

# In Focus

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## INGREDIENTS OF A SUCCESSFUL MEETING

In the past few years there has been frequent mention of a powerful new antioxidant called Lycopene. It is contained in red tomatoes and is ironically more intensive in cooked tomatoes than in fresh tomatoes. Of course all manufacturers of any tomato product are quick to talk up the presence of this new and powerful ingredient. What they don't tell you is that the Lycopenes don't do their work unless animal fat is consumed at the same meal. Not before, not after, but during the meal, and it must be animal fat, not vegetable fat.

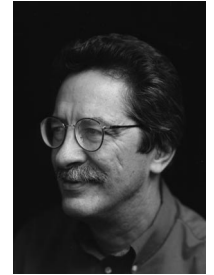
Fat lovers unite; your time has come to let it activate a healthy process. The problem is that nobody knows about the interaction of the two ingredients, or if one is more important than the other. Researchers only say that the fat seems to be a catalyst: irrelevant in itself, but essential as the enabling grease of the system.

What does this have to do with photography, and photo clubs? As President, I want to distinguish our club from those other ordinary clubs around our community. They are heavy on hardware and technology, with lots of men sitting around in a dark room peering at a projection screen. The women go to these clubs, too, and they seem to sit together at one table. These clubs have interesting programs that are not much fun. And there is probably some learning, but perhaps in secret, because of the large groups, and the risk of questions.

Now start licking your chops. Fun is to learning as fat is to lycopene. If we are having fun at our meetings, we are freer to learn, and we are relieved of the stress of being right in our photographic judgment. Fun is the catalyst that will make every meeting a happening, filled with creative stimulation. Learning is the active ingredi-

ent that stimulates our photographic imagination to reach further.

Our recent hands-on event, photographing jewelry and other tiny pieces of art, was just this kind of meeting. I saw smiling faces everywhere. I saw intense interest. I saw busy members and guests getting into photography. We had to quit because of time limitations, but I really feel that everyone would have stayed longer if that were possible.



The best news of all is that we get dessert after this fine meal of learning. The artists and the coach, Nancy Klemp, will return on April 7 at 7 PM. We will all be there, too, with our photographic contributions. There will be discussion of many of the photos and how to improve them. At our option we could re-photograph the artwork, or adjust the photos in our computers at home. These are only some of the possibilities. In any case April 7 should be fun and exciting.

Our programs are open to the needs and desires of the members. Nancy suggested that we have an entire meeting devoted to "black light." On this night, perhaps for our October meeting, we could have a variety of subjects that are responsive to black light, along with instruction on various its creative uses. The results might be spooky, and could be used to help the Urban Ecology Center with its celebration of Halloween. Who knows what photos lurk, once the fun starts?

I want all of you to keep this idea of fun in mind as you think of subjects for future meetings. Perhaps the real catalyst is people with smiling faces, smiling as they find yet another way to truly enjoy photography. That means that the fun is already happening. It sounds like fun to me.

The Riverside Camera Club is a group dedicated to learning about photography that meets monthly in the Fall, Winter, and Spring at the Urban Ecology Center.

Meetings of the Riverside Camera Club are held on the first Thursday of the month at the Urban Ecology Center at 2808 N Bartlett Ave (2 blocks southwest of Locust and Oakland) behind Riverside High School, at 7:00 PM sharp. For more information, call 414-964-8508, or email [rcc@yeah.org](mailto:rcc@yeah.org).

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Also note that the quarterly camera swap will be next Saturday, April 9, from 10-2 at the Midway/Best Western Hotel in Brookfield.  
Contact # for that: 262 786 5875 or  
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### UEC PHOTO CLUB, THE CLUB THAT RESPONDS!

It is essential that a club be helpful to its members, and to respond in their time of need. One of our guests, PJ Boylan, lost a critical part of her tripod at the March 3 meeting. Our club sprang into action, as Sean Berry reviewed his intrepid memory, and remembered that some of our guests were using equipment borrowed during that very same meeting. Sean found Ted Tousman, who came forward with the missing part. PJ was relieved, overjoyed and impressed with her newfound rescuers. UEC Photo club delivers.

As we work together over the months, we will have many helping and sharing opportunities. An excellent example of this is the beautiful digital slide collection sent to us by new member Jennifer Shevey. For those of you who do not have email, I will bring my computer to the meeting so that you can see this stunning set of photos.

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Our members will want to know about the PSA Wisconsin Chapter's new web site at:

<http://www.psawisconsin.org/>

Each member club offers this web site as a benefit to individual members. Be sure to check out the PSA glossy publications at the April meeting.

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Articles and club member photos for *\_In Focus\_*, the club newsletter, delivered in electronic and print forms, are due by the second Thursday of the month. Please contact the newsletter editor, Sean Berry, at 414 331 5718, or [photo@yeah.org](mailto:photo@yeah.org) if you saw something interesting at the meeting, or have an item of interest to the club. Member photos shared at meetings are of special interest!