

# Grand Computers Club

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I'm wishing you fast, happy days,  
Pleasuring you in myriad ways,  
Filled with happiness and cheer,  
Oh Happy, Happy Bright New Year!

By Joanna Fuchs

## **MEET THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS:**

### **President, Joyce Klonc**



Joyce is the new President of the Grand Computer Club, having previously served three years, 2007 - 2009 as Secretary, 2010 as Monitor Director, and 2011 as Vice President.

Joyce is also the Grand Macs SIG facilitator, an instructor of Mac classes, and she edits the newsletter for the Grand Macs SIG.

For twenty-six years Joyce was an elementary teacher in Minnesota. In 1998, she retired from teaching and in 1999 her husband, Lenny, retired after 32 years with 3M. They moved to their townhouse on Lake Mille Lacs in Minnesota in (Klonc *con't* on p. 2)

### **Grand Computer Club Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 4th at 1:00 P.M.  
in the Gila Room of the Cimarron Center  
(Please do not enter the room until 12:45)**



**The program will be a presentation  
by Gene Barlow  
Sharing, Protecting and Organizing  
Your Hard Drive**

### **Membership Update January 2012**



Membership Director, Joey de la Concepcion, reports that as of Dec. 29 our club has 863 members. Of those, 176 are Mac users. 314 have joined or renewed using PayPal.

If you wish to set up a free e-mail address, Gretel Coursol will be happy to help you with that. You can contact Gretel at (623)214-7999.

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2000, and built their home in Sun City Grand that same fall.

Joyce helped form the Minnesota Interest Group in 2004 here in Sun City Grand, and is the vice-president: Membership for the University of Minnesota Alumni Association, West Valley, Arizona branch.

Their four grandchildren, ages 9, 11, 16, and 18, their two sons and two daughters-in-law, are a source of joy for Joyce and Lenny, and one reason they live in Minnesota for the summer.



**A Message From President Joyce Kloncz:**



Happy New Year everyone! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. Starting January 1, I will take on the role of President of our Grand Computers Club (GCC). I

have been a member of GCC since 2005, when I assumed the Mac SIG Facilitator's position. I also held the GCC Secretary's position for three years, Monitor Director for one year, and Vice-President for one year. In those seven years I've seen our club grow and adapt to changes within our membership and our community. We hope that we will continue to see that growth in 2012.

January means winter class registration time. The class schedule is on-line now at [grandcomputers.org](http://grandcomputers.org); volunteers can register on-line on January 2 and the rest of you can register online on January 3, starting at 8 AM. If you need help with registration, come to one of three classes on January 4: 9 AM, 10 AM, and 11 AM. And if you still need help, regular registration will be in the classroom on Saturday, January 7 from 9 AM - 10:30 AM. We have outstanding classes for both PC and Mac users. See Education Director John Nuerenberg's article in the newsletter for more information.

We are always looking for volunteers, especially for monitoring at the front desk, instructors and instructor assistants. Our club is only as good as its volunteers!

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**Gale McCall, Vice President**



Gale McCall now fills the Vice President position in the Computer Club.

Gale earned her Bachelor's Degree in French and English at the State University at Albany, and her Master's Degree at Syracuse University.

It was while teaching in Albany that Gale met and married Art McCall. For 33 years Gale taught French and Latin, mostly to Juniors and Seniors, retiring in 1999. Art and Gale bought their home here in SCG.

Gale participates in the Photography Club, the Stained Glass Club, and the Computer Club. An active member of the Language club, Gale was president for 3 years. The McCall's have a son who lives in Northern Spain, and a daughter who lives in upstate New York.

Gale serves as Assistant Facilitator of the Mac SIG.

Gale and Art are ardent geo-cachers and are members of the Phoenix Roadrunners MG-TD Club. (They have a 1953 MG-TD here and a 1952 TD back home in Baldwinsville, NY.)



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A reminder that Office Max has a Retail Connect card available for all residents of Sun City Grand that gives a great discount on most items, including printing. To get your card, go to SCG's web site, [www.grandinfo.com](http://www.grandinfo.com), and click on the box near the middle titled **SCG Info**. On the info page scroll down to see **Click here to see the Office Max Discount Card**. Then scroll to the bottom of that page and print out the card. Cut it out, front and back, and take it to Office Max and they will laminate it for you.

Joyce Kloncz,  
President, Grand Computers Club

### **Doug Ralston, Secretary**



Doug Ralston is the newly elected Secretary of the Computer Club. Doug is originally from Minnesota. He and his wife, Jane, have two daughters. Ann lives in No. Oaks, MN, and Kim resides in Durango, CO.

Doug holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Wayne State (NE), a Masters degree from the University of South Dakota, a second Masters degree from Michigan State University, and from the University of Minnesota Doug holds an ABD (All But Dissertation) degree. Had Doug chosen to write a dissertation he would also hold a Doctorate degree.

