

**GRAND
COMPUTERS CLUB**

*SUN CITY
GRAND
SURPRISE,
ARIZONA*

*March
2013*



**Grand Computers Club Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, March 6 at 1:00 P.M.
Gila Room, Cimarron Center
Graphics on a Tablet, Smartphone, and
Your Computer**

What can I do with my photos on my smart phone or tablet? How can I use photo editing software to enhance my photos and make stunning collages of my photos?

This are the two topics that will be explored at our March general meeting by two of our Graphics SIGs Facilitators: Rita Skarbek and Jane Connors.

Rita will be taking us on a tour of popular tablet and smartphone photo software that can be used on your tablet or smart phone, and then she will share sites where you can display and share photos (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)



Jane will guide us through some basic editing of photos on Photoshop Elements 11, and then will give us instructions on how to make a collage to share with family and friends through using the software Picasa.



Please join us and bring your friends. General Meetings are open to all Sun City Grand residents. Door prizes also!

A Message from President Joyce Klonecz



Spring is finally coming to Arizona, and after a cold winter, we're all ready for it! However the cold winter hasn't stopped our fine volunteers from putting in hours of service for our Grand Computers

Club. We honor those members who have helped with club activities and accrued enough volunteer points during the year 2012 at our Annual Volunteer Dinner on Friday, March 22, at 5:00 PM at the Cimarron Center.

Invitations have been sent via email and if you received that email from our Volunteer Dinner Committee, please respond as soon as possible.

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**Update from
Membership
Director Joey de la
Concepcion**

Joey reports that as of March 1, the Grand Computers Club has 1243 active members; 974 are PC users, and 269 are Mac users.

If you wish to set up a free e-mail address contact Gretel Coursol at 623-214-7999. She will be happy to help you.

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The theme for the dinner is Spring Training, and our entertainment will be provided by the Sun City Stomperz.

We thank in advance Volunteer Dinner Coordinators Linda Morrison, Joe Scanlon, Jane Connors and Sam Valenti for their leadership in planning this dinner.

Don't forget our **Coffee Chats** the second Thursday of each month in the Hopi room of the Chaparral Center, from 8:30 - 10 AM. Coffee and donuts will be available. See info about our March 14 event to the right.

The April 11 topic will be Cloud Computing: Find out how to use the cloud. Google Docs, backups, syncing, graphic applications from the cloud. That will be the last Coffee Chat for this season.

It is time for us to prepare a slate of nominees for the year 2014. If you are interested in running for an office for next year, contact our nominations chair Don Exner at dwe22@cornell.edu.

We can always use more monitors to help out in the open use room. Contact monitors@grandcomputers.org for more information.

Have an idea for a new class you'd like to teach? We're always looking for new ideas, or perhaps you'd like to assist an instructor in one of our current classes. If you can help, email education@grandcomputers.org.

Joyce Klonecz, President
Grand Computers Club



COFFEE CHAT

March 14 8:30 AM

HOPI ROOM

CHAPARRAL CENTER

TOPIC: Home Entertainment - How do you manage your home entertainment? Download sites for movies, TV programs, music, Apple TV, Tivo, NETFLIX, Hulu.

Note: Go to www.grandcomputers.org > Coffee Chats to download any of the previous Coffee Chat program notes as a PDF document.

Computer Technology Conference

The Grand Computers Club is a member of APCUG, Association of Personal Computer User Groups and AZacc, Arizona Alliance of Computer Clubs. These groups are sponsoring a Computer Technology Conference here in Scottsdale, Arizona on April 4, 5, and 6. Information about that event is included on page 6. Our members are invited to attend.



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www.CompTechConf.com



Monitor's Corner
Bill Remling
Monitor Director

In February, we were open for 37 sessions. Our most active monitor this month was, once again, Sandra Acocella. With 100 monitors registered with us, we have approximately 10 percent of the membership volunteering to keep the open room open and accessible to all members.

