

Grand Computers



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President Leon Chapman giving instructions about the day's registration process to the membership on Saturday, January 5.

A Message from President Leon Chapman

You can continue to enroll in our winter/spring classes on-line for classes that have openings. You must have your user name and password and log in on our web site at: www.grandcomputers.org.

The newly formed Investment Education Special Interest Group (SIG) will meet on the 2nd Friday from 1-3 PM of each month in the Hopi room, at Chaparral. Note - this is a change from last month.

The New Technology SIG has a lot of new things going recently. They seem to all be talking about Web 2, social bookmarking, Chroma key, Wiki, PBwiki, Jing, gadgets, blogs, viog or video blogs, snagit, camstudio, and

Membership Update



February 2008

From the Membership Director, Gretel Coursol: I would like to repeat for renters or those members who are late renewing, if your CAM number or other information has changed since you first joined Grand Computers, you might need to have your password reset. Contact me if that has happened to you (membership@grandcomputers.org)

There are still a few people who do not know that dues are \$20 per person. Unless you join or renew using Pay Pal, you must still fill out a white membership envelope at the monitor's desk. As of January 26, there are 748 active members. Of those, 120 are MAC users. So far in January, 31 members have joined or renewed using PayPal.

I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year. Gretel.

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avatar just to mention a few of their exciting topics. I also hear they have created a PBwiki at:

<http://Newtechsig.pbwiki.com>. Check it out and come to their meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, 4-6 PM, in the Computer Class Room to get more involved.

The Grand Photos Club has an open house on Friday, February 15th from 9 AM to 3 PM in the Activities Room (Old Ceramics Bldg). All Sun City Grand residents are invited to the Digital Photo Information Day. For additional information, see their web site at: www.grandphotos.net.

Leon Chapman, President, Grand Computer Club

February 6 GCC General Meeting

1:00 PM Cimarron Center

Microsoft OneNote: Kathy Jacobs

VOLUNTEER DINNER – March 14, 2008

The Volunteer dinner for 2007 volunteers will be on Friday, March 14th, 2008, from 5:30-9 PM in the Cimarron Center. Mark your calendars. Qualified volunteers will be notified. We are in the planning stages for this annual meeting to honor our volunteers.



EDUCATION UPDATE

Class registrations for the Winter/Spring session have been very encouraging in that they have been about equal to this same time one year ago. Income received for class registrations is 25.5% through PayPal and 74.5% from club registrations, of which 65% was received from the registration held on January 4&5, 2008. Total registration income now stands at \$7200 for this session. Club members are continuing to register for open classes. We receive several registrations using the Green envelope each day.

Most of our time recently has been devoted to updating the Instructors Manual to include documentation of the operation of our education system as well as helpful information for instructors. It also includes the timeline for Fall 2008 education classes and events. For more info, email education@grandcomputers.org



Ken Raske, Education Director

Winter class registration on Saturday, January 5, was very successful for the club.

The photos below show the crowd waiting for their numbers to be called and the actual registration in the Computer Club classroom.



A LOOK AT A GRAND COMPUTER VOLUNTEER: JOYCE KLONCZ

Joyce is the current secretary of the Grand Computer Club and also the Grand Macs SIG facilitator and an instructor of Mac classes. She edits the newsletter for the Grand Computer Club and Grand Macs SIG.

She was born in Brainerd, Minnesota, one of a set of triplets, plus she has an older sister and brother. Joyce attended the University of Minnesota for three years and then finished her degree in Oklahoma where her husband, Lenny, was stationed in the Air Force. She was a substitute teacher for ten years while they raised their two sons. In 1973, she began teaching full-time in the same school and same room where she had attended as a fifth grader. *Deja vu!* She took a sabbatical leave and earned her Masters of Education in 1985.

Joyce spent twenty-six years teaching, first as an elementary teacher; then as an elementary science specialist; then as a K-12 curriculum resource teacher in science and mathematics. She became very interested in portable planetariums and took a 3-week astronomy institute at Berkeley and the Lawrence Hall of Science. She came back to Minnesota and wrote grants to provide a Starlab Portable Planetarium for a consortium of 14 Minnesota metro districts. She fund-raised with Medtronic Corporation, Land O' Lakes, Alliant TechSystems, Northern States Power and Cray Research. She then trained hundreds of teachers in the use of Starlab, providing each with a curriculum binder full of teaching techniques. Twelve of those original districts ended up purchasing their own Starlab and making it a critical part of their science program.

In 1993, she was awarded the Portable Planetarium Educator of the Year award and was presented this award at the International Planetarian Society's Annual Meeting in Florida. She was named her district's Teacher of the Year in 1990 and was one of seven finalists for Minnesota Teacher of the Year.

Joyce became involved with her local historical society in Minnesota as a charter member in 1980. She filled roles as its president, secretary, and board member since that time. In 2002, she wrote a hard-cover book for the society, entitled *A Pictorial History, New Brighton, Minnesota, From 1880-1950*; and in 2005 she followed that with *A Pictorial History, New Brighton, Minnesota, From 1950s-2000s*. Over 1500 photos were scanned for the two books. Both books continue to be a major fundraiser for the society.

In 1998, Joyce retired from teaching and in 1999 Lenny retired with 32 years working for 3M. They moved to their townhouse on Lake Mille Lacs in Minnesota in 2000, and built their home in Sun City Grand that same fall.

Joyce is also interested in genealogy and has researched her family and her husband's family. She helped form the Minnesota Interest Group in 2004 here in Sun City Grand and is the membership director for the University of Minnesota Alumni Association, West Valley, Arizona branch.

Her four grandchildren, ages 5,7,12, and 14, and her two sons and two daughters-in-law, are a source of joy for her and her husband and one reason they travel to Minnesota for the summer.



Special Interest Groups (SIG) of Grand Computers

Clip out and attach info about our SIGS to your refrigerator!

Compose Yourself SIG

Provides club members a forum for writing about their family.

Meetings: Third Monday of every month

Time: 1:00–3:00 PM

Place: Palo Verde, Sonoran Plaza (Nov–May)

Computer Club Classroom, Chaparral Center (Oct)

Contact: Jim Hale, 546–9711 CY@grandcomputers.org

Genealogy SIG

Provides club members a forum for genealogy – the research of family history.

Meetings: First Thursday of every month (Oct–May)

Time: 3:30–5:00 PM

Place: Computer Club Classroom, Chaparral Center

Contact: Leon Chapman, 398–8900 Genealogy@grandcomputers.org

New Technologies SIG

Provides club members a forum and experiences using the latest technologies.

Meetings: Third Wednesday of every month (Oct–May)

Time: 4:00–6:00 PM

Place: Computer Club Classroom, Chaparral Center

Contact: Arnie Gelb, 544–4681 NewTech@grandcomputers.org

MAC SIG

Provides club members a forum and classes on the MAC computer.

Meetings: Third Monday of every month (Oct–Apr)

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: Pima Room, Chaparral Center

Contact: Joyce Kloncz, 215–2397 Mac@grandcomputers.org

Investment Education SIG

Provides club members a forum for investment education.

Meetings: Second Friday of every month

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Hopi Room, Chaparral Center

Contact: David Korts, 217–2065, Al Knoblock, 975–2222 Investments@grandcomputers.org