For 34 years Doug was a Biochemistry Professor at the Minnesota State University in Mankato. Sometime between earning the above degrees and completing his duties as a Biochemistry Professor Doug found time to serve two years in the U.S. Army.

In October of 1998 Doug and Jane moved into their home in Sun City Grand. Like many of us they are "snowbirds," spending their summers in Minnesota.

Doug's hobbies are his computer, golfing, and reading. However, he still finds time to attend all Mac SIG meetings, and has given a presentation on the iPad at one of the meetings. Doug also gave a presentation about the iPad for the April 2011 General Meeting.

Being an instructor also fills some of Doug's time. He teaches several sessions of iPad classes.

You will recognize Doug by the iPad he always carries. He is seldom without it. As I type this I am wondering if Doug uses his iPad to keep score when he plays golf? I wouldn't count it out!



### **Pam Kostel, Treasurer**



Pam was born and raised in Iowa City, Iowa where her great-grandparents had settled. She attended the University of Iowa majoring in business administration. Pam spent a year living in London and traveling throughout Europe. Following her marriage, Pam managed the publications section in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Iowa for three years.

In 1970, Pam, her husband, and their two children moved to Yankton, South Dakota to join the Kostel family business. While in Yankton, Pam was executive secretary to the CEO of Sacred Heart Hospital, moving into the human resources department where she was compensation and benefits manager.

After selling their business, the Kostels bought a house at Sun City Grand in 2001 and were snowbirds while Pam's husband continued to work, assisting with vacation coverage in the summer months. They moved to SCG full-time in September 2009.

Pam has been a member of the computer club for several years, but this is the first board position she has held.

### **COFFEE CHAT**



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

**Find out how to use the Cloud.  
Google Docs, Backups, Syncing.  
Graphics applications from the  
Cloud.**

## Loren Lundquist, Past President



Loren has served as president of the computer club for the past year, and vice president for two years prior to that. As past president Loren will be in charge of planning the Coffee Chats and the Volunteer dinner.

In the years prior to moving to Grand Loren was commissioned as an Army officer in Viet Nam and in the Korean war. He met his future wife, Diana In 1974 and the couple married in 1975.

In 1980, upon his return from Korea, Loren, Diana and their two children moved to Los Alamos, NM, where Loren designed the primary (atomic bomb) portion of the warhead that flies on the Navy's Trident II Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile.

Three years later, the family moved to Germantown, MD, where Loren was assigned to the nuclear weapons safety desk at Department of Energy headquarters. At the end of 1984 Loren retired with 20½ years of Army service. Having received a Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars.

The family moved back to Los Alamos, NM where Loren worked as a nuclear explosive design physicist in the Primary Design Group of the Los Alamos National Laboratory. He later was promoted to Deputy Group Leader of that group.

Loren and his wife closed on a house in Sun City Grand in September, 2003, and moved here permanently in April 2004. Diana passed away in the Summer of 2010.

Loren is an instructor in the computer club, a member of the photography club and Grand woodcrafters.



## *From the Education Department*

Registration for the Winter/Spring semester will be coming up soon. Several dates to be aware of include:

- Jan. 2 - Volunteer online registration 4:00-6:00
- Jan. 3 - Registration online begins at 8:00 AM
- Jan 4 - How to Register and Pay for Classes  
Online - FREE class 9:00, 10:00, and 11:00 AM
- Jan 7 - Personal help with registration 9:00 AM
- Jan 11 - Classes begin

To view the schedule navigate to our club's Website - [www.grandcomputers.org](http://www.grandcomputers.org) - and click on the *Education* button in the left menu. Once there, click on the *Class Schedule* button, also on the left, to view all the classes and dates and times they will be offered. You may also click on *Course Listing* for more detailed course information about each course being offer that term. It is a good idea to check these listings to see what the prerequisites are. You would not enjoy a class if you get in over your head.



# Have a Great 2012!!!



## Monitor's Corner

Bill Remling,  
Monitor Director



Many of our Winter Residents are back and actively serving in the Computer Club room. The month of December we were open for 21 sessions. The **Monitor of the Month** for December is **Kenneth Gill** who served more of those sessions than any other monitor. With the holidays and guests coming to visit we had many changes, some on short notice, thankfully our monitors filled in and covered all of those changes quickly to keep the club open for our members. A great team effort by everyone, thank you.

This is an exciting time of the year to be serving at the club. With new holiday gift toys being learned about at Tech Talk and Mac's "Green Apples" along with the registration for the new class sessions beginning January 3 at 8 AM, we have much to do. If you have any free time during the first two weeks of January, please stop by the computer open use room and ask the monitor if they need any help. Many of our members need help every year in registering for classes. Since much of this is done on line, they need assistance finding their way around our site and in picking and choosing their classes. Please do not have anyone sign up for the free Mouse and Keyboard class and Windows 7 Advanced, at the same time.

If you know a club member, invite them to become a monitor. Your recommendation does mean something to someone, and that is just what we need to see our numbers grow. Sharing the service load makes it easier on everyone. Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.



