

# Grand Bytes

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## One of our Club's VIPs: Pam Kostel



Pam Kostel, the new Vice President of the Computers Club was born and raised in Iowa City, Iowa where her great-grandparents settled. After attending the University of Iowa where she majored in business administration, Pam spent a year living and working in London and traveling throughout Europe with a high school friend. She met her husband while he was working in Iowa City. After they were married, Pam managed

the publications department at Physics and Astronomy at the University of Iowa for three years.

In 1970, Pam moved with her husband and two children to Yankton, South Dakota to join the Kostel family business where they lived for the next 39 years. While in Yankton, she was executive secretary to the CEO of Sacred Heart Hospital for 5 years and then moved into the human resources department where she served as compensation and benefits coordinator for 20 years.

After selling their business, the Kostels bought a house in Sun City Grand in 2001 and were snowbirds while her hus-

band continued to work, assisting with vacation coverage in the summer months. They moved to Sun City Grand full-time in September 2009. Pam enjoys spending time with her children, their spouses and her five grandchildren.

Pam's hobbies include pickleball, golf, mah jongg, and bridge. She also enjoys jazzercise classes at the fitness center.

Finally, before ascending to Vice President, Pam was treasurer of the Computers Club from 2011-2013. Her experience, expertise and enthusiasm are welcome additions to our club.

## Guests Coming To Computers Club

An array of interesting guests will be visiting the Computers Club in February.

At the monthly General Meeting in the Apache Room, Chaparral Center, **Bob Gostischa** from Avast Software returns on Wednesday, February 3, 2:00 pm to address "Protecting Yourself, Your Computer and, Your Identity."

**J. Mark Lowe**, professional genealogist, author, and teacher will discuss "Finding Confederate Soldiers and Their Records" in the Genealogy SIG, Thursday, February 4, 3:30 pm in the Computers Club classroom.

Photographer **Alice Cooperman** discusses how to prepare for a travel photo at the Graphics SIG meeting, Thursday, February 11, 3:00 pm in the Maricopa Room/Havasupai Room next door to the Computers Club.

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## Education's Corner



**Joyce Klonecz**  
Education  
Director

Please go to [www.grandcomputers.org](http://www.grandcomputers.org) > Education > Course Listing or Class Schedule for a listing of winter classes. If you need help registering, you can come to Tech Help on Tuesdays from 12:30 - 3:30. If you need further help, email [education@grandcomputers.org](mailto:education@grandcomputers.org).

Please, please, please read the class descriptions under Course Listings carefully. We often find that too many take a class that is either too easy for them or too hard for them. We do not offer refunds if you find that the class is not appropriate for your level.

Another tip: This month again about a dozen of you who used PayPal to pay for your classes did not complete that last step verifying that it had gone through. Please make sure you follow through to the end of the process to assure that your invoice is paid, and you get the message: "Thank you for your payment." Without that

message or an email confirmation from PayPal, your payment did not go through.

We have added a Wait List on your home page at [grandcomputers.org](http://grandcomputers.org). Students can log in and add themselves to an online Wait List for a course. If there is any open seat, regular or laptop, then students will NOT be able to add themselves to the wait list for that course. Wait list requests can be removed by students by clicking the date the request was entered. This doesn't always assume you will be scheduled in a class — that depends on instructors' availability, their schedule, and

available class space. Remember some of our instructors are teaching 6 - 10 classes already.

Our classes are going well! In December we scheduled 89 classes; we have since added 16 more classes, totaling 105 classes, which fills 187 class sessions. Our classroom is very busy these days!

Thanks for your support of our classes. If you have ideas for future classes or would like to assist in a class, please email me at [education@grandcomputers.org](mailto:education@grandcomputers.org).

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## General Membership Meeting

The Wednesday, February 3 General Membership Meeting at 2:00 pm in the Apache Room of the Chaparral Center will feature Bob Gostischa of Avast Software who will be discussing "Protecting Yourself, Your Computer and Your Identity." All are welcome to attend.

