



Covered Dish Night

The June covered dish dinner was held on Friday, 6 June and we had a good turnout, there were approximately 40 who enjoyed some very nice dishes, there were some that we had never had before at one of covered dish dinners and of course there were a number of our old favorites such as chicken and dumplings, spring vegetable salad, and cabbage with sausage just to name a few. After eating and visiting we played bingo and the jackpot was not won so next month it will be \$140 so make sure and watch your calendar, come out and join in the fun.



Men's Luncheon

We went to the Sonic in Benton. There were about 15 of us and eating outside with the wind blowing was a challenge sometimes.

Your humble Publisher was so concerned about Don Bruce falling and getting a bit scraped up that I forgot to take pictures. Don assured us that he was Ok and just expected to be sore the next day. My thoughts are with you Don.

Men's Breakfast

We again met at Ceal's for the Men's Breakfast this month.



Everyone enjoyed the comradery of the event. As always, the food was good, The service was a little slow because it seems help was a little short. Apparently someone called in sick.

Ladies Luncheon

On the 17th of June, 18 ladies of the Willow Lake community joined together for lunch at Olive Garden in Bossier. There was lots of talking, and the ladies, too, "solved some of the problems of the world, state, etc." It was good to have that many attend. Many different types of good food was enjoyed by each and every one. The next luncheon will be scheduled by Patti Miller, watch the newsletter for information.



margarita and nachos night

Our margarita and nachos night was very well attended and the food was very tasty. We have nachos as well as tamales, taquitos, refried beans, and a number of other Tex-Mex foods. There was also some very good desserts as well. It was good to see that the weather didn't dampen any ones spirits. Watch your calendars for other events and join us for a fun evening.



The Guin's Tennessee Trip

Jerry and Rita just returned from a week in Tennessee. We took in the sights in and around Sevierville, Crossville, Gatlinberg, and Pigeon Forge. The weather was nice, but a little on the warm side. It's nice to be home for a while.



Rita getting things ready for our "delayed" Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

Margaret, Sissy, Mary, and Karie make our new residents Oliver and Su Borden welcome to their first clubhouse event. The newsletter staff welcomes them as well.



Willow Lake Talk



Requested By:

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Republican Women of Bossier

The Republican Women of Bossier cordially invites you and your guests, men and women, to attend the upcoming RWB meetings during which our guest speakers will be the Louisiana candidates for Lt. Governor and Attorney General.

July 28: Billy Nungesser, former Plaquemines Parish President, candidate for Lt. Governor

August 25: Jeff Landry, former State Rep., candidate for Attorney General

Dinner is \$18. No charge to listen. Reservations are needed no later than noon on Monday, prior to each fourth Tuesday of the month meeting. Just e-mail Robin at robinsbirdnest@yahoo.com or call her office at 318-965-5001 for reservations or additional info.

Payment is required if dinner reservations are not canceled by the Monday immediately preceding the Tuesday meeting.

The Bots are coming

If you're not working alongside a robot yet...You probably will be soon. A slew of new bots are lining up to help humans with many tasks in the workplace, at health facilities and in the home.

Sales of robots are going through the roof. All told, spending on military, commercial and consumer robots by U.S. firms and consumers

will hit \$16 billion in 2016, from \$11 billion last year. Future sales will stay red hot as costs of robots fall.

Among manufacturers that will benefit: Fanuc, Denso Robotics and Kawasaki Robotics, all based in Japan. ABB Robotics of Switzerland. Kuka of Germany. Universal Robots of Denmark. Plus...Adept Technology, iRobot, Rethink Robotics, Bossa Nova Robotics and Fetch Robotics, all of the U.S.

As the use of robots expands in the U.S... More bot makers will set up near customers to more quickly cater to their needs. ABB Robotics, for example, will open a manufacturing plant in Mich., and Denso Robotics has put a support center in Ohio.

Robots will make U.S. firms more competitive with cheaper human labor abroad. They're expected to boost productivity by up to 30% and lower labor costs by 18% across a wide swath of industries over the next 10 years.

Of course, other nations are also adding bots. Along with the U.S., China, Japan, South Korea and Germany account for about 80% of all robot purchases.

Exciting advances include the debut of smarter bots with human traits, capable of tackling intricate and complex work such as assembling keyboards, mice, mobile phones and other small items. Some are gentle enough to sort and box cookies.

Some surprising new uses: Dairy farms. Robots equipped with cameras and lasers can locate and milk cows' teats. They're built by DeLaval of Sweden.

Health services: Innovations include robots from Norway-based Laerdal that simulate human clinical symptoms for study by medical

students and hospitals. And robots that help construct dental crowns...from Universal Robots.

Offices: Telepresence robots equipped with a small flat screen for a "head" allow a manager, a doctor or anyone else to interact with workers, patients and others in remote places. Makers include Double Robotics of Calif. and iRobot.

Fast-food joints: Calif.-based Momentum Machines is building bots that will flip hamburgers as well as make sandwiches faster than humans can.

Though robots will displace human workers, they'll also lead to new jobs. Expect high demand in coming years for programmers, engineers and technicians.

New safety concerns, too, about robots and humans working together.

The industry and Uncle Sam are beginning to address needed safety standards.

Reserving a Win10 download seems pointless

As has been noted in several Windows Secrets stories, there's no compelling reason to reserve a Windows 10 download. In fact, there are many good reasons not to. Yes, we can assume that Win10 will be stable and most of our key applications will work just as they do now on Win7 and Win8.1. But we should give third-party application vendors some time to tweak their applications. That's especially true of anti-malware apps. For instance, a Webroot thread notes that the app needs to be uninstalled and reinstalled with each Win10 build — and that will still be the case with the shipping version of Win10.

Moreover, the reservation system is not as simple as you might expect. To prepare Win7/8 systems for Win10, Microsoft has already released several related updates, some of them with vague descriptions. KB 3035583, for example, adds "capabilities for Windows Update notifications when new updates are available to the user." KB 2952664 for Win7 SP1 makes "improvements to the current operating system in order to ease the upgrade experience to the latest version of Windows." And KB 2976978 for Windows 8.1 determines "whether compatibility issues may be encountered when the latest Windows operating system is installed."

Other Win10-related updates for Win7 and Win 8 include KB 3050265 (Win7), KB 3050267 (Win8.1), and KB 3068708.

Who should get in line for the Win10 upgrade?

Again, the prudent answer is not to get in line at all. Wait a couple of months before considering the upgrade. I suspect that Win7 users will be happy to wait — that OS is familiar and solid. Anyone who has struggled with Win8.1 will be tempted by the free upgrade; for many, the Win10 experience will be an improvement and possibly less disruptive from a patching perspective. I find the Win10 menu system much easier to use than Win8.1's native menu. And if you still want a classic Win7-type menu, you can always add Stardock's Start10.