



A Message from President Jovce Kloncz:



The Grand Computers Club has a special general meeting planned for Wednesday, April 4, at 1:00 PM in the Gila Room, Cimarron Center. Mike O'Donnell, the founder of Leaves, Inc. will be our speaker. "Leaves" is a free social media website where people can tell, share, publish and preserve their life stories and memorabilia. You can think of it as a private Facebook for writing or recording memoirs rather than chattering away about your daily doings. What makes "Leaves" unique is that it is a guide to help you remember just about every aspect of your life you wish to share with your relatives or friends. "Leaves" allows viewing by only those you invite. It provides writing
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tips and a variety of optional publishing and archiving features. In addition to demonstrating "Leaves," Michael will present tips on how to write and publish your own life story. He will also discuss options for secure scanning and storing of photo albums, home movies and other precious memorabilia. Mike has a special offer for everyone in attendance - one year free online computer backup and memorabilia storage. Similar services through DropBox or Carbonite or other online file storage costs about \$125 per year, so it's a nice perk for having attended. Mike will also stay around and offer one-on-one assistance to those with questions.

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Grand Computer Club
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, April 4th at 1:00 PM
Gila Room, Cimarron Center

The program will be
"Leaves"
Life Story Repository
by Michael O'Donnell



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Here's a brief outline of what will be covered:

- Why write and publish your memoirs?
- Do-it-yourself vs. hiring a personal historian
- The process of turning your life and lessons into an engaging story
- Publishing and archiving options
- Preserving and passing down photo albums, home movies, important documents and other memorabilia
- Online Resources

We hope to see you on April 4th.

Joyce Kloncz

President, Grand Computers Club

President@grandcomputers.org

Change in Dues

At the March Board meeting the subject of a change in dues for the last half of the membership year was discussed. Since April is halfway between October 1, 2011 and September 30, 2012, when the dues for the new year are payable, the Board voted to change the dues for new members to \$10 for the balance of the current membership year.

Therefore, new members joining the Computer Club as of April 1st will pay dues of \$10. On October 1, 2012 the dues will go back to \$20.

Please pass this information on to people you know who may want to join the club.



Membership
Update
April
2012

Membership Director, Joey de la Concepcion reports that as of this writing club membership is 1186. Of those 236 are Mac users. If you wish to set up a free e-mail address contact Gretel Coursol at (623)214-7999.

From the Education Department

John Nuerenberg
Education Director



We have only a couple weeks left of this term, our most successful term ever with 151 classes. Thanks are extended to all instructors for offering to teach more classes and also to you, our members and students, for asking for new classes and then attending them. We could not have done it without all of you!

Please remember our tuition payment policy for both the summer term, to be held July and August, and fall term. Details on this policy are printed in the March newsletter and will be spelled out on the Education page of the club's Website.

We again thank you all and wish you a very pleasant and prosperous summer whether you depart for the summer or stay here (and take summer classes!)



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



Monitors' Corner

Bill Remling
Monitor Director



The month of March, we were open for 43 sessions. Our most active **monitor this month is Urmiah Lynch**. Urmiah even jumped in for another monitor with less than 3 hours notice. Do we have great people in our club or what?!?

Unfortunately I was not able to attend the Volunteer Banquet but hear it was great. We got a good deal of positive feed back on the food, decorations, entertainment, et al. Start collecting your points for next year. Remember you receive 3 points for each session you volunteer as a monitor. Only 5 sessions throughout the entire year will qualify you for the Volunteer's Banquet in 2013. Additional points for teaching, assisting in class and for participating in special events. If you really want to rack up the points, think about running for a Board position.

We only have one more month of double shifts, AM and PM. Starting in May we go to half days from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM. This is a great time to train and start monitoring. If you want to volunteer and do not want a very busy time slot, these summer months are the best. It will give you the best time to ease into the position and get ready for the return of the....you know what I mean.

If you know any club member that may have some free time please encourage them to step up and volunteer. Simply get an application from the monitor on duty (they are in the Monitor Director's box), fill it out and return it to the Director's box. I will be happy to call you and arrange a one on one training. It really is fun and rewarding.



