

“Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.”

— Melody Beattie

A Message From President Loren Lundquist



The weather is cooling off and more and more of our seasonal residents are back with us. We started our fall semester of classes in October. It is well underway and will go until the Christmas holiday break.

Over the summer our technical people upgraded our classroom. There are many improvements but the most visible is that we can now accommodate 11 students instead of 9. One of the benefits is that many of our classes still have spaces available in them. Our education department has been adding courses to meet our member’s needs. Offerings include several courses to learn the PC or Mac basics; word processing programs, (“Message,” con’t in column 2)

**The Grand Computer Club
Monthly Meeting,
Wednesday, November 2nd at
1:00 P.M. in the Gila Room
of the Cimarron Center
The Topic will be:
Social Messaging 1.0**

(“Message,” con’t from column 1)
spreadsheet programs, and slideshow presentation programs; technology programs such as eReader basics, iPod and iTunes, iPad, and Skype; and using online offerings such as Facebook, eBay, and Shutterfly. Check out the offerings on www.grandcomputers.org then go to EDUCATION in the black boxes on the left side of the page. Need something you don’t see? If we can find an instructor, we will put together a 2-hour custom class for you alone or up to 6 people for \$25.

(“Message,” con’t on p. 2)



Membership Update November 2011

Membership Director, Joey de la Concepcion, reports that as of October 21, our club has 567 members. Of those, 124 are Mac users. 95 have joined or renewed using PayPal.

("Message," con't from p. 1)

Our club runs on volunteers. We try to say thank you with a Volunteer Appreciation Banquet in March, Friday the 16th in 2012. We are putting together a committee to plan the banquet. If you are a volunteer and would like to be part of the planning committee, please email John Nuerenberg at:

education@grandcomputers.org.

Finally, we have been reminded by CAM that it violates their insurance to have anyone in a CAM building after hours. This is true even though many of our officers and instructors have an access code that will let them enter classroom's back door at any time. Operating hours for CAM buildings vary but for our building, the Chaparral Center, no one is to be in the building from 11pm to 7am every night. Even if you have physical access, please do NOT exercise it between 11pm and 7am.



COFFEE CHAT

Nov. 11, 8:30 AM
Hopi Room
Chaparral Center

Mac or PC? Desktop, Notebook, Net-book or Tablet? How much memory? What kind of processor? Find out in simple, easy language what you should look for in purchasing your next computer.

OFFICER CANDIDATES FOR 2012 GRAND COMPUTERS CLUB SUN CITY GRAND

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Nominations may be made from the floor at the November 3 General Meeting, with election being December 1st.



A Life Too Short

1955-2011

Even though we knew this could happen, we hoped with all our might that it would not. But it did on Oct. 5, 2011.

If you own an iPhone, an iPad, an iPod, or an Apple computer, chances are that any time you use it you will think of Steve Jobs.

Jobs was always looking for ways to make things simple to use and beautiful to look at, and he succeeded. Steve Jobs will be remembered along with Thomas Edison and Henry Ford for making our world a better place.

(Jobs would go on diets where he ate only one thing. It was during his "apple diet" that he and Wozniak created their first computer, and named it the Apple I.)

Monitor's Corner
Bill Remling, Monitor Director



From the Education Department

John Nuerenberg
Education Director



We are back to a full day schedule. October we served a total of 41 sessions. This month's **Monitor of the Month**, for the greatest number of sessions served, is **Kathy Haxton**. We thank her and all of the 22 other monitors who covered our open room for our use this October.

There were too few quiet moments for the monitors this month with new members signing up, members paying their dues and registration for Fall classes. Of particular importance was the use of the multiple swipe processing procedure that enabled new members to be established immediately by the monitor on duty. This allowed new members to immediately sign up for classes.

Presently we have a total of 102 monitors of which 27 have expired membership. As more winter residents return, we should see that number reduced.

If you know anyone who frequents the computer room, please encourage them to consider becoming a monitor. We have made the process of training as painless as possible. Presently we have several members who have set training sessions with one of our monitors and we are scheduling one on one monitor training as needed.



