

To: Grand Computers Members, Sun City Grand
From: Leon D. Chapman, President, Grand Computers
Subject: January 2006 Newsletter

Happy New Year!

Reminder: You must renew your membership prior to Class enrollments on January 6th.

***** Winter '06 Class Registration *****

Registration for Winter Classes will be January 5 for volunteers and 6th for all other club members. Registration on January 6th will begin at 9:00 am with check-in as usual at 8:00 am in the Pima/ Apache Room. Club members must pay their annual dues (\$20.00) at check-in prior to registration in the Computer Club Training Room.

A new on-line registration is being implemented and members will be issued their personal password and code to register for classes via the new on-Line registration process for Winter classes and also for future classes. Staff will assist members in implementing this new procedure.

The class schedules are available about in the Club Open Use room. Several new classes for Digital Camera/Photo related processing have been scheduled to accommodate members who have been waiting to learn how to operate their camera and picture processing activity.

Ken Raske
Education Director

Note: You must renew your membership for 2007 to enroll in classes on Jan 5-6. You can do that ahead of time by stopping by our Open Use room.

***** THERE ARE ENROLLMENT CHANGES COMING *****

We have made the transition to a web based system that provides the monitors with a calendar and the ability to sign up for their monitoring times over the Web.

Our new web based enrollment system will be utilized during our Winter enrollment with assistance from our Education department. The enrollment process will be similar to the previous enrollments (as noted above by Ken), with the class enrollment being performed by the student (with help) using the WWW. Each member will require a password to be able to use the new system. This will all be explained by Ken Raske's assistants during our January 5-6 enrollment. It is our plan to fully begin using our WWW enrollment system for the Spring enrollment. That would mean you will be able to enroll at home for the Spring classes over the WWW if you are a club member.

Our new monitoring system and enrollment system is being developed by Bob Crawford who is also our web master. He has done an outstanding job and deserves recognition for his great work. Bob, Thanks for all your efforts!

***** Club Survey – Results*****

The Club survey results will be presented at our next general meeting, Wed, January 3rd, at 1pm in the Cimarron Center.

*****NEW TECHNOLOGIES SIG*****

Be sure to check out the New Technologies SIG at:

http://grandcomputers.org/NewTechnologies_SIG.htm

They have some interesting topics this year and meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 4-6pm in the computer classroom.

PERKS FOR CLUB VOLUNTEERS:

Able to enroll early to obtain the classes they desire.

Qualifications:

- * Monitors who have served 3 times since last registration
- * Class assistants
- * Instructors
- * SIG facilitators
- * Board Members

Attend the Volunteer Dinner in March (Free dinner & door prizes).

Qualifications:

- * Monitors who have served 5 times in previous calendar year
- * Class assistants for 3 classes in previous calendar year
- * Class registration assistants
- * Instructors
- * SIG facilitators
- * Board Members
- * Past Presidents

If you haven't volunteered as a monitor, class assistant, or instructor, we are looking for a few select people just like you to help us at Grand Computers. Please stop by our general use room and sign up. It is through our volunteers that we are able to keep the computer general use room open from 9am-4pm Monday-Friday.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We also are looking for volunteers for the following positions:

Cleaning of our computer rooms - 1 time / month (Saturday)
(Contact Mary Lammert at mhllammert@cox.net)

Instructors & Assistant Instructors

(Contact Ken Raske at krask@cox.net)

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