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Outreach and Support

It's that time of the year when the FreeBSD Foundation, sponsor of the *FreeBSD Journal*, asks people to donate to our end-of-year fundraising drive. As readers know, the FreeBSD Foundation supports all aspects of the FreeBSD Project, not just this *Journal*. In 2016 we have sponsored BSD conferences, including AsiaBSDCon, BSDCan, and EuroBSD, and we have undertaken significant outreach at non-BSD events so that we not only reach people who already know about FreeBSD, but also those who should know more about FreeBSD. Speaking of outreach, I'd like to encourage each and every one of this *Journal's* readers to show this issue to their friends and colleagues, and encourage them to subscribe as well, which is just another way to grow the FreeBSD Project.

Continuing the outreach topic, in this issue George Rosemond, from NYC*BUG (New York City's BSD User Group) writes about how to start a BSD user group. User groups are one of the foundations of open-source projects. Through meetings, talks, and local conferences, they bring new people into contact with others who work on the same software. If you've ever considered starting a BSD user group, this is a piece you won't want to miss.

FreeBSD continues to be a platform of choice for new systems. Two of the latest languages, Rust and Swift, are covered in this issue. Bringing new users to FreeBSD also means education, and also in this issue is an article Benedict Reuschling and I wrote about our experience teaching computer science undergraduates with FreeBSD. (All the material for our course is available under a BSD license at teachbsd.org.)

The book review this month is of a very special, and relatively short, volume. For over 30 years, Fred Brooks's book *The Mythical Man-Month* has remained a stalwart of software engineering. For this issue, John Baldwin reviews Brooks's classic work with an eye toward applying its lessons to FreeBSD.

In closing, I want to make one final appeal to support the FreeBSD Foundation. Helping the Foundation meet and exceed this year's fundraising goals ensures that the FreeBSD Project will continue to be successful in 2017 and beyond.

Thank you. George Neville-Neil

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