



MEETING NOTES – JANUARY 2026

To all DPI-SIG members and other interested parties:

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A sincere welcome to FOUR new members who recently joined DPI-SIG!

Kim Elliott, Parker Guth, Mark Simmons & Jessica Tavery.

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**MONTHLY THEME SLIDESHOW**

Christina Skibicki produced a slideshow with the theme “*SHOES*” for the General Meeting on January 8, 2026. The meeting was recorded and is posted on the website. A big thank you to Christina and the members who submitted images. Participation in the Monthly Theme keeps this DPI-SIG enjoyable feature a favorite of the meeting.

*February 2026 Theme:*  
*“THE COLOR RED”*

**Deadline to submit images: 5 p.m., Sunday, February 8, 2026.**

[dpi-theme@naples.net](mailto:dpi-theme@naples.net)

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Please follow these guidelines to submit your monthly theme photos:

1. Size your photos between 1920 pixels wide by 1080 pixels high.
2. Save photos with your first name-last name-number, Example: **Christina-Skibicki-1**
3. Submit up to six images **as attachments** to your email. Send all images into one email.
4. Send photos to address: [dpi-theme@naples.net](mailto:dpi-theme@naples.net)

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...► If you missed the 232<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>, it was recorded and is posted on the website.

- **Charles Flum** presented more tips for Smartphones.
- **Sonny Saunders** reminded members about the **FCCC Conference** scheduled in Bradenton at the Manatee Technical College on March 27, 28, & 29, 2026. When you register as a DPI-SIG member, you will receive a \$29.00 discount, which the club will reimburse FCCC at the end of the conference. The web site will have all the information on the schedule and accommodations nearby. <https://f3c.org>.
- **Robert Bagliolid** announced the opening of Belle Arte Camera store in Naples in the Kings Lake Shopping Center on Davis Blvd. He hopes to be able open the store this year.
- **Jim Robellard** had a marvelous presentation on “**Mastering Focus Stacking.**” He invited members to join him on an outing at the Naples Botanical Garden on Saturday, January 10 to practice focus stacking. He will be having a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, January 14 @ 7 p.m. to review the photos submitted from the outing.
- **Mahlon Stacy** reminded members of the upcoming **DPI-SIG Winter Competition** of 2026. Whether you're drawn to vibrant hues or subtle grays, we invite you to share your best work across four categories: Color, Monochrome, and Creative, plus our special topic this season—Plants and Flowers. The competition is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your photographic vision, challenge yourself creatively, and celebrate the diverse talents within our community. Start creating and reviewing your portfolio now. We can't wait to see what you've captured through your lens!  
Images are being accepted on January 15<sup>th</sup> with the deadline of February 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Competition information: <https://dpi-sig.org/competitions/>
- Many thanks to **Marcel Seamples** for supplying the treats and drinks for the January meeting.

...➡ **Volunteers needed!!!**

- Would you like to be on the **Outing Committee**? This is your chance to keep this DPI-SIG activity a favorite of the club.

...➡ If you have a speaker you would like to see at one of our meetings, or a subject you would like to see presented, please let us know and we'll see if we can make it happen!  
[sonny@naples.net](mailto:sonny@naples.net)

...➡ Do you know that DPI-SIG has its own **FACEBOOK** page? Join in the fun of submitting your images, seen only by our members. It's also a good place to post DPI-SIG announcements. [DPI-SIG Naples Digital Photography Club | Facebook](#)

...➡ **UNWANTED PHOTO GEAR?** If you want to donate your unwanted, unused, or replaced photo equipment, contact [Sonny Saunders](#) at (239) 777-0053. He will either auction it to members, sell it online or place it in the DPI-SIG library with other usable equipment. All proceeds will go to DPI-SIG.

...➡ **SPECIAL OFFER** from our friends at [HITEK IMAGING, Naples Full Service Digital Printing Lab](#): 4292 Corporate Square, Suite A, Naples FL 34104. (239) 307-2686. Many DPI-SIG members have had their images printed by HiTek for the art shows, etc. HITEK offers a special discount for DPI-SIG MEMBERS! Many members use HITEK to print and frame their images for Art Shows, Exhibits, etc. Stop in and see their showroom of ideas.  
<https://www.hitekimaging.com/>

...➡ **SUPPORT HUNT'S PHOTO & VIDEO**, which subsidizes many of the Lecture Series with speakers all year. 100 Main St., Melrose, MA 02176. Mention you are a member of DPI-SIG! Call [Mason Barnard](#), 781.462.2358, [mbarnard@huntsphoto.com](mailto:mbarnard@huntsphoto.com). **Support Hunt's as they support us!!!**

...➡ **RENEWING MEMBERSHIP DUES:** The membership dues are \$40.00 per year. You will be notified automatically by email when your dues have expired and need to be renewed. **To renew your dues**, go to the DPI-SIG website <https://dpi-sig.org/>.

