



Letter from President Loren Lundquist:



Hi,
 We are close to the time when about half of our membership travels north for the summer. I'd like to wish you a safe trip.
 If you are staying here, or if you are not heading north just yet,

check out the offerings on our education page. We still have a few classes left and we are still adding classes when demand makes it appropriate.

Remember that access to class listings and signing up for classes can be done on line from any computer with internet access. Expect class listings for the October to December term to be available in early October or very late September. You can go online in early October (the date will be in a newsletter and will be listed on the education page of the club website www.grandcomputers.org) and sign up for classes.

A change this year is that the club has changed the membership year to run through September 30. **TO BE ABLE TO SIGN UP FOR CLASSES IN OCTOBER, YOU WILL HAVE TO**

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JOIN THE CLUB OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR THE OCTOBER, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER, 2012 YEAR. You will be able to do this starting in September by clicking on the Member Application link on the left edge of the club homepage.

The board has appointed a committee to look into ways to expand and improve our classroom. We hope to be able to teach more students, improve visibility of projected images, and support teaching about the newer hardware and software that is available.

The guest speaker for our general meeting this Wednesday (April 6) will be Doug Ralston. Doug is the club's iPad instructor and he will be talking about the iPad at the meeting.

I hope to see you around the club. Have a great summer whether you are spending it here or up north!

Loren G. Lundquist
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Grand Computer Club
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, April 6th at 1:00 PM
Cimarron Center

The program will be
"The iPad"

by Doug Ralston
Instructor



From the Education Department

We have added another P.C. class of Adobe Elements 9 Basics to be held on April 4, 6, and 8 at 3:30 pm; cost is \$15. Register for this class and get the basic information you need to work with Elements.

Another class, The Fundamentals of Investing for the Beginning Investor is a first time offering by Grand Computers. Cliff Jacobson and Diane Kurt will be presenting this two session course. The objective will be to provide a forum and learning experience where inexperienced investors can discuss the various components of investing while the presenters cover the framework for successful investing. These components include:

- 🍏 Defining your investment objectives and investment time horizon
- 🍏 Defining the various risks related to investment options
- 🍏 Identifying your appetite for risk
- 🍏 Understand the impact of inflation on your overall financial plan
- 🍏 Identify investment options
- 🍏 Importance of Asset Allocation and Diversification
- 🍏 Evaluating and analyzing a mutual fund

There are many resources available to the individual investor on the internet to assist in developing and implementing their investment "Game Plan." They will be discussing where one can find Information about where to find those websites and resources. Given that investing entails the undertaking of financial risk, there will also be discussion of those risks.

To register for this class go to grandcomputers.org or the Computer Club. The class will be held on April 5 and 7 at 8 am; cost is \$10.

Request for Laptops



Help! Jim Geffre has a goal to set up an entire classroom with computers because the school has only one lab with limited access. This means he needs from

15 to 25 laptops to be rebuilt to XP Pro.

Please help out by donating your old laptops as you buy new ones. Jim would like the laptops to have windows XP on them. Include the restore disks if you have them, as well as the power cord. Jim puts in new hard drives if needed, adds memory to at least 1GB, adds Word or Open Office and sets them up with Juno, 10 hours free for a dial up service.

You can contact Jim at:

[623-544-3394](tel:623-544-3394) or geffre1949@yahoo.com

NOTE: Jim will accept Macs as well.



Membership
Update
April
2011

Membership Director, Joey de la Concepcion reports that as of March 25, 2011 club membership was 1041. Of those 186 were Mac users. 221 joined or renewed using Pay Pal.



Coffee Chat

The next Coffee Chat will be held on April 14th from 8:30 - 10:00 AM in the Hopi Room at the Chaparral Center. The topic will be "How to Set Up Your Home Network," by Joe Parla. As usual, coffee and rolls will be served. All residents of Sun City Grand are welcome to attend. Bring a friend!

Computer Club Welcomes 26 New Monitors

As a result of the two Monitor Training Classes held this month, the Computer Club now has 26 new monitors willing to serve and keep the Open Use Room open for our members. Monitor Director Bill Remling made the presentations that were attended by about 50 people, some of whom were already monitors who wanted to be updated on the changes that have been made recently. Everyone was given access to a Monitor's Handout which is still available to monitors in the member's area of the web site.

Honorees



Retirees honored at the Volunteer Dinner were Ray Hockstad and Gretel Coursol.

Ray served 3 years as Vice President of the club, and 2 as President. Thank You, Ray!

Gretel served 5 years as Membership Director. Our Thanks to You, Gretel!



To compliment this process many monitors have been trained through a "shadow" system. While this is still available to anyone who missed the classes, it has been facilitated by the creation of a new form put together by Jack Gossett. Jack has shadowed several monitors in the past and created the form to make sure he remembers to touch on all of the important points of monitoring. We greatly appreciate his effort in this area.

We would also like to acknowledge the Monitor of the Month for February, Ginger Haack, and for March, Adrienne Gosling. Each of these monitors served the greatest number of sessions during that month. We owe a great deal of gratitude to all of the monitors who do so much to keep the open room open, straightened and clean for us to enjoy.



Bob Crawford also retired from his position as Webmaster. Bob has added many features to the website over the 5 years he has maintained it, including an automated scheduler for

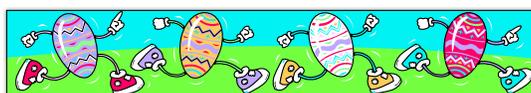
classes, and the slideshow on the first page. Bob was unable to be at the dinner, so we send our Thanks to You Bob!



