

# Grand Computers



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Registration for classes in the Grand Computer Classroom



## A Message from Grand Computers Club President Ray Hockstad

Here are a couple of interesting things picked up at the monthly Charter Club Presidents Meeting:

- The Men's 18 Hole Golf Club is sponsoring a Charity Raffle to raise money for The Wounded Warrior Project to help out wounded men and women as they return from action. Tickets may be purchased at all three SCG Golf Pro Shops, at the Kiosk in the Chaparral Center and on line at [www.grandinfo.com](http://www.grandinfo.com) between Feb. 28 and March 7. The cost is \$20.00 for 1 and \$50.00 for 3. The prizes include a Custom Golf Cart, \$1,000 shopping spree at the

club shops, a vacation to Las Vegas and much, much more.

- Sun City Grand is hosting it's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bicycle Donation program this March. Our volunteers will pick up donated bikes regardless of condition at the resident's address- or - residents may drop them off on Saturday, March 28, in the parking lot at the corner of Sunrise and Remington. For pick up arrangements call 480-262-3110 or 623-5484-4868. Bikes are repaired and reconditioned by volunteers and young Phoenix area residents in need of a bike.

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## Membership Update March 2008



As of February 26, our club has 776 members. Of those, 135 are Mac users. 68 joined or renewed using PayPal. As a reminder to members who wish to change contact information, use your 7 digit CAM number as member login, then your first name along with the first 4 digits of your CAM. You need contact me only if your CAM number has changed because of a change of residence. Gretel Coursol, Membership Director ([membership@grandcomputers.org](mailto:membership@grandcomputers.org))

Registration for classes in the Chaparral Center Hopi Room



## VOLUNTEER DINNER

**March 13, 2009**

The Volunteer dinner for 2008 Grand Computer Club volunteers will be on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009, from 5:00-9:00 PM in the Cimarron Center. Qualified volunteers have been notified. Door prizes will be given out and the entertainment will be by the Gold Ridge Gang. This is the Grand Computer Club's opportunity to honor all those who make our club a success!

**March 4**

**Grand Computer Club**

**General Meeting**

**1:00 PM Cimarron Center**

**Gene Barlow**

**"Backing up your Hard Drive using Acronis True Image Home 2009"**



**Jan Oeswein teaching a class. Jan also does the scheduling for PC classes. Thanks for your help!**



**Jim Geffre teaching a class. Jim is also the Assistant Tech Director for the GCC. Thanks for your help!**

## Education Update

from Ken Raske  
Director of Education

### 1. Popular Classes

Popular classes again this term have been Vista, XP, Photo, Adobe, Care & Feeding, File & Disk Management, and Creating documents for PCs; also many MAC specific classes using Mac software, including the five Intro to the Mac classes.

### 2. Instructor Breakfast

Our annual PC & MAC Instructors Breakfast held on February 27 was attended by 26 of our instructors. The instructors were briefed on the new Preferences computer program recently developed by our Webmaster that will enable instructors to select and provide information to the class scheduler of their preferences for classes each term. Included will be preferred days, times, assistants and more.

### 3. Some Class Openings Remain

Several classes with open seats remain for March and April. Check the Class Schedule for one that may interest you. PC subjects include Adobe Elements; Creating Documents; File and Disk Management; Internet; MS Word; XP and Vista Seminars. For MAC classes there are open seats in the following; Digital Scrapbooking; iWork; Mail; Address Book; Photoshop Elements; Reunion. Nearly 90 seats for PC classes, 20 Seminar seats and 43 seats for MAC classes are available for the remainder of this term that ends April 17<sup>th</sup>. Note: There are no MAC classes scheduled for April.

### 4. Fall Registration Dates Set

Fall Registration will be October 3, 2009; Classes will begin on Oct 12, 2009.

Grand Computer Club	Grand Computer Club	March	Calendar
<p data-bbox="162 115 381 451"><b>Grand Computer Club</b> <b>March Calendar</b></p> <p data-bbox="113 493 406 724"><b>PC Tech Talk</b> March 3, 10, 17, 24, &amp; 31 2:00 - 3:30 PM Computer Open Space Room</p> <p data-bbox="113 756 349 945"><b>Mac Tech Talk</b> March 10 &amp; 25 3:00 - 4:00 PM Computer Open Space Room</p>	<p data-bbox="479 294 844 535"><b>4</b> <b>Backing Up Your Hard Drive using Acronis True Image Home 2009</b> Grand Computer Club General Meeting 1:00 PM, Cimarron Center</p> <p data-bbox="479 640 820 819"><b>16</b> <b>Memoir Writing Workshop</b> Compose Yourself SIG 1:00 - 3:00 PM Palo Verde Room, Sonoran</p> <p data-bbox="479 840 820 966"><b>iLife '09 - Ruben Mercado, Arrowhead Apple Store</b> Mac SIG - 5:00 PM Hopi Room, Chaparral</p>	<p data-bbox="901 294 1185 504"><b>5</b> <b>Census Data</b> <b>Dr. Leon D. Chapman</b> Genealogy SIG 3:30 - 5:00 PM Computer Classroom</p> <p data-bbox="901 640 1201 850"><b>18</b> <b>So You Want to Build a Gaming Computer</b> New Technologies SIG 4:00 - 6:00 PM Computer Classroom</p>	<p data-bbox="1258 294 1575 535"><b>13</b> <b>Establishing &amp; Maintaining Your Estate Plan</b> Investment Education SIG 1:00 - 3:00 PM Hopi Room, Chaparral</p> <p data-bbox="1258 640 1575 882"><b>26</b> <b>Matching Your Portfolio Asset Allocation to Your Investment Type</b> Investment Education SIG 1:00 - 3:00 PM Hopi Room, Chaparral</p>



## **Introducing the Grand Computer Club**

### **Technical Director**

#### **Jeff Taylor**



We welcome new Technical Director Jeff Taylor, who has willingly shared information with us about himself.

