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Should I develop a web site for our Chapter? by Craig Inners

I am sure you have pondered this question several times but the English language has two words that should be band "Simple" and "Easy"!

Simple and Easy just like your first dance lesson you ever took was it Simple and Easy? No it was hard.

I am a software developer with several years of experience developing desk top applications. I made my first attempt at developing a web site for our chapter and it was like trying to learn a beginner steps for to compete at Nationals what a disaster.

Several weeks went by as I struggled finally I was finished developing the web site only to find out the site could not be hosted.

What to do now? I called the hosting company and they suggested I redo the entire web site using Microsoft's Front Page. I never used this software before and did not want to take the time to learn it after all I do have a life, I think. Calling the hosting company back they gave me a link to another product they offer (sign up for trial) this is a template driven development site.

What does this mean? You create your page or pages view the edit them approve them then publish them to the internet you will need a domain name Haven Internet Services, Inc. can set this up for you. Each page is step by step instructions or a video clip you can view to help you is it Easy? And YES Simple YES Ok put these words back into the English language. Haven Internet Services, Inc. offers a free 15 day trial of the software and a discount to non-profit organizations that's us! They will also offer discounts to chapter members on web sites they develop for your personal use.

Our domain name and hosting fees (pre pay by the year and the 13th month of hosting is free) had been paid for. I started developing our site from scratch Friday evening and six hours later I had the site ready to go calling **Haven Internet Services, Inc. 866.864.2836 (Toll Free)**

they made the necessary adjustments to allow the web site to be viewed by the public. Check out the site www.DanceInYork.com

Consider the fact the US Postal Service is about to raise their rates and how many times have you attended a chapter dance where the chapter president announced a change in a dance time, location or cancellation of an upcoming event? How do you let your dancers know about this change if they are not at your dance?

Today we live in a world of computers we might not like it but it is estimated there is 1 computer in every household across the great nation of ours Yes grandma and grandpa are on the internet exchanging photos and email with the family.

Should I develop a web site for our Chapter? Yes go ahead and build your web site or even upgrade your existing site it will be worth it in the long run! You will produce faster information and overall cost is less expensive than US Postal Service. Currently we have 156 chapters and some of them have no web site I invite all chapters to check out.

Happy Dancing! Craig Inners cvinners@suscom.net