**RENEW DUES:** You can pay your dues on the website via PayPal.

1. Click Login (if you forgot your password, click "Forgot Password" on the login page.)
2. Click "My Profile" (which appears after you login) then click "Pay My Dues"
3. Review your profile info, update if needed, then click "Update" at the bottom.
4. Pay using either a PayPal Account or Credit Card

(Dues must be current to be included in the privileges of DPI-SIG membership, such as: Outings, Special Interest Groups (Photoshop Users Group, Lightroom Users Group, Luminar Users Group, Lighting Workshop Group, Roundtable, A.I. Workshop, Photography Theater, Art Shows & Exhibits, Theme Pictures, DPI-SIG Competitions, FCCC Competitions, Photo Locations, special lectures & presentations, workshops, Zoom sessions, etc.)

... ➡ **WITH NEW MEMBERS EACH YEAR, WE REALLY NEED TO SEE YOU! THEREFORE, YOUR PICTURE IS REQUESTED!!!** We strive to meet the needs of every member who participates in our successful camera club. Would you like to learn the names of other members, or maybe ask them a question about their camera or photo interest? We have a [Member Gallery](#) with a picture of each DPI-SIG member. Of course, submitting your photo is strictly voluntary, but it's an excellent way to get to know members, as well as have them recognize you.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you are not in the gallery now, or need to change your picture, please check your profile. Members submit their own photos on their profile page. There is a drop area to upload a photo.

... ➡ **MAC, IPHONE, IPAD, OR APPLE WATCH, APPLE TV USERS, ATTENTION:** Join Naples Mac User Group for free. This group has gone international and now has members worldwide! Meetings take place every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. ID: 864 4338 5675; PW NMUG.

... ➡ **Don Beach** announces the **PCBUG, THE NAPLES TECHNOLOGY USERS GROUP**, Zoom meeting, **Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.**

Speaker: Francis Chao

Topic : Microsoft's "Phone Link" app for Controlling iPhones and Samsung or Android Cell Phones

Microsoft's Phone Link app allows users to connect their Android devices, including Samsung phones, to their Windows PC, enabling features like notifications, messaging, and file sharing.

By using Microsoft's "Phone Link" app in "Windows 10" or "Windows 11", you can operate your "iPhone" or "Android" cell phone faster than you can by tapping on the screen of your cell phone.

You can also make screenshots with the Windows.. "Snipping Tool" instead of doing screenshots with the screen of a cell phone.

A live demonstration of using "Phone Link" to control an "iPhone"

A live demonstration of using "Phone Link" to control an "Android" cell phone.

"Phone Link" in "Windows 10" or "Windows 11" connects to "Link to Windows" in a cell phone o Installing or re-installing "Link to Windows" in an "iPhone".

Installing or re-installing "Link to Windows" in an "Android" phone.

Installing or re-installing "Phone Link" in a "Windows 10" or "Windows 11" computer.

Using "Phone Link" in "Windows.." and "Link to Windows" in a cell phone to transfer files from your cell phone to your Windows.. computer and vice versa.

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To receive the Zoom meeting link, email [don@naplestechguy.com](mailto:don@naplestechguy.com). Please request by the link by email Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, the day before the meeting. Download the latest Zoom version at [www.zoom.us/download](http://www.zoom.us/download).

The PCBUG is a computer and technology club providing information and education on computers and mobile devices. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month. Both novice and advanced users are encouraged to attend.

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Don Beach, President PCBUG – The Naples Technology User Group, 239-455-1542  
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## [DPI-SIG OUTINGS](#)

No outings are scheduled for January but there is plenty to photograph in and around Naples this time of year!  
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...➡ Do you have any suggestions for future outings? Especially ones where you are willing to lead members through the location? Outings are a great way to meet other members!

Volunteer to be on the Outing Committee and have a hand in choosing the location for the next outing!

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## SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY USERS GROUP

The **SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY USERS GROUP** meets the **third Tuesday each month at the DPI-SIG Training Center, 5029 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, 34113.**

**Charles Flum** will be leading this Special Interest Group **for members** and is looking for someone who is acquainted with Android phones as he has and knows iPhone. if you can help, please contact Charles (239) 316-8611 (call or text) or [cflum1@comcast.net](mailto:cflum1@comcast.net).