The invitations will soon be sent out for the Volunteer Banquet to be held this spring. The invitations will be sent to all those who have accumulated the 15 required points for volunteering during the calendar year of 2012. You can check your volunteer points for this year (2013) by signing into the members' only area of the web site. At the top, click on the link "View and enter your volunteer service." You receive three points for each session you volunteer as a monitor. Only five sessions all year would qualify you for the Volunteer Banquet. If you volunteered in other ways you will have to check with the webmaster@grandcomputers.org. He will check on the final count including assisting, teaching, volunteering for special activities and events. We do appreciate your service and volunteering in our club.

Since the flight simulation equipment has been expanded it takes special training to operate. Please make sure you check the back of the CAM card for their special authorization sticker for anyone who wishes to use the flight simulation equipment.

If you know a club member who frequents the open use room, 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.

If I have forgotten anything, please let me know. If you have an idea to make the monitors duties easier or more efficient, please share them with me.



Education Corner
Linda Morrison
Education Director

February continued to be a busy month. We had a full schedule of classes. We continue to have many people wanting more classes especially in the newer areas of interest, Windows 8, and the beginning iPad/iPhone series. Again as a reminder, our instructors are volunteers. We cannot schedule more classes without instructors and their available time may not allow them to schedule classes in the open times on the calendar. If anyone is interested in becoming an instructor or a class assistant, please let me know and we will try to get you started.

We have been developing a new iPad/iPhone Basic Setup Workshop. We have two workshops ready to be scheduled in early March and possibly more in early April, if instructors are available. These workshops should help address some of the need for our members who have new iPad/iPhone/iPad Mini devices and need help with initial/basic setup and an introduction to Apple, i.e. the Apple website, the Apple store, iTunes, and etc., and if time allows some overview of other popular applications and websites. An announcement will go out to the membership when we are ready to open the workshops for registration.

The Education Assistant Director has resigned, so the position is now vacant. At this time no replacement has been identified. If any club members are interested in filling this position or if anyone knows of an individual that may be interested in filling the position, please let me know. Until the position is filled, I will continue to try to keep things running smoothly.

Issues have recently come to our attention that we need to address with our membership. It is inappropriate to register for a class under your name and CAM number if you are not the person who wants to attend the class. Do not register for anyone else including a spouse, friend and/or neighbor that for some reason cannot

register. This causes problems for many people. If the person wanting to attend the class is not the person who is on the class roster, they do not get the handouts or the instructor information; they cannot check-in with their CAM card; and they may not be allowed in the class. Our instructors should not be put in the position of denying a person access to a class in which they are not properly registered, or trying to correct the situation at the last minute.

No one can be added to a class and no changes can be made to the roster if it is within half an hour of the class starting time. If the instructor has to try to address this situation, it can delay the class for students who have properly registered. Be aware our system does not allow us to exchange one person for another on a class roster at any time, or apply the tuition paid by one person to another person. Your assistance in stopping this practice will be greatly appreciated.

As a reminder, on the Education Page under Course Listing you will find information pertinent to the class: the class fee; the prerequisites required for the class; the class objectives; and a description of the class. This information will help you decide if the class is what you are really looking for and if you are ready for the class.

Please do not register in an advanced class if you do not already have the basics needed. This can be frustrating for you and it can slow down the class for those who are at the appropriate level. We want to make the educational experience at Grand Computers Club as enjoyable as possible for everyone.



Instructors & Class Assistants Needed!

Due to popularity of our devices classes, we are in dire need of instructor assistant help to train and assist in some classes in March and April and to hopefully become instructors in the fall in the devices areas. We don't have enough instructors to fill the requests for classes, especially for:

1. iPad/iPhone/iPod and iTunes areas
2. Kindles
3. Android devices – Google Nexus, etc
4. eBooks