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## Tech Update

During January the Computers Club installed a new slide scanner capable of scanning up to 50 slides at a time without user intervention.

After scanning each slide, the software will clean the image of dirt and scratches, producing .jpeg images from 500K to 900K, suitable for further processing in Photoshop if needed. There are also options to scan slides in the .tiff format.

An instruction manual for using the new scanner is located nearby.

The existing slide scanner which can handle up to 10 slides at a time is still available to all club members.

During the January 28 Board meeting, approval was given for the purchase of two new computers for the existing slide scanner and the VHS to DVD converter workstation. Also approved was an upgrade of the The Nagler flight simulation station with new monitors and a more stable chair.

Remember that to use the two flight simulators ("Flight Simulator" and "Real Flight"), the two slide scanners and both the vinyl to CD and VHS to DVD converters, you must reserve time on the Club website. Click the Reserve Computer Time link on the Members Only page at [grandcomputers.org](http://grandcomputers.org).

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## Membership's Corner



**Martha McGill**  
Membership  
Director

The year 2015 has come and gone, and on January 1, 2016 I assumed the role of Membership Director for the Grand Computers Club. My predecessor, Nancy Nelson, leaves me with big shoes to fill! Nancy has given generously of her time to train me and has agreed to serve as my assistant until I am ready to fly on my own. The enthusiasm for club membership is revealed by the numbers: since September 1, 2015, and as of January 27, 2016,

there have been 1,099 renewals and 269 new members!

Registration for Spring classes took place the first week of January and with it came an avalanche of new and renewed memberships. It is exciting to see the ongoing interest in our community to keep up with today's fast paced technology. Membership in the Club brings a myriad of opportunities. The Special Interest Groups (SIG), Coffee Chats and, of course, the many classes are but a few of the rewards of membership. The Open Use Room is available to all members Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, and we hope you will feel comfortable visiting there. Both MAC and PC computers are available for your use, and

our Monitors will assist you to the best of their abilities should you have questions.

New Members can join the computer club online ([www.grandcomputers.org](http://www.grandcomputers.org)) by filling out the Membership Application. You can pay your dues using PayPal (online) or by visiting the Grand Computers Club on Monday through Friday during hours of operation. Yearly dues are \$20 from October 1 through the next September 30. Dues are just \$10 from April 1 through September 30.

One of the most common problems encountered by members when attempting to log on the website is that of the pesky little thing known as a password. We have been encouraging our members not to use a password. If you are one of many who has trouble remembering which password goes with what, or you have misplaced that little dog-eared notebook with all that information, you have the option to

change your password. On the first page when you log in to the "Members Only" site, you will see a list of actions you can perform. The second one in the list is "Change Your Password". This is where you can take advantage of the opportunity to eliminate the need for a password!

Regardless of whatever problem you are having with your membership, I am always available to help you solve it. So please feel free to contact me for any reason ([www.membership@grandcomputers.org](mailto:www.membership@grandcomputers.org) or 623-398-8639) and I will respond as soon as possible.

Keep enjoying our grand and special club!

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## Guests Coming To Computers Club (continued)

**John Stewart** of Sonexboulders.net talks about the building of aircrafts at the monthly meeting of the Flight Simulator SIG, Friday, February 19, 2:00 pm in the Apache Room, Chaparral Center.

Finally, **Sean McMarthy** from Wells Fargo will present "Navigating Risk in a Year of Change" on Friday, February 26, 1:00 pm in the Hopi Room, Chaparral Center as part of the Financial Education SIG meeting.

Remember there is no prior sign up to attend any of these free meetings.

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## Grand Computers Club Board Meeting

The next Grand Computers Club Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 25 at 1:00 pm in the Mediterranean Room, Palm Center. All are welcome.

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## Coffee Chat

The Coffee Chat for this month will be held on Thursday, February 11 at 8:30 am in the Hopi Room, Chaparral Center. The topic will be "Social Networking." Coffee and donuts are provided. Our meetings are open to anyone living in Sun City Grand so bring a friend.