Hope to see you at the Smartphone Photography Users Group!

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## DPI-SIG COMPETITION

**Mahlon Stacy**, DPI-SIG Competition Director, reported that the Winter DPI-SIG Competition will be accepting images starting January 15<sup>th</sup>. The deadline is February 15, 2026. Categories are: Color, Monochrome, Creative, Plants & Flowers. <https://www.DPI-SIG.org> >Competition

## 2026 COMPETITION SCHEDULES

### DPI-SIG COMPETITION SCHEDULE– DIGITAL

Winter Competition	January 15 – February 15, 2026
Spring Competition	April 15 – May 15, 2026
Fall Competition	August 15 – September 15, 2026
Year End Competition	Winners from 2026 competitions are eligible

Competition information: <https://dpi-sig.org/member-competitions/>

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### FCCC COMPETITION SCHEDULE – DIGITAL

1 <sup>st</sup> Tri-Annual Competition	April 8 – May 8, 2026
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<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Tri-Annual Competition</b>	<b>July 15 – August 15, 2026</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Tri-Annual Competition</b>	<b>October 19 – November 19, 2026</b>
<b>Year End Competition</b>	<b>Winners from 2026 competitions are eligible</b>

**FCCC COMPETITION SCHEDULE – PRINT**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Tri-Annual Competition</b>	<b>February 9 – March 9, 2026</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Tri-Annual Competition</b>	<b>May 22 – June 22, 2026</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Tri-Annual Competition</b>	<b>August 31 – September 30, 2026</b>
<b>Year End Competition</b>	<b>Winners from 2026 competitions are eligible</b>

Competition information: <https://f3c.org>

**DPI-SIG MAGAZINE**

An index of all former magazine articles is available on the website. The index provides topical access to all the articles, and links to open the magazines.

**GLOSSARY TERMS**

**JANUARY – GLOSSARY TERM: ICM photography:** Intentional Camera Movement, is a technique where the photographer deliberately moves the camera during a long exposure to create abstract, painterly images. This is achieved by using a slow shutter speed and moving the camera (or zooming the lens) in a controlled way, such as a horizontal, vertical, or circular motion, to blur the scene and emphasize aspects like lines, tones, and colors.

**DECEMBER -GLOSSARY TERM: Deghost:** Means to remove or reduce "ghosting" artifacts, which are semi-transparent, duplicated images that appear when merging multiple bracketed photos for an HDR image. These ghosts are caused by movement, such as people walking or wind moving trees, between the time each photo was taken. Deghosting is a feature in HDR software that uses algorithms to fix these unwanted effects.

is that the backup should not be stored on the same physical device as the source data.

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## **PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS, EDUCATION & EVENTS**

**4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL VENEZIA RENAISSANCE FAIRE**, Bonita Beach Road on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

If you are driving through Bonita Springs and spot a castle along the road, you are not imagining things. The Venezia Renaissance Faire is back in Southwest Florida, transforming the area into a lively medieval village filled with music, laughter and nonstop entertainment. Around every corner, something new is happening. Musicians fill the air with period tunes, comedians pull crowds with quick wit, and fairgoers can try their hand at authentic medieval games. The fair travels across the country, but for two weekends it calls Bonita Springs home, bringing century-old traditions to life.

One of the biggest crowd favorites is the joust. Knights in armor charge across the field on horseback, battling for honor and for their Queen's approval. Performers come from across the region and beyond, united by a shared love of history and theater. Many of the actor's camp on site, fully immersing themselves in the Renaissance spirit from morning to night.

Royalty also makes an appearance. A Queen who travels the circuit of Renaissance fairs across the country is visiting Venezia this season. She is accompanied by her royal guard, who escort and protect her as she greets guests throughout the village.

If you hear a bell ringing while you wander the grounds, it means DeWitt's Punch and Judy Show is about to begin.

The classic puppet performance has entertained audiences for more than 300 years. Performer Brent DeWitt has been working with Punch and Judy since he was a child, "This show is for everybody, no matter your age. Adults turn back into kids once they start watching the show. You get to leave all your worries outside of the tent," DeWitt said.

Though the show has deep roots overseas, DeWitt says it is still relatively new to audiences in the United States, and he is excited to share it with Southwest Florida.

Food and shopping round out the experience. Visitors can enjoy medieval style feasts, refreshing drinks and a marketplace full of handcrafted goods fit for royalty. From turkey legs to unique artisan finds, there is something for every appetite and interest.