The fall term began with a full schedule. We have expanded our schedule to include a few Saturdays and many late afternoon classes. We continue to make use of the open use room on a more regular basis, after open use room hours. We are really excited about our new Windows 7 classes and the progression they provide students in their quest for knowledge. As in the past, when we see classes fill up and if there is a demand, we will try to schedule another like class in the term.

This term we are offering about 100 classes representing 185 two-hour sessions. All within about nine weeks! We are also seeing an uptick in the number of students using PayPal to pay for renewing club membership and paying for tuition. We encourage all of you to seriously consider paying this way. As I have said many times, and I am sure you will hear it again, I think it is safer to pay online with PayPal than it is driving my golf cart to the club rooms!

Our education assistant, CJ Rainaldi, has informed me that she will be leaving the position on July 1, 2012. She has been a huge asset to the club, the instructors, and to me. She will be missed. If you are interested in becoming the education assistant, working with her for a number of months to learn the 'ropes,' please contact me.

We soon will begin the process of working out the schedule for next term, January through May. We will have more time and more classes. Hopefully, we may have a few new classes never before taught in our club. If you have suggestions for new classes you would like to take, please let me know - education@grandcomputers.org

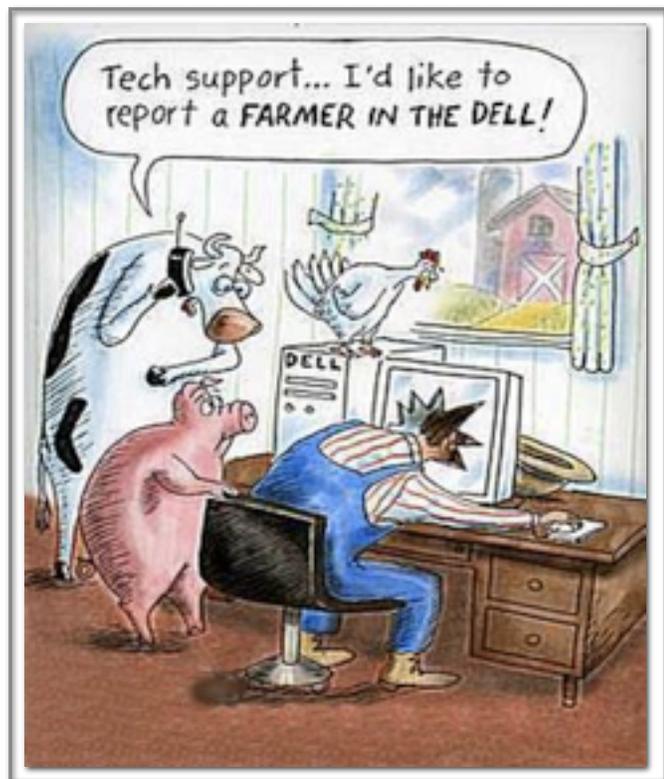


Bits and Pieces



THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

An APPs Sharing Session for Grand Computers Club members will be held on Tuesday, November 8, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM in the Mesquite, Palms, & Palo Verde Rooms at Sonoran Plaza. There will be many tables set up for you to go to share your favorite Applications (APPS) such as for the following categories: Food, News, Sports, Fun & Games, Outdoors, Music, Fitness & Medical, Managing Money, Travel, Dining Out, Books, Utilities, Social Networking, etc. We will then compile the list of recommendations and email it to our attendees. RSVPs are not mandatory, but to make sure that we have enough space, it would be appreciated if you would email: mac@grandcomputers.org to let us know how many are coming. We invite you to join us!



Request for Laptops



To date Jim Geffre has rebuilt and distributed 33 computers to students in area schools. He thanks those who have given their old computers to be refurbished, and encourages members to continue donating their old laptops as you buy new ones. Jim would like the laptops to have windows XP on them. Please 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. Think how happy a child would be to find a computer in his/her Christmas stocking! You can contact Jim at:

623-544-3394 or geffre1949@yahoo.com

NOTE: Jim will accept Macs as well.



... to bring your old cell phones to the Club room and drop them into the "Cell Phones for Soldiers" container. Maybe because of you a soldier will be able to call his family on Christmas Day.