Ginger Haack



Adrienne Gosling



Volunteer Dinner

Photos by Joe Scanlon

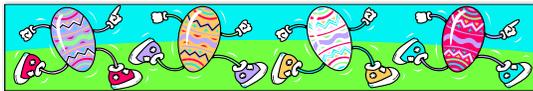
Speaking of Volunteers . . .

With a membership of 1041, Grand Computers is the largest club in Sun City Grand. Maintaining our club requires people - *a lot of people*: board members, directors, monitors, instructors, someone to schedule classes, someone to manage assistants, someone to maintain the video in the classroom window, someone to manage the website, and the list goes on. All of these are *volunteer* positions.

After five or more years volunteers, having donated many, many hours, wear out, and replacements are needed. Please think about becoming a volunteer in some capacity. When you decide to do so, let one of the Board members know. You will find their e-mail addresses on the club website:

www.grandcomputers.org

You will be glad you did.



 *Remember . . .*

- April 1 - April Fools' Day*
- April 6 - General Meeting*
- April 14 - Coffee Chat*
- April 15 - Tax Day*
- April 24 - Easter*





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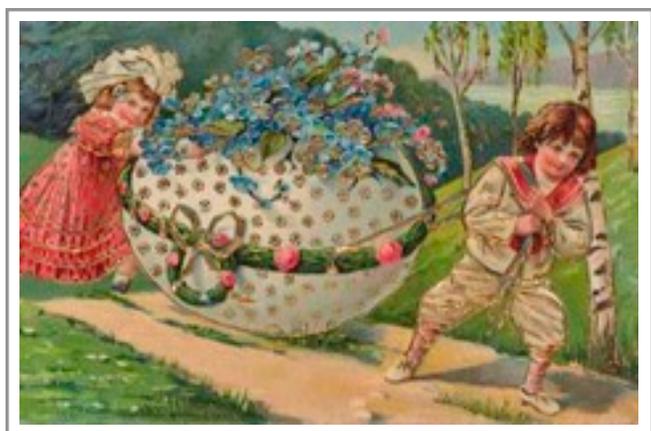
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Tips for Techies

P.C. Users: Windows Logo plus *left* cursor snaps current window to left of screen. Windows Logo plus *right* cursor snaps current window to right of screen.

Mac Users: Command-q quits *current* application.



*It means so much at Easter time
To keep in touch with friends
To wish them happiness and cheer
And joy that never ends.
This brings heartfelt greetings
Especially for you
Together with best wishes
For a happy Springtime too.*

Fancy Fonts

Times New Roman, Geneva, and Helvetica are nice everyday fonts, but when addressing Christmas cards, birthday cards, thank you notes, etc. do you wish you had something a bit more formal, festive, or fun? You probably already have some on our computer: *Lucinda Hand-writing, Learning Curve, Brush Script, Snell Roundhand, Edwardian Script.*

If you found none, have a look at the handwriting fonts at www.free-fonts.com, www.fontspace.com, or www.fontgarden.com

Or if you would like a font that looks like your own handwriting, you can get that at a very reasonable price - often less than \$10. Checkout these sites: www.yourfonts.com, or www.fontifier.com. You can download and print a template, fill in the boxes with your handwritten letters, then scan and upload the template. The Website lets you tweak any letters that don't look right, and then it generates a font for you. You can include your signature as one of the characters.

Have Fun!

Flying North



Toward the end of April (Easter Day, in fact) my husband and I will be flying home to Iowa for the summer. So this will be the last Newsletter until Fall. Look for the October edition in your mailbox. Have a wonderful summer!



Special Interest Groups (SIG) of Grand Computers

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



Compose Yourself SIG

Provides club members a forum
for writing about their
family memoirs

Meetings: 3rd Monday of each month **Time:**
1:00-3:00 PM

April 18

Topic: Memoir Writing

Place: Aqua Fria Room, Cimarron (Oct.-May)
Computer Classroom, Chaparral (Jun-Sep)

Contact: Robert Heskin, 975-4035

CY@grandcomputers.org



New Technologies SIG

Provides members with a forum for
the open discussion of technologically
advanced ideas

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month
Time: 2:30 - 4:00 PM

April 20

Topic: Cloud Computing

Place: Palo Verde Room, Sonoran Plaza

Contact: Joe Parla

NewTech@grandcomputers.org



Genealogy SIG

Provides club members a forum
for researching family history

Meetings: 1st Thursday of each month (Oct-May)
Time: 3:30 - 5:00 PM

April 7

Topic: Google for Genealogists - Webinar

Place: Computer Classroom, Chaparral Center

Contact: Leon Chapman, 398-8900

Genealogy@grandcomputers.org



Grand Mac SIG

Provides members a forum for
Mac users and for classes
on the Mac computer

Meetings: 3rd Monday of each month (Oct-Apr)
Time: 4:30 - 6:30 PM

April 18

Topic: Review of Bento - Mac Database
Demo of iPhone/Helicopter device

Place: Pima Room, Chaparral Center

Contact: Joyce Klonecz, 215-2397

Mac@grandcomputers.org



Graphics SIG

Provides club members a
forum to discuss
graphic applications

Meetings: 2nd Thursday of each month
Time: 2:30 - 4:30 PM

April 14

Topic: Portrait Improvement Through Online
and Adobe Programs

Place: Hopi Room, Chaparral Center

Contact: Rita Scarbeck, 748-8992

Graphics@grandcomputers.org



Financial Education SIG

Provides club members a forum for
financial education

Meetings: 4th Friday of each month (Oct - May)
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM

April 29

Topic: What You Need to now About Hedge Funds
by: Larry Maren

Place: Hopi Room, Chaparral Center

Contact: Cliff Jacobson, 466-8700

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