The 4th Annual Venezia Renaissance Faire offers epic tournaments, lively performances and family friendly fun. **Tickets are available online** for those ready to step back in time: [Venezia Renaissance Faire - Events](#)



Next to Bonita Springs Poker Room, 28001 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs, Florida 34135  
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## ESSENTIALS OF DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY, UNDERSTANDING YOUR CAMERA

How to get the most out of your digital camera. This class will cover the essentials of your digital camera. You will learn how to use your camera's shutter, aperture, ISO control and the drive modes to create images with impact and creativity. No previous camera or photography experience is necessary, just a desire to learn. **Classroom learning material will be furnished.** Sonny Saunders has over 45 years of experience in photography and instruction and is renowned for his ability to communicate with a wide variety of students. **Class fee is \$55.00.**

**Register on-line:** <https://rookerybay.org/events/lectures-classes/>

Saturday, January 17	9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 28	9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 21	9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 18	9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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## **FOR SALE:**

Tamron SP 150-600mm F-15-6.3 Di VC USD lens in great condition, smoke free home. In the box. Sells online for \$604-\$699. by MPB. Asking \$300.00.

Sirui tripod T-1005X with Sirui K-10 X ball head for sale. Great condition, in the box, Sells for \$129. by B & H. Asking \$60.00

Bogen-Manfrotto 3205 1908/GK20 tripod for sale in good condition. Asking \$30.00.

Will bring to the next meeting if not already sold. For any questions or to make arrangements for sale, call Marie-May Stevenson at (239)272-8057 or email at [wesmariestevenson@gmail.com](mailto:wesmariestevenson@gmail.com).

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** Zoom meetings unless otherwise indicated.

## **JANUARY 2026**

~~Sunday, January 4 – Deadline: 5 p.m. Monthly Theme Images “SHOES”~~

~~Tuesday, January 6 – A.I. Workshop @ 7:00 p.m.~~

~~Thursday, January 8 – DPI-SIG General Meeting @ [FSW@7p.m.](#), live & YouTube~~

Tuesday, January 13– Luminar Users Group @ 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 15 – Roundtable @ 6:00 p.m.

Monday, January 19 – Lighting Workshop @ 6:00 p.m., Rescheduled, see below

Tuesday, January 20 – Smartphone Photography Users Group @ 7:00 p.m., live @ Training Center (See address/picture below)

Wednesday, January 21 – Photoshop Users Group @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 22 – Lightroom Uses Group @ 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 25 – Lighting Workshop, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Riverside Park, Bonita Springs.

Monday, January 26 – DPI-SIG Theater @ 6:00 p.m.

## FEBRUARY 2026

Tuesday, February 3 – A.I. Workshop @ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 8 – Deadline 5 p.m. to submit Monthly Theme Images *“The Color Red”*

Tuesday, February 10 – Luminar Users Group @ 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 12 – DPI-SIG General Meeting @ FSW@ 7p.m.; live & YouTube

Monday, February 16 – Lighting Workshop @ 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 17 – Smartphone Photography Users Group @ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18 – Photoshop Users Group @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 19 – Roundtable @ 6:00 p.m.

Monday, February 23 – DPI-SIG Theater @ 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 26 – Lightroom Users Group @ 6:00 p.m.



Village Falls Professional Center, [DPI-SIG Training Center](#) - 5029 Tamiami Trail East, Naples FL 34113  
Across from Publix & Bank of America; LOOK AT BACK LEFT CORNER OF COMPLEX – 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR.

**Watch for the meeting schedule of these Special Interest Groups,  
Special Presentations & Lectures. These meetings are presented for  
Members Only and require a current membership to attend.**

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## **DPI-SIG & FCCC VOLUNTEERS 2026**