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## Monitor's Corner



**Joey  
delaConcepcion  
Monitor  
Director**

We have a total of 84 Monitors. In January, 29 participated. There are presently 56 active monitors, a yearly running total count. There are 21 inactive monitors, with 7 support members and 3 who still have to renew. For January, there was a total of 40 monitor sessions.

The Monitor of the Month is Sandee Acocella, having served four sessions for January. Kudos too to our New Monitors: Janet Van Why, Harriet Washington, Leon Lewis, Dick Schwing and Joan Claus. And a big THANKS to the 29, without whose service, the open-use room would have been closed to club members.

We started the month with 2 monitor meetings, January 4 and 8 where we talked about monitor issues. The 7-page handout (Sep. 2015)

was discussed and is presently being re-written to include new info and updates. We also talked about printer and other club devices issues.

We also started recruiting monitor trainers and gave out new monitor applications at the General Meeting, New Member Orientation and Coffee Chat Meetings. We received quite a number of applications. The training has been underway, and on-going through February. As of now, we have trained and qualified 5 new monitors.

I have recently assumed the position of Monitor Director, taking over from Steve Etherton, who has done a splendid job. I hope I perform just as well.

As always, we are in need of more monitors, so please continue to encourage members to join.

## New Members Orientation

Our New Member Orientation sessions continue to be a big help to new members as we review what Computers Club membership entails: Tech Help, Coffee Chats, General Meetings, Special Interest Groups (SIGs), Grand Computer Club classes, using the club website and other club amenities. Special attention is given to registering for classes, what to do if you can't attend and how to manage the Wait List when a class is filled.

The next New Member Orientation will be held on Wednesday, February 10 at 3:30 PM in the Maricopa/Havasupai Room next door to the Computers Club. Brand new club members will receive an invitation via email but any club member is welcome to attend.

## Awards

Congratulations to Education Director Joyce Klonecz who was among 12 finalists for the Volunteer of the Year Award given by the Association of Technology and Computer User Groups (APCUG), an international group. Everybody who interacts with Joyce as Education Director, Instructor, Monitor, SIG Leader, Tech Helper and so much more knows that Joyce is a very worthy recipient of this award. More details at [apcug2.org](http://apcug2.org).

Also the Computers Club received an award from the Veterans of Foreign Wars for our contribution of used computers. Thanks to Technical Director Ted Gray for making this award possible.

## President's Corner



**Ira Simmons**  
President

This month we have included an article entitled "The 25 most stolen passwords of 2015." And at first glance the article is somewhat amusing, the password "password" is in the top 2 most stolen passwords sandwiched by the equally creative "123456" and "12345678." in third place. You have to wonder what people are thinking, or more accurately not thinking when they select such passwords.

We in the club who are part of the weekly Tech Help sessions know all too well how many of our members handle passwords and many times it is not pretty. When the Tech Helper asks for a pass-

word, very often we see people bringing in notebooks with passwords written in pencil and it is not uncommon for members not to know which scribbled password refers to which device, program or online account.

It should be obvious that having strong passwords is essential for stout computer and Internet security. We frequently discuss this issue at our General Meetings, Coffee Chats, various Special Interest Group meetings and many of our classes. Although we offer a course for "1Password," exploring one of many available management programs, it merely stores but does not create your individual passwords.

So a word to the wise: please review how you choose and store your passwords. And if somehow you get hacked, meaning somebody has solved your password and is using your personal information and data for possibly nefarious purposes, then it is apparent that a change is needed.

Finally make a promise; the next time you come in for Tech Help and need to enter a password, no more "12345" "welcome" or "abc123." And please no more illegible scribbling!

## Tech Help

Our Tuesday Tech Help sessions continue to address our members' issues and problems with their computers and devices in large numbers. Approximately 200 members were helped during January.

Remember that Tech Help takes place every Tuesday all year from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm and no problem is too big or small for our Tech Helpers to address. Tip: you may want to wait until about 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm to avoid the initial rush.