... also, keep those ink tanks and cartridges out of our landfill. Bring them to the club room and deposit them in the bucket in the front of the room. they will be disposed of properly.



"He's making a list, and checking it

twice ..."



You remember!



Print for less

Save ink, save paper, be green



Donna Tapellini, our staff computer guru

Here's a surprising way to save money: Change your printing habits. It's quick and easy, and could save you more than a few bucks on paper and ink—not to mention make you a little friendlier to the environment. Dean Gallea, our printing expert, shared these tips with me.

■ **TRY ANOTHER FONT.** Who knew that one font could use a lot more ink than another? When our engineers tested that seemingly wacky theory, they printed 27 percent more pages per ink cartridge using the 12-point Times New Roman font rather than Arial in the same size. Calibri is another ink-saving choice. The box below shows how many pages you can print with those fonts and others.

■ **PRINT IN DRAFT MODE.** Another way to keep your inkwell from running dry too quickly is to print in draft mode. Our tests have shown that you'll use about half the amount of ink that way. On some models, the

FONT	PAGES PER CARTRIDGE
Times New Roman	419
Calibri	395
Arial	305
Tahoma	291
Franklin Gothic Medium	286
Verdana	276

quality will be slightly lower, but your document will still be readable. Try draft mode on your printer to see whether it's acceptable for your print projects. Just be aware that graphics deteriorate more than text.

■ **STOP PRINTING THOSE BLANK WEB PAGES.**

You've seen them—the URL is there, and maybe the date and time, but the rest of the page is blank. Free and easy utilities (both for Windows) will fix that. GreenPrint (pick it up at www.printgreener.com) filters content before you print. You can cut out pages with only a header and footer, remove images, or not print blank pages. Or you can squeeze two pages onto one (and still get a readable document). Alternatively, HP's Smart Web Printing and Canon's Easy-WebPrint are browser add-ons for Internet Explorer and Firefox that let you grab only the parts of Web pages you want to print. They work with any printer. Get HP's add-on at www.hp.com and search "web page printing" for the link to the free download. Canon's is at www.canoneasywebprint.com/en/index.htm.

■ **BASIC BLACK IS BEST.** Color ink is more expensive than black ink. If you don't need color for what you're printing, look in your printer settings for an option to "print in grayscale" or "use black ink only."

■ **REPLACE ONLY THE COLORS YOU NEED.** Printers with tricolor cartridges force you to change all three ink

colors at the same time, even if only one color is empty. When you're shopping for printers, look for models that use separate cartridges for each color. The printer's status display will let you know exactly which one you need to replace.

■ **DON'T LET "LOW INK" WARNINGS STOP YOU**—at least not right away. You usually don't have to replace cartridges immediately after receiving that warning. We've found in some cases that you can print up to 20 percent more after the warning. So keep printing until you're not happy with how the pages look.

■ **PRINT ON BOTH SIDES OF THE PAGE.** Look for the duplexing option in the printer's settings to do this. If your printer doesn't support automatic duplexing, you can do it manually from Windows and Mac printer settings. Odd pages will print first, then you'll be prompted to reinsert the stack of paper to print even pages on the other side.

■ **SAVE SOME ELECTRICITY.** Make sure your printer's sleep mode is enabled or, if you won't be using the printer for a long while, turn it off.



From CONSUMER REPORTS SHOPSMART

* This is a rerun from earlier, but I thought it was worth a repeat.



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

Meetings: 3rd Monday of each month

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM

November 21

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: 4:00 - 5:30 PM

November 16

Topic: Malware Protection & Removal

Place: Mesquite 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

November 3

Topic: Mapping Software for Genealogist
by Geoff Rasmussen

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

November 21

Topic: Mac Holiday Gifts -
What to Give & What to Ask For

Place: Apache 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

November 10

Topic: Windows Slideshow
Tiles/Frames/etc

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: Access Financial Education SIG meeting times, location and topics at www.grandcomputers.org. Click on the SIGs button on the left and scroll down to the Financial Education SIG information.

Contact: Cliff Jacobson, 466-8700

Financial@grandcomputers.org