Financial Education SIG Wants YOU!

The Financial Education SIG wants you if you want to learn about "Technical Analysis of Investments" by attending one of our Technical Analysis meetings. Technical analysis is a security analysis discipline for forecasting the direction of prices through the study of past market data, primarily price and volume. Technical analysis employs many techniques, one of which is the use of charts. The Technical Analysis group will be meeting at 1:00PM on Wednesday, April 4 in the Mesquite Room and at 1:00PM on Wednesday, April 18 in the Palm Room. Come and learn about how you can use Technical Analysis in assisting you in handling your investment portfolio.

Also, you should know the mission of the Financial Education SIG is to meet the financial educational needs of the residents of Sun City Grand through computer technology and qualified resources. Attend one of our monthly meetings or our Income Investing Group or Technical Analysis Group meetings.

Try it. You might be surprised what you can learn! (See SIG page for information on meetings)



Coffee Chat

The next Coffee Chat will be held on April 12th 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 System," by Joe Parla. As usual, coffee and rolls will be served. All residents of Sun City Grand are welcome to attend. Bring a friend!

Look Who's Back!



Does this face look familiar? If you have been around a few years it will. However, for those of you who are newer members of the Computer Club, meet Bob Crawford. Bob took care of the club website for five years, retiring from the position at the end of 2010.

Before stepping down Bob worked with his replacement, Dennis Jarc to make a smooth transition. Dennis has served us well, but found that his job outside the community and trying to maintain the club's website were a lot to handle. Dennis asked to be released as the club's webmaster, and Bob stepped back up to the plate. So we thank you, Dennis for the time you gave us, and welcome back, Bob. We thank you for helping us out once again. You are both extremely talented, and have given much to grandcomputers.org.



Another Big Crowd at Coffee Chat

Another large crowd attended the March Coffee Chat. There were 111 people in attendance! 94 were club members and 17 were guests. The topic for that meeting was *Home Entertainment* presented by Joe Parla, Leon Chapman, and Arnie Gelb. The topic for the April 12th meeting will be "**Setting Up Your Home Network System.**" Routers, firewalls, Wi-Fi connectivity, tethering, and network security will be discussed.

So join us at 8:30 AM on April 12th in the Hopi room at the Chaparral Center. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Volunteers Are Always Needed . . .

With a membership of 1177, 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 assignment of 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 serving one to five years volunteers, having donated many, many hours, wear out, and replacements are needed. Soon the Nominating Committee will go to work to find replacements for current officers who opt not to run in the 2012 election which will take place in December.

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



Remember . . .



April 1 - April Fools' Day

April 4 - General Meeting

April 8 - Easter

April 12 - Coffee Chat

*April 15 - Federal Income
Tax Due*

A Message From the Webmaster



Volunteers need 15 or more volunteer credits to be invited to the Volunteer Banquet. Credits accumulate from January 1 through December 31.

Volunteers can check the current number of credits they have accumulated by:

1. Go to www.grandcomputers.org
2. Look for the "View and enter your volunteer service" link.
3. Click on the link.

It is a good idea to monitor your credits so you have time to add a few more before the end of the year. If your credit balance does not agree with your expectations contact:

Monitors: Monitor Director

Instructors: Education Director

Class Assistants: Education Director

Others: Webmaster@grandcomputers.org



Remember

**Tech Talk for PC users meets from
1:30 - 3:00 PM every Tuesday.**

**Green Apples for Mac users meets
the second Tuesday and fourth
Wednesday from 3:00 to 4:00 PM.**

Volunteer Dinner

March 16, 2012



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 81 computers, but more are needed as Jim would like to finish installing laptops in the classroom. To accomplish this he needs 20 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

NOTE: Jim will accept Macs as well.



Need a new Home for Your Desktop?



If you have purchased a new desktop, and need a place for your old one to reside, contact Ted Gray. Ted will take desktop computers, both PC and Macs as well as any working LCD monitors. It would be good to have the original Operating System software, but it's not absolutely necessary. Ted is not interested in CRTs because of their size and weight.