Here is a list and dates of classes we will be offering in the next few months for people to help and hopefully train to become future devices instructors:

iPad/iPhone 2 I Own One-Now What?: Mar 4M, 6W at 8:00 am, Mar 19T, 26T at 4:00 pm, Apr 2T, 4Th at 4:00 pm

iPad/iPhone 3 Apps: Mar 11M, 13W at 8:00 am, Apr 22M, 24W at 8:00 am

iPad/iPhone 4 Photosharing 1: Mar 18M, 20W at 4:00 pm

iPad/iPhone 5 Photosharing 2: Apr 1M, 3W at 4:00 pm

Itunes: Mar 8F at 10:30 am, Mar 28Th at 4:00 pm

Kindle Fire in Depth: Mar 1F at 3:30 pm, Apr 1M, 4Th at 1:00 pm

Kindle from A to Z: Mar 18M, 22F at 3:30 pm

If you would be willing to assist in these classes, we need your help. Please contact Linda at education@grandcomputers.org of your interest.



Request for Laptops

Jim Geffre is still in need of your old laptop computers. Students in local school districts would like to have

Windows 7 now, so Jim would like to have any laptops you have that are Windows 7 compatible.

If you have any **newer** XP laptops or laptops that have Windows Vista on them, Jim can update those very easily to Windows 7. Jim buys the \$40 licenses for the machines.



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 the students up with Juno, 10 hours free for a dial-up service.

To date Jim has rebuilt and given 102 computers to students in area schools, but more are needed as Jim would like to finish installing laptops in the classroom. If your old laptop works or not, **PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING IT!**

You can drop your laptop off at the Grand Computers Club, with your name and phone number taped to it, or you can contact Jim at:

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



Need a new Home for Your Old 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.

Printers are also acceptable 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 helps fund it.

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

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

PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL AHEAD





Mark your calendar for April 4, 5 & 6 and get ready for the second annual Computer Technology Conference! Registration is now open. Yes, you can log on to the web site, www.CompTechConf.com, to register for Arizona's premier computer and technology conference, held at the beautiful 4 Diamond Radisson Fort McDowell Resort and Casino in Scottsdale.

Are you an early adopter? Interested in current and future technology? Computer club leader or member? Enthusiastic supporter of consumer technology? Want to learn more about what's available in the marketplace? Come to the conference.



2012 classes included Google+, You and Your GPS, Secrets of Safe Computing, Protecting Yourself Online, ABC's of Digital Photography, Understanding Your Android Phone, Video Editing with OpenShot, The Future of Computing, The Ease of Using Linux and much, much more. Check out the [website](#) for more info.

Whether you use a PC, MAC, tablet, smart phone or other devices, there will be something of interest for you. Join other users to share your experiences. Windows? Come to the conference. Linux? Come to the conference. Mac OS? Come to the conference. Invite your friends, family, in laws, outlaws . . . everyone is invited.

- All platforms
- Learn about the latest technology – attend informative classes & workshops
- Some meals included
- Hospitality Suite
- Digital Photo Contest
- Keynote speakers from industry leaders
- Attend the Vendor Expo and purchase the latest and greatest the industry has to offer
- Get up close and personal with vendors who can't wait to tell you about their latest products
- Raffles, door prizes, special pricing and goodie bags
- Conference fee
 - \$75 if registered at resort for 3 or more nights by March 1
 - \$99 if payment received by March 13 and not staying at the resort
 - \$125 if payment received March 14 through the conference



Use your PayPal account or pay by check. Don't have a PayPal account? PayPal accepts credit cards without opening an account.

Resort Amenities:

- \$139/night, single or double (reservations made by March 1)
- \$10 resort fee waived
- 24-hour fitness center
- Free valet and resort parking
- Hotel/Casino/Conference Center within short walking distance
- Complimentary WiFi throughout the resort
- Complimentary in room coffee and bottled water
- Complimentary daily newspaper



Registration questions? Contact Sandra Hart, registration@CompTechConf.com
 General questions? Contact Patricia Hill, director@CompTechConf.com



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 (Oct-May)

Time: 1 - 3 PM

March 18 Topic: Memoir Writing

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

Contact: Gloria Young, 623-910-2299
CY@grandcomputers.org



Devices SIG

Provides a focal point for people to meet and work together on hand-held devices.