Note: Although we have a regular cadre of 10-15 Tech Helpers on-hand every Tuesday, we can always use additional volunteers, especially with expertise in Android smartphones and tablets.

## Volunteers Needed!

The publicity committee is seeking new members to assist in the tasks that promote the club. It involves creative and fun work with fellow members including designing ads for Grand Lifestyles Magazine and possibly producing a video for the Club.

And we are always in need of monitors, instructors, tech helpers and classroom assistants. If interested, please email: [president@grandcomputers.org](mailto:president@grandcomputers.org).

## Featured Article



### 2015's most popular searches underscore a remarkable year

By Kevin Downey

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We're only a few days into 2016, but already we can look back at 2015 and think, "Wow, what an incredible year." There were huge milestones in politics, religion, science, pop culture and sports. There were emotional highs that united us all, and there were lows that did the same.

Just think back over the year. The first new "Star Wars" in a generation has been breaking worldwide box office records. And Adele's "25" reminded the music industry that many millions of people will still pay for music.

Pope Francis made his first trip to the United States, and NASA discovered water 34 million miles away, on Mars. Terrorists killed innocent people on the streets of Paris, and the 2016 U.S. presidential race turned into a battle between a reality TV star, Donald Trump, and the first woman to likely win her party's nomination, Hillary Clinton.

Same-sex marriage became legal, and Caitlyn Jenner left "The Kardashians" to become the most visible

transgendered person in history. In a year with so much happening, you can only imagine which stories were the most talked about. One way to find out is with Google Trends. It's a comprehensive list of the most popular online searches of the year.

Note: Google Trends doesn't report on the most-searched words or phrases. It ranks the stories that had the most impact on people, based on the popularity of the

search and its percentage of all searches over a period of time.

So, what was Google Trends' No. 1 search of 2015? That's Lamar Odom, the former NBA player who's married to "The Kardashians" Khloe Kardashian. In October, he was found unconscious in a Nevada brothel, and has spent the months since then recovering.

Other popular searches for the year include movies, "Jurassic World" (No. 2), "Straight Outta Compton" (No. 10), "American Sniper" (No. 3), and the subject of that movie, the late Chris Kyle (No. 8). The game "Fallout 4" was No. 9. There were personalities, like Caitlyn Jenner (No. 4) and MMA athlete Ronda Rousey (No. 5; and the No. 1 athlete for the year). The city of Paris, which was attacked twice by terrorists, was No. 6. No. 7 was the online game, Agar.io.

Note: Do you want to know what people around the world searched for in 2016? Think the royal family, the Tour de France, iPhone 6s, Apple Watch and more. You can search Google Trends by regions of the world, including Global and by specific countries.

## Featured Article

# The 25 most stolen passwords of 2015

By Sophia Rosenbaum

If your password is as easy as 1, 2, 3, it's time to change it.

The most popular stolen passwords of 2015 are surprisingly simple, according to a new list released by California-based security company SplashData.

Both “123456” and “password” reigned supreme again — with “12345” jumping 17 spots, adding itself to the top three.

“The bad news from my research is that this year’s most commonly used passwords are pretty consistent with prior years,” Mark Burnett, an online security expert, said in a press release. “The good news is that it appears that more people are moving away from using these passwords.”

Sports fans and nerds also made it too easy for hackers, with “baseball” and “football” popping into the top 10 while “superman” and “batman” came in at No. 21 and 24.

Password pros strongly discourage people from using just numbers — especially consecutive digits and important dates like birthdays or anniversaries.

The strongest online key codes use a combination of numbers and letters and are longer than eight characters, SplashData said.

But former National Security Agency contractor-turned-whistleblower Edward Snowden said even that isn't enough.

“For somebody who has a very common eight-character password, it can literally take less than a second for a computer to go through possibilities and pull that password out,” he told comedian John Oliver during a sit-down interview for “Last Week Tonight” in April 2015.

