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## **Online Networking**

The internet has made it easy to shop from home, search for information on just about anything and stay connected with friends and family through email. Now, with over a hundred different social networking groups, the internet is making it easier to find long lost friends, meet people with similar gaming, reading or music interests, get in contact with people to help with small or large business contacts and give insight to different cultures across the world.

Two of the most popular social networking sites in our area of service are www.myspace.com and www.facebook.com. Myspace and Facebook make it possible to search for friends who went to the same high school or college with you, as well as finding friends through friends you already have added to your profile. By creating a community on Myspace or Facebook, you can share pictures, videos, blogs, comments, as well as have personal email-like interactions with anyone in your community.

Myspace and Facebook may be the most well known of their kind, but they are not the only social networking sites making names for themselves on the world wide web. Another site similar to Myspace and Facebook is My Yearbook (<u>www.myyearbook.com</u>). It was developed in 2005 by then 16-year-old Catherine Cook and her two brothers and is meant to be an interactive yearbook geared towards high school and college students.

While these sites are geared toward the public in general, there are also networking communities that have specific focuses. LinkedIn (www.linkedin.com) focuses on businesses, large and small, with the philosophy that relationships matter. Once a member, you can find potential clients, service providers, subject experts and partners who come recommended. You can also post and distribute job listings, search job listings, and be introduced to other professionals through the people you know. Another positive aspect of this online community is getting peoples input on good suppliers, contractors and products, as well as ones they would stay away from. In a small business or one that is just getting started, this information is invaluable.

Avatars United (<u>www.avatarsunited.com</u>) is a social networking site focused on online games and virtual avatars. It was initiated in 2007 and brings virtual characters together. Avatar United's web page states its philosophy is that strong bonds and close friendships can actually be tied within virtual spaces.

LibraryThing (www.librarything.com) and aNobii (www.anobii.com) are networking sites geared toward book readers. Here you can create your own library of books you've read, books you'd like to read, ones you'd recommend for others to read or even discourage from reading. Amie St. (www.amiestreet.com) focuses on music from all over the world. It is a social music store that encourages members to find new artists and recommend them to friends, allowing you to listen to and purchase songs for no more than 98 cents. Another site encouraging members to express themselves with media including music, video and photos is

## ... Online Networking Continued 🧐 Just for Fun

www.imeem.com. Imeem's goal is for members to form connections based on shared tastes and interests.

If family trees and genealogy interest you, My Heritage (<u>www.myheritage.com</u>) and Geni (www.geni.com) might be social networking sites you'd be interested in. They allow you to build your family tree, preserve your family history and gain access to genealogy search engines to help in your research. You can also keep track of family birthdays, anniversaries and memorialize loved ones.

Social networking sites are becoming more and more popular. Chances are, if you are not already using one, many of your friends are. So why not join them? Stay in touch with friends, meet new people from around the world with similar gaming, reading or music interests, get in contact with people to help with your small or large business or more. The possibilities are endless.

## ational 'Do Not Call' Registry

The National Do Not Call Registry is managed by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the nation's consumer protection agency. It is enforced by the FTC, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and state law enforcement officials. Registration is free and easy. You can either call from the phone you would like added to the registry, or visit <u>www.donotcall.gov</u>. Once you register your phone number, telemarketers covered by the NDNCR have up to 31 days from the date you register to stop calling you. Registration is effective for five years.

When registering for the NDNCR, there are a few things to keep in mind. First, placing your number on the Do Not Call Registry will stop MOST but not ALL telemarketing calls. This is due to limitations in the jurisdiction of the FTC and FCC. Calls from or on behalf of political organizations, charities, and telephone surveyors would still be permitted, as would calls from companies with which you have an existing business relationship, or those to whom you've provided express agreement in writing to receive their calls. Second, if you purchase something from a company, you establish a business relationship with said company. As a result, even if your number is on the Do Not Call Registry, the company can still call you without violating the rules of the NDNCR. However, you can make a specific request to the company not to call you, and they must honor your request not to call. Third, if your phone is disconnected, and then reconnected with the same number, you may need to re-register.

For more information or to put your number on the National Do Not Call Registry, go to www.donotcall.gov or call 1-888-382-1222.

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# **Christmas Carol Riddles**

See if you can figure out what Christmas Carol is being described! Answers below.

1. Exclamation, Member of the Round Table with missing areas.

2. Wanted in December: Top forward incisors.

- 3. The hotel room of two psychiatrists.
- 4. The lad is a diminutive percussionist.
- 5. Sir Lancelot with laryngitis.

6. Cup-shaped instruments fashioned of a whitish metallic element.

7. Exclamation, small Israeli Urban Center.

8. Kong, Lear, & Cole - That is us!

9. Duodecimal enumeration of the Passage of the Yuletide Season.

10. Far off in a hav bin.

11. Our fervent hope is that you thoroughly enjoy your Yuletide Season.

12. Listen, the winged heavenly messengers are proclaiming tunefully

13. Jubilation to the entire terrestrial globe.

14. Do you perceive the same vibrations that stimulate the auditory sense organs?

15. May the Deity bestow an absence of fatigue to mild male humans.

16. An event that arrived on a cloudless witching hour.

17. As the guardians of the wooly animals protected their charges in the dark hours.

18. I beheld a trio of nautical vessels moving in this direction.

19. Punch out the passages.

20. Query regarding identity of descendant.

#### What Child Is This

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Flock By Night 18. I Saw 3 Ships 19. Deck the Halls 20. Upon A Midnight Clear 17. As Shephards Watch Their Hear? 15. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen 16. It Came Angels Sing 13. Joy to the World 14. Do You Hear What I 11. We Wish You a Merry Christmas 12. Hark, the Herald Three Kings 9.12 Days of Christmas 10. Away in a Manger Night 6. Silver Bells 7. O, Little Town of Bethlehem 8. We teeth. 3. Nutcracker Suite 4. Little Drummer Boy 5. Silent 1. O Holy Night 2. All I want for Christmas is my 2 front

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