

# Apple Bytes

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## December Meeting

**General meeting is at Lynchburg College, Thursday, December 16, 2004 7:00 PM.**

The December regular meeting at **Lynchburg College, room 121 Hobbs Hall** will begin with general discussion at 7:00 p.m. followed by the featured presentation on Quicken by Gordon Mattox.

**Because of Final Exams, we have to change the meeting to Hobbs Hall Room 121**, just two buildings down from Hopwood Hall. A quick walk.. Hobbs is the Sciences building, next to the Library, the second building from Hopwood. The large gravel parking lot off Thomas Road is closest, rather than coming from Lakeside Drive, but the hike between Hopwood and Hobbs is trivial, save perhaps for seriously disabled persons.

See the Lynchburg College Campus Map on the Apple Core Web Site at  
<http://lynchburgapplecore.org>

The Westminster-Canterbury meeting is Tuesday, December 14, 7:15 PM.

The Amherst meeting at 123 Main St. is Wednesday, December 15, 7:15 PM.

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## Taking a Look at Quicken

Quicken is an easy way to start organizing your finances. It works just like your checkbook, so it's easy to get started. Balance your checkbook quickly, pay bills easily, track spending, and more! Save time on data entry by downloading your credit card, banking and brokerage transactions from your financial institution - Quicken works with over 2,000 financial institutions. Over 15 million people trust their money to Quicken.

### 1. Balance Your Checkbook and Pay Bills

- Get started with Quicken Guided Setup. It asks for your goals, suggests what to set up and track, and offers practical next steps to help you get there.
- Track your checking, savings and credit card transactions in one place.
- Reconcile your bank statements in minutes. Quicken does the math, so records are more accurate.
- Pay bills right from your computer. Write and print checks or pay bills online.

## 2. See Where Your Money Goes

- Sort your expenses by date, amount, payee or category (like "charity" or "groceries").
- Choose from dozens of reports and graphs that show where your money goes, how much you're saving and more (like your tax deductibles).
- Get answers to questions like "How much did I spend on dining?" and "How does that compare to last month?"

## 3. Make Your Money Work Harder

- Create a personalized budget to help meet your goals.
- Monitor your cash flow to cover your spending.
- Keep an eye on your expenses and explore ways to save more money.

### *Plus... Stop typing it all in!*

- With the click of a button, Quicken instantly connects to your banks and credit cards and enters your transactions into your Quicken register. You'll have complete, up to date records without the effort. Quicken works with more than 2,000 financial institutions.

**Come to the meeting and check out Quicken, just in time for the upcoming tax season!!**

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## Report on the November Dinner Meeting

Our second annual dinner meeting at the Oakwood Country Club was a great success, with a large attendance. It was a social affair to meet and chat with fellow club members from all three sections. We had a great buffet dinner menu including a delicious standing rib roast. The program included presentations by three Apple Core members sharing their knowledge and experience with their Macs:

**Stevie Woodson**, a teacher with 25 years experience, showed us how she has used the computer in the classroom to make learning more interesting for her students.

**Michael Corbin** demonstrated how to make and manage our Christmas card list in AppleWorks.

**Randy Thrasher** presented a video he had prepared in iMovie and iDVD to show excerpts of the semiprofessional videos he has made of several exciting trips to distant places including Madagascar and South America.

We had two new **iMac G5's** for all to see, both 17-inch and the 20-inch models, courtesy of LAC member Ernie Duff, and new member Truman Vannatta. These are beautiful machines! We also had a Power Macintosh G5 running at 2.5 GHz with a 30-inch Cinema display, the biggest, fastest Mac currently available, thanks to Skipper Fitts.

If you missed the meeting, you missed a great time and a lot of nice door prizes along with the comradie and good food. Plan to make the dinner meeting next year! And we finished up by 9:00!