## Request for Laptops



Jim Geffre is still in need of your old XP laptop that you may have tucked away somewhere in your home collecting dust. To date Jim has rebuilt and given to students in area schools 71 computers, but more are needed as Jim would like to finish installing laptops in the classroom. To accomplish this he needs 15 more laptops. He would like the laptops to have windows XP on them. Please include the restore disks if you have them. The power cord is also very important to have with the laptop. 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. If your old laptop works or not PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING IT!!! You can contact Jim at:

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

NOTE: Jim will accept Macs as well.

## RealFlight Simulator



Grand Computers Club has purchased flight simulator software, RealFlight, which has been installed on two of the computers in the open use room. In the past Jack Gossett has taught classes on the use of the software. He has decided instead to do one-on-one instruction upon request. If you are interested in learning how to use RealFlight, contact Jack at: [623-229-2433](tel:623-229-2433) or

[jackgossett@me.com](mailto:jackgossett@me.com)



## How to charge and maximize life of Lithium Ion batteries

**QUESTION:** How should I properly charge and care for the Lithium Ion (Li-Ion) batteries of my iPod (MP3 Player)/Mobile Phone/Notebook/Laptop Computer to maximize battery life?

**ANSWER:** The following simple guidelines will help you to improve the life expectancy of your Li-Ion batteries as found in iPods (MP3 Players), Mobile Phones, and Notebook/Laptop Computers.

1. Li-Ion batteries do not have what is called “memory” as some other battery technologies do. Li-Ion batteries do not need to be “exercised” to maintain their ability to accept and deliver full charge. Li-Ion batteries prefer frequent recharges rather than deep cycling. To prolong the lifespan of Li-Ion batteries it is advisable to “top up” (recharge) frequently rather than wait for the battery to become fully discharged/drained.

2. Avoid elevated temperatures with partial to fully charged Li-Ion batteries. Leaving your iPod (MP3 Player), Mobile Phone, Notebook or Laptop Computer in a location of elevated temperature (for example a car or near a heat source) will adversely affect the lifespan of Li-Ion batteries.

3. It is advisable to store Li-Ion batteries (spare batteries only, NOT the device itself) in a sealed plastic bag in a refrigerator at approximately 40% to 50% of full charge. Remember to allow the stored batteries to return to room temperature before you use them (this could take up to 3 hours).

4. If possible remove the batteries from your notebook when using the AC Adapter to power your computer, however, make sure that you save your work **frequently** because your data will be lost if there is a power failure or if the AC  
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Adapter becomes unplugged when the battery is not in place! Partial to fully charged Li-Ion batteries in a notebook receiving power from an AC Adapter will experience elevated temperatures which will shorten the lifespan of the batteries.

[Please note that Li-Ion batteries do have a limited number of charge cycles available and their performance will deteriorate over time. It is normal to experience between 300 – 500 charge cycles from a Li-Ion battery before it requires replacement.]

Adapted from: <http://www.batteryuniversity.com>

Author: Isidor Buchmann

*Thank you to Loren Lundquist for sharing this article.*

*This article appeared in the January 2011 newsletter, but with all the battery powered items we carry around with us it seemed appropriate to run the article again in case you have deleted your 2011 newsletter.*

*S.H.*

*Just A Reminder*  . . .

- Dues for 2012 are now due and payable online or in the computer room.
- January 3 - online registration begins.
- January 4 - GCC General Meeting
- January 7 - personal assistance with registering for classes.
- January 11 - winter/spring classes begin.
- January 12 - Coffee Chat





## Special Interest Groups (SIG) of Grand Computers Club

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

January 16

Topic: Memoir Writing

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

**Contact:** Robert Heskin, 975-4035

[CY@grandcomputers.org](mailto: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

January 18

Topic: Social Networking

**Place:** Computer Club Classroom, Chaparral Center

**Contact:** Joe Parla

[NewTech@grandcomputers.org](mailto: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

January 5

Topic: Building a Research Toolbox

Thomas MacEntee

**Place:** Computer Classroom, Chaparral Center

**Contact:** Leon Chapman, 398-8900

[Genealogy@grandcomputers.org](mailto: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

January 16

Topic: iCloud & iOS 5

Karl Dusenbury

**Place:** Pima Room, Chaparral Center

**Contact:** Joyce Klonecz, 215-2397

[Mac@grandcomputers.org](mailto: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

January 12

Topic: Using graphics in Powerpoint & Word; tips for graphics and photos in Facebook and other social media; creating a personalized magazine cover.

**Place:** Hopi Room, Chaparral Center

**Contact:** Rita Scarbeck, 748-8992

[Graphics@grandcomputers.org](mailto: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](http://www.grandcomputers.org). Click on the SIGs button on the left, scroll down to the Financial Education SIG, click on it and scroll down for information re:location and topic.

**Contact:** Cliff Jacobson, 466-8700

[Financial@grandcomputers.org](mailto:Financial@grandcomputers.org)