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Social Networks:

Let's define some of these 21st century terms. **TWITTER** is a free social networking and micro-blogging service that enables its users to send and read messages known as *tweets*. Tweets are text-based posts of up to 140 characters displayed on the author's profile page and delivered to the author's subscribers who are known as *followers*. Senders can restrict delivery to those in their circle of friends or, by default, allow open access. Users can send and receive tweets via the Twitter website, Short Message Service (SMS) or external applications. The service costs nothing to use. **FACEBOOK** is a free networking webpage that allows those over 18 to use their own online profile to post photos, thoughts and messages to people who have been identified as a friend. Only invitees can see what is written on someone's "wall" including personal information. This network does not contain music, chat rooms or videos. It is meant to connect with friends and find other ones. It is relatively private. A **BLOG** is an ongoing diary or commentary by an individual or even a company. Personal bloggers usually take pride in their blog posts, even if their blog is never read by anyone but them. Blogs often become more than a way to just communicate; they become a way to reflect on life or works of art including music and videos.. **MY SPACE** is a combination of facebook and a general blog. It is more likely used by the younger set stating they only allow those who are over 13. Music seems to be the most popular aspect of this network. This is an unsecure, anyone can access place to hang out making it a bit dangerous for this young population. There are hundreds more social networking sites. Here are a few more for you to explore: CLASSMATES (school mates), EONS (baby boomers), FLIXSTER (movies), FUBAR (dating), GAIA (Anime & games), GENI (genealogy), LINKEDIN (business networking), MEETUP (local interest groups), MYCHURCH (religion), TALTOPIA (artist community), and WAKOOPA (computer gaming fans).

Discounted Classes:

If you are a Monroe County resident and are over 60 you can attend any of my classes at the Whitman Center for almost half price. I would like to invite you to join me in my saturday morning class beginning September 26. We will be spending three consecutive weekends learning all the ins and outs of your Windows-based computer. This is a total of 12 hours running from 8:30am until 12:30pm. The cost is only \$89 for most people and \$46.50 for my friends over 60 as described above. Per hour (between \$4 & \$7), it is a super discounted learning experience. The Whitman Center is barely north of the corner of Lewis and Sterns - just over the state line. Call 734-847-0559 today to register. This is a casual atmosphere. Check my website for more classes.

Personal Tutor Discount:

I am offering a 20% discount on my hourly rate for personal tutoring. For those 60 and over, I will come to your home and help with any computer questions you may have. I have an endless amount of patience and knowledge. Give me a call at 419-885-4255 today.

Janis Weber, owner of Ohio Computer Training, is a personal computer instructor. E-mail any specific questions or comments to jwpctutor@gmail.com or contact her for on-site assistance at 419-885-4255. Please offer your suggestions for another issue. New group classes are now listed on her website: www.ohcomputertraining.com.