Ted will also take printers, but only if currently working without problems. Normally he is not too interested in printers, because new ones cost about the same as the ink cartridges.

Once these items have been updated they go to students in the area. This is a project through the VFW who funds it.

If you have a donation to make of any above mentioned items, you can contact Ted at:

[\(623\)215-7473](tel:6232157473) or trirat07@mac.com

PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL AHEAD

Summer classes

Summer classes will start in July and run through August. If interested in taking a class, you need to go to:

www.grandcomputers.org

Click on the "Education" button on the left of the screen, and select "Class Listings." You can sign up online, or at the computer club room.

A good way to stay out of the heat!



*Remember
this
one?*



*"In your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it
You'll be the grandest lady in the Easter parade.*

*"I'll be all in clover, and when they look you over I'll
be the proudest fellow in the Easter parade..."*

New SIG in the Workings?

"Former pilots, wannabe pilots, and dreamers, lend me your ear!"

Joey de la Concepcion, Jack Gossett, and Ted Gray have been setting up a new flight simulator and are brainstorming about creating a new SIG around the new **Microsoft Flight Simulator X** that the club has recently acquired. The new simulator controls include a yoke, flight panel, and rudder pedals! You are actually sitting down in the captain's seat in the flight deck (cockpit). Here you will learn or get refresher training in flying a Boeing 747, Airbus 380, DC3, Cessna 150, Piper Cub, F18 or any aircraft of your choice that is included in the program. You may be taking off from Hong Kong or landing at JFK in New York . . . or a strip of grass in Borneo. You will learn about navigation, weather, Air Traffic Control procedures and much more. (I can hear your heart beating faster as you read this!)

Joey, Jack, and Ted need to know if you would be interested in a SIG on flight simulation. Please contact:

Jack Gossett
623-229-2433
jackgossett@mac.com

Joe de la Concepcion
623-546-3408
membership@grandcomputers.org

or

Ted Gray
(623) 215-7473
Technical@grandcomputers.org





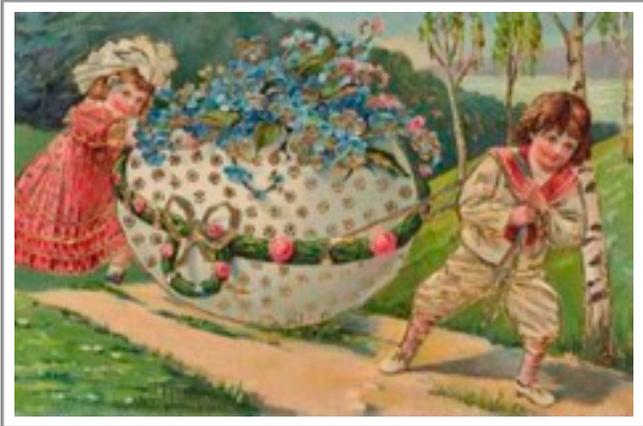
EASTERS

AND

PIECES



Fancy Fonts



*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.*



Hoppy Easter!

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



As all the snowbirds do come Spring, my husband and I will be flying home to Iowa for the summer the end of April. 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 memoir

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

April 16th

Topic: Memoir Writing

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

Contact: Gloria Young, (623)910-2299
Mary Ann O'Brien (651)303-6313
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

Thursday, April 12 (Date Change)

Topic: E-Mail: Basics and Beyond

Place: Computer Club Classroom, Chaparral Center

Contact: Joe Parla
Arnie Gelb
NewTech@grandcomputer.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 5

Topic: Bring Your Problems - Dr. Leon Chapman

Place: Computer Classroom, Chaparral Center

Contact: Leon Chapman, (623)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 - 5:30 PM

April 16

Topic: Apple Address Book and Mail

Place: Apache Room, Chaparral Center

Contact: Joyce Klonecz, (623)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 12

Topic: Fixing Portraits and More

Place: Hopi Room, Chaparral Center

Contact: Rita Skarbek, (623)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

Meetings: Access Financial Education SIG
meeting times, location and topics at
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, (623)466-8700
Financial@grandcomputers.org