**Bob Baribeau: Drone Photography Users Group Director**

**Don Beach: Computer Consultant; Tech Team; Email Administrator**

**Jeff Bilyeau: Monthly Theme Slideshow Producer 2006 - 2022**

**David Bosworth: Meeting Signs & Floor Manager**

**Jennifer Brinkman: Competition Committee**

**Bob Brown: DPI-SIG Magazine Publisher/Editor (2014–2019); Lecture Brochure Designer**

**Joe Bucherer: Director of Photographers for Non-Profit Organizations; Publicity Committee**

**Joe Carmo: Auction Assistant; FCCC Conference Committee; DPI-SIG/FCCC Representative**

**Bill Coakley: Co-Founder; **IN MEMORIAM****

**Ed Cohen: Competition Assistant**

**Don Columbus: Art Show Committee**

**Christine Cook: FCCC Digital Competition Director; Judges Training**

**Art David: A.I. Users Group Director**

**Marianne Dent: Social Committee**

**Charles Flum: Smartphone Photography Users Group Director**

**Nancy Garrison: Social Committee Director**

**Gwen Greenglass: FCCC Conference Committee**

**Tom Hurley: Computer Consultant; Tech Team**

**Sandy Labana: Monthly Theme Slideshow Producer 2022-2024**

**Mark McCulfor: Lighting Workshop Assistant**

**Dave McFarlane: Lighting Workshop Assistant**

**Priscilla McGuire: Art Show Director**

**Ken O'Renck: Mentor Program Director**

**Terry Palmer: Tech Team**

**Karen Regan: Lighting Workshop Director**

**Larry Richardson: Outing Committee; Competition Committee**

**Jim Robellard: Board of Directors; Outing Committee; Tech Committee; Vimeo Admin.; A.I. Workshop**

**Betty Saunders:**

**Board of Directors-Secretary; Membership Registrar; Art Show Committee; Meeting Notes Editor;  
Outing Committee; Facebook Administrator; FCCC Secretary; FCCC Conference Committee**

**Burt Saunders: Legal Advisor**

**Sonny Saunders:**

**Co-Founder; Board of Directors-President/Treasurer; Roundtable Coordinator; DPI-SIG & FCCC  
Librarian; Art Show Committee; Competition Committee; Outing Committee; FCCC Vice President;  
FCCC Conference Committee; Tech Team; Auction Coordinator; Theater Coordinator**

**Michael Schleider: Lightroom Users Group; Luminar Users Group Director; Zoom Director; Tech Team**

**Marcel Seamples:**

**Board of Directors; Art Show Committee; Meeting MC; FCCC Treasurer; FCCC Conference Committee**

**Christina Skibicki: Meeting Assistant; Monthly Theme Slideshow Producer**

**Eduardo Sosa: Auction Assistant**

Mahlon Stacy: Board of Directors; Competition Committee Advisor; Meeting Computer Operator;  
Computer Consultant; Tech Team Director; DPI-SIG Programmer; Webmaster

Charles Stayton: Outing Committee; Social Committee

Eduardo Sosa: Auction Assistant

Angela Stone: Magazine Editor 2019-2023

Donna Sutton: Board of Directors

Cynthia Taft: Naples Art Institute Liaison

Richard Tindell:

Board of Directors-Vice President; Competition Committee; Photoshop Users Group Director; FCCC  
President; FCCC Conference Committee; Judges Training

Jill Valesky: After-Meeting Assistant; Social Committee

Phil Wheat: Outing Committee; Competition Committee Assistant Director

**Remember, our camera club is successful because of our volunteers.** Please let us know what you are  
willing to do to keep this camera club a very active, thriving, energetic and fun group of photographers!

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<http://dpi-sig.org>

DPI-SIG Web site

<http://www.f3c.org>

FCCC Web site

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/dpisig/>

DPI-SIG Facebook Page

Betty Saunders

Editor, Meeting Notes

DPI-SIG Naples Digital Photography Club is a 501(c)3 organization.

**D P I - S I G: Digital Photography & Imaging – Special Interest Group**

**DPI-SIG Board of Directors:**

**Jim Robellard, Marcel Seamples, Richard Tindell, Mahlon Stacy,  
Donna Sutton, Sonny Saunders, Betty Saunders**

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### **NOTICE:**

Each member should go to [dpi-sig.org](http://dpi-sig.org) then click “LOGIN” on the top right-hand side of the home page. On the next screen, enter your email address and password to login. Once you login, pull down the right item in the navigation bar, “My Profile” and click “Edit My Info.” If you forgot your password, click “LOGIN” then “Forgot my password” in the login window.

**...** → If you are not receiving all the DPI-SIG Members’ email Messages:

1. Make sure you check the email address you registered for your DPI-SIG Membership. The club’s Mail Server sends messages to the email address you registered for your membership.
2. Check your Spam File or junk folder. If you find DPI-SIG messages there, it might help to place [dpi-sig@naples.net](mailto:dpi-sig@naples.net) in your email address book.
3. Check and make sure your ISP provider is not filtering your email messages at the server.
4. If none of these solutions help, please send a message to [dpi-sig@naples.net](mailto:dpi-sig@naples.net) and let us see if we can resolve the issue for you.