Jeff grew up in the Bay area, mostly in San Jose. His daughters live there, most of his friends live there, and that's where he calls home. He graduated from Gunderson High School in San Jose, and took two years of vocational electronics in high school. From that experience, he's designed computer hardware and software for most of his life.

Jeff has three daughters Marissa, Ashley and Christine. Marissa is studying to go into IT management. Ashley is studying Marine Biology and Christine is still in high school. He's betting that Christine is going to be the first one to graduate from college.

His mother, two aunts and two uncles live here in Sun City Grand. He has an aunt and uncle in Scottsdale and a cousin in Anthem. So, he has a lot of family around here, but he is still trying to figure out why they all moved here!

His favorite hobby is Karaoke. Although he claims he "can't sing worth a damn," he still loves to sing. He used to tell the people at his karaoke shows: "If you have a golden voice and can sing, then this is not the place for you. You should go out and get your recording contract."

What Jeff likes most about Sun City Grand are the people. He quickly realized after moving here that there is an enormous wealth of information and wisdom living here in Sun City Grand. He thinks that's something that is priceless!

What he likes the least are all the yards with rocks! After living in California with its lush greenery, all the rock yards are hard to take. (We agree!)

Jeff didn't really choose the job of Technical Director - it chose him! He got a call one day asking if he would like the role of Technical Director. He then headed down to the computer club to find out what this would entail. When he got there he was greeted by a couple of smiling faces asking, "So, did you get a phone call?" He responded "Yeah. That's why I'm here. I came down to find out what this entails." He was told that he had to accept the position first and they would tell him later. He said, "OK." (Boy, that's the way to get volunteers!)

What exactly does our GCC Technical Director do? At the very basic level, the job is maintaining the computers and networks of the computer club. Another responsibility is to provide technical direction for the club. To that end he has a vision for the computer club that he will be presenting to the board at the end of this month.

Jeff says, "We have a diverse group of computer users here. We have MAC users, Vista users and XP users. I believe that this diversity will continue to grow in the future and I feel my job is to find the best way to provide each member with the best user experience possible at the computer club."



**Special Interest Groups  
(GCC SIGs)  
March Schedules**

**If you are a member of the GCC, you may attend any of the SIG meetings.**

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**Compose Yourself SIG**

Provides club members a forum for writing about their family  
Meetings: Third Monday  
3:30-5:00 PM

**March 16 Topic:  
"Memoir Writing Workshop"**

Place: Computer Club Classroom  
Chaparral Center  
Contact: Jim Hale, 546-9711  
[CY@grandcomputers.org](mailto:CY@grandcomputers.org)

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**Genealogy SIG**

Provides club members a forum for genealogy: the research of family history  
Meetings: First Thursday  
(Oct-May) 3:30-5:00 PM

**March 5 Topic:  
"Census Data, Census Forms  
and How to Site Census as Sources"**

Place: Computer Club Classroom  
Chaparral Center  
Contact: Leon Chapman, 398-8900  
[Genealogy@grandcomputers.org](mailto:Genealogy@grandcomputers.org)

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**New Technologies SIG**

Provides club members a forum and experiences using the latest technologies  
Meetings: Third Wednesday  
(Oct-May) 4:00-6:00 PM

**March 18 Topic:  
"So You Want to Build a Gaming Computer"**

Place: Computer Club Classroom  
Chaparral Center  
Contact: Arnie Gelb, 544-4681  
[NewTech@grandcomputers.org](mailto:NewTech@grandcomputers.org)

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**GRAND MAC SIG**

Provides club members a forum and classes on MAC computers  
Meetings: Third Monday  
(Oct-Apr) 5:00 PM



**March 16 Topic:  
"iLife '09" by Ruben Mercado  
Arrowhead Apple Store**

Place: Pima Room, Chaparral Center  
Contact: Joyce Klonecz, 215-2397  
[Mac@grandcomputers.org](mailto:Mac@grandcomputers.org)

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**Investment Education SIG**

Provides club members a forum for investment education  
Meetings: Second and fourth Friday  
1:00 PM

**March 13 Topic:  
"Establishing & Maintaining Your Estate Plan"  
Ralph Crapo (Fidelity)**

**February 26 Topic:  
"Matching Your Portfolio Asset Allocation to Your Investment Type" Tom Stitch (Wells Fargo)**

Place: Hopi Room, Chaparral Center  
Contact: David Korts, 217-2065  
[Investments@grandcomputers.org](mailto:Investments@grandcomputers.org)