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2012 Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner on December 12 at Jeff Frankel's House

It's that time again! As a Maine nonprofit corporation, we are required to hold an annual business meeting. But there's no reason why we can't mix business and pleasure, so we'll chow down while we palaver. This year's event will take place at Jeff's house in Windsor (see map and directions on next page). Please note the 6:00 p.m. start time—one hour earlier than usual. Feel free to bring spouses/partners/guests.

Overview of Evening

Here are the highlights of what's planned:

- Food - Please bring an entrée or dessert. Jeff will supply beverages.

- Yankee auction - Please bring a wrapped gift item that you would be proud to receive yourself. (Don't worry - if you cheap out, no one will know.) ☺ The item need not be computer-related.

- Annual business meeting - In addition to electing

officers and directors, we will also be voting on proposed amendments to CAMP's bylaws, resolutions and articles of incorporation. Copies of the proposals were sent to all members.

The proposed amendments represent a much-needed update of our governing documents. The changes were discussed and approved in concept by the board of directors at their November 14 meeting, although the finished documents were only prepared after the meeting. All of the current officers and directors other than director-at-large Adam Tomash are running for re-election. Nominations from the floor are also welcome. Candidates at this point in time are listed on page 2.

BusyCal 2

by Jeffrey Frankel

Several months ago I demonstrated BusyCal 1.6, BusyCal's eponymous calendar offering for MacOS. At the time, BusyCal ran rings around the then-current version of its chief rival, Apple's iCal. Apple has since spiffed up iCal in the OS 10.8 release. But guess what—in the Mac calendar nuclear arms race, BusyCal 2 easily keeps pace and maintains its lead.

For starters, Apple removed to-dos from iCal, relocating them

Directions to Jeff's House
30 Erskine Road, Windsor

From Cony Circle in Augusta, go up Hospital Street to the traffic light at Route 17. Proceed east on Route 17 nine miles to Route 32 north, also known as Ridge Road (landmark: Maine BBQ Company). Turn left onto Route 32. Go 1.3 miles, past the Windsor Fairgrounds, and turn right onto Maxcy's Mills Road (landmark: Resthaven Cemetery). Go all the way down Maxcy's Mills Road to the T-intersection with Coopers Mills Road. (1.2 mi.) Turn left, and in .4 mile, at the top of the hill, turn right onto Erskine Road. We're the first house on the left. For a live map, click here. If you get lost, call Jeff at 549-5965.

2012 Annual Meeting
Officer and Director Candidates

President	Steve Katz
Vice President	Kathy Ahearn
Secretary	Brenda Bennett
Treasurer	Lee Cabana
Membership Director	Mike Knight
Newsletter Editor	Jeff Frankel
Webmaster	Sue Westlake
Publicity Director	Sue Westlake
Director-at-large1	vacant
Director-at-large2	vacant

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instead to Reminders. BusyCal gives you the best of both worlds: To-dos continue to be an integral part part of BusyCal, but also sync—both ways—with Reminders as well. BusyCal alarms for calendar events can now also appear in Apple's notifications center, a boon for those of us who use Apple's unified alert system for new emails, messages, alarms, social media posts, etc. in both MacOS and iOS.

Other major changes include the ability to scroll a monthly calendar view by week and a weekly calendar by day, the ability to generate a list view of calendar events and to-dos over a custom date range, a new menu bar mini-calendar app, and —shades of 1995—a new graphics palette for peppering your calendar squares with clip art. (You can also add photos.)

Yet all is not happy in Busy-land. To achieve full compatibility with Mountain Lion and the Mac App store, BusyCal had to make sacrifices and adjustments that have left some long-time users fuming. First and foremost, v2 will only run on Mountain Lion. BusyCal 2 can sync calendar events, but not to-dos, with Google calendars, and cannot sync at all with Outlook or Entourage. Another limitation is the inability to change snooze times on the fly in any alarms, not just BusyCal's, that appear in notification center. This led the company to issue a v2.0.1 update that offers users the choice of displaying alarms in notification center or in a more robust standalone alert window.

For Mac owners like me who have upgraded to Mountain Lion, sync via iCloud, and aren't hung up on snooze alarms, BusyCal 2 is a welcome update. ☼