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month (Oct.-May)

Time: 6 - 7:30 PM

March 19

Topic: Social Media Apps, Facebook, Twitter, Etc

Place: Maricopa Room, Chaparral

Contact: Leon Chapman, 623-398-8900
Devices@grandcomputers.org



Financial Education SIG

Provides club members a forum for financial education

Meetings: 4th Friday of each month (Dec. - May)

Time: 1 - 3 PM

March 22 Topic: TBA

Place: Hopi Room, Chaparral Center

- Income Investing: 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8 AM, Cimarr. Club
- Technical Analysis: 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 8 AM, classroom

Contact: Diane Kurt, 623-214-7541
financial@grandcomputers.org



Flight Simulators SIG

Provide a focal point for members to meet, work, and exchange ideas about Flight Simulators.

Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month (Sept.-June)

Time: 4 - 5:30 PM

March 14

Topic: Hangar Flying: Using Skyvector App

Place: Computer Club Open Use Room

Contact: Jack Gossett 623-229-2433
Flight@grandcomputers.org



Genealogy SIG

Provides club members a forum for researching family history

Meetings: 1st & 3rd Thurs. of each month (Oct-May)

Time: 3:30 - 5 PM

March 7: Finding Family Data in American Court Records: Diane Freilich, JD

March 21: Bring Your Challenges: Leon Chapman
Place: Computer Classroom, Chaparral Center

Contact: Leon Chapman, 623-398-8900
Genealogy@grandcomputers.org



Graphics SIG

Provides club members a forum to discuss graphic applications

Meetings: 2nd Thursday of each month (Oct-May)

Time: 2:30 - 4:30 PM

March 14 Topic: Ways to Improve Images

Place: Hopi Room, Chaparral Center

Contact: Rita Skarbek, 623-748-8992
Graphics@grandcomputers.org

Grand Computers Club SIGs



Mac SIG

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

Meetings: 3rd Monday of each month (Oct-Apr)

Time: 4:30 - 6:00 PM

March 18

**Topic: Social Networking on a Mac:
John Neurenberg, SN SIG Facilitator**

Place: Apache Room, Chaparral Center

Contact: Joyce Kloncz, 623-215-2397

Mac@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 - 5:30 PM

**March 20 Topic: Clean-up, Tune-up, Back-up,
Part 2**

Place: Classroom, Chaparral

Contact: Joe Parla

NewTech@grandcomputers.org



Social Networking SIG

Provides a focal point for members to meet, work, and exchange ideas about social networking programs.

Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month (Oct.- April)

Time: 4 - 5:30 PM

March 11 Topic: Social News Apps

Place: Open Use Room, Chaparral

Contact: John Nuerenberg, 623-975-0503

Social@grandcomputers.org



- Mar. 4 - Financial SIG: Income Investing, 8 AM
- Mar. 6 - General Meeting, 1:00 PM
- Mar. 7 - Genealogy SIG, 3:30 PM
- Mar. 7 - Financial SIG: Tech Analysis. 8 AM
- Mar. 11 - Social Networking SIG, 4:00 PM
- Mar. 14 - Coffee Chat, 8:30 AM
- Mar. 14 - Graphics SIG, 2:30 PM
- Mar. 14 - Flight Simulators, SIG 4:00 PM
- Mar. 18 - Financial SIG: Income Investing, 8 AM
- Mar. 18 - Compose Yourself, 1:00 PM
- Mar. 18 - Mac SIG, 4:30 PM
- Mar. 19 - Devices SIG, 6:00 PM
- Mar. 20 - New Technologies SIG, 4:00 PM
- Mar. 21 - Genealogy SIG, 3:30 PM
- Mar. 21 - Financial SIG: Technical Analysis. 8 AM
- Mar. 22 - Financial Education SIG, 1:00 PM



Don't Forget!

Please remember to bring your CAM card with you to all meetings. The Grand Computers Club is requiring cards to be scanned at all club meetings, SIG meetings, and activities. So tie a string around your finger to remind you if necessary. :-)

