering a new TV or computer monitor, you need to consider the sale price plus the increased energy costs.

A 42-inch plasma TV can consume more electricity than a full-size refrigerator — even when that TV is used only a few hours a day.

In the biggest screen sizes, a projection television consumes about 150 watts to 200 watts, far less than a plasma or LCD screen. However, LCD screens use less power than plasma sets of comparable size.

The Electric Power Research Institute found that LCD TVs use 75% more power — and plasma TVs three times more than traditional cathode-ray tube (CRT) sets.

Replacing an old TV with a plasma set would add \$40 per year to the average annual household electric bill while a LCD set's yearly energy premium would be about \$20.

The 23 million LCD units and the 3.9 million plasma sets expected to be sold this year in North America, according to DisplaySearch, could increase electricity demand by 5 million megawatt-hours — more than the output of all the power plants in Rhode Island.

TV manufacturers are working with the Environmental Protection Agency on labeling so consumers, for the first time, can figure electricity costs while TV shopping. Late next year, Energy Star tags, a government program that identifies the most energy-efficient models, will begin flagging the "greenest" televisions. Until then, you're on your own.



**Some 2007 Christmas Photos**



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<http://darryd.com/Photos/>



## Meeting Minutes December 3, 2007

### Greater Tampa Bay PC User Group

Recorded by Patrick T. Courtney, Secretary

Vice President Al Miller opened the meeting at 7 P.M. reporting that President Jo Ann Brawner was unavailable to be present. Vice President Miller reported the slate of officers for the 2008 election to be held at the first meeting in December. The vice president called for a motion to accept the slate of officers, a motion was made and seconded. A vote was called for by show of hands and the vote appeared to be unanimously in favor of the slate of officers being elected.

Sherry Foecking, program director, passed out a sheet of paper asking for topics the members wished to have available in three discussion areas in the first meeting in January, January 8. These three areas would be referred to as Hot Topics and the program director was collecting ideas so that members could help members.

Al Miller introduced Edward Hildebrand from Office Depot at the new location in Clayton Plaza.

Edward gave some background information about himself and then talked about some of the electronics that would make good holiday presents. He had a handout on digital cameras that he had downloaded from photo.net. He talked about digital frames and then went on to answer questions from the audience. He indicated that digital cameras have been available approximately 10 years but the early digital cameras had poor resolution. The new cameras include high pixel resolution and stabilization. He talked about memory cards, with sizes and now include access speeds. He answered questions about nickel metal hydride batteries for cameras and camcorders.

He fielded questions on GPS receivers and reported that there are 24 satellites circling the Earth that enable these receivers to pinpoint your location on Earth within approximately 10 feet. He stated that their store sells many products and he particularly liked the Garmin and Magellan products.

Edward fielded a question from one of the members who commented that Office Depot has no restocking fee and accepts products returned within 14 days as opposed to some of the competitors who will charge a 15% restocking fee.

Office Depot is offering specialized printing and monogramming and suggested that coffee mugs and T-shirts with a JPEG printed on them would make a good holiday gift. In this light he referred to RAW data pictures as having superior quality to JPEG's.

The evening ended with a drawing for a HP photo Smart M537 6 mega pixel camera provided by Office Depot that went to raffle ticket number 175 held by member Alfred Droll. Congratulations Alfred.