Instead, Snowden suggested people use “passcodes” — saying something like “MargaretThatcheris110%SEXY” wouldn't be easily detected.

**The top 25 most stolen passwords (change from last year in parentheses):**

1. 123456 (Unchanged)
2. password (Unchanged)
3. 12345678 (Up 1)
4. qwerty (Up 1)
5. 12345 (Down 2)
6. 123456789 (Unchanged)
7. football (Up 3)
8. 1234 (Down 1)
9. 1234567 (Up 2)
10. baseball (Down 2)
11. welcome (New)
12. 1234567890 (New)
13. abc123 (Up 1)
14. 111111 (Up 1)
15. 1qaz2wsx (New)
16. dragon (Down 7)
17. master (Up 2)
18. monkey (Down 6)
19. letmein (Down 6)
20. login (New)
21. princess (New)
22. qwertyuiop (New)
23. solo (New)
24. passw0rd (New)
25. starwars (New)

## Coffee Chat



*Coffee Chat, a monthly forum of various technological innovations and information, is presented for all residents of Sun City Grand. Plenty of time is allowed for discussion and questions. Of course, what is a Coffee Chat without coffee and donuts!*

**Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday (October - April)

**Time:** 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

**Place:** Hopi Room, Chaparral Center

**Contact:** Pam Kostel - [vicepresident@grandcomputers.org](mailto:vicepresident@grandcomputers.org)

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 11

**Topic:** Social Networking

## Apple SIG



*Provides an opportunity to gather with Apple/Mac users for classes and informational sessions.*

**Meetings:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday (October - April)

**Time:** 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

**Place:** Apache Room, Chaparral Center

**Contact:** Joyce Klonecz - [apple@grandcomputers.org](mailto:apple@grandcomputers.org)

**Next Meeting:** Monday, February 15

**Topic:** Dropbox

## Compose Yourself—A Writing Group SIG



*The Compose Yourself Writing Group uses word processors to write their memoirs and stories and share writings with one another at the meetings.*

**Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday (October – May)

**Time:** 1:00 - 3:00 pm (Mondays); 11:00—1:00 pm (Tuesdays)

**Place:** Mesquite Room, Sonoran Plaza; Phoenix Room, Palm Center (February 15 only)

**Contact:** Gloria Young - [CY@grandcomputers.org](mailto:CY@grandcomputers.org)

**Next Meetings:** Tuesday, February 2, and Monday, February 15

**Topic:** Read and discuss your written stories.

## Devices SIG



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

**Meetings:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday (October – April)

**Time:** 3:30—5:00 p.m.

**Place:** Havasupai/Maricopa Rooms, Chaparral Center

**Contact:** Ira Simmons — [devices@grandcomputers.org](mailto:devices@grandcomputers.org)

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 16

**Topic:** News, Weather and Sports

## Digital Scrapbooking SIG



*The Digital Scrapbooking SIG's purpose is to share techniques and information concerning digital scrapbooking.*

**Meetings:** Every Thursday (October - April)

**Time:** 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Place:** Grand Computers Club Classroom, Chaparral Center

**Contact:** Jane Connors and JoeAnn Posey,  
[scrapbook@grandcomputers.org](mailto:scrapbook@grandcomputers.org)

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 4

**Next Topics:** Demonstration of Scanners and Pininterest.

## Financial Education SIG



*The Financial Education SIG's focus is education and sharing of knowledge in the area of financial investments.*

**Meetings:** 4<sup>th</sup> Friday (Jan., Feb., Mar., Oct.) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday (Apr., Nov., Dec.)

**Time:** 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Place:** Hopi Room, Chaparral Center

**Contact:** Richard Gabel - [financial@grandcomputers.org](mailto:financial@grandcomputers.org)

**Next Meeting:** Friday, February 26

**Topic:** Economic Outlook by Wells Fargo; guest Sean McMarthy.

**Income Investing Subgroup:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Cimarron Club, Cimarron Center

**Technical Analysis Subgroup:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m., Grand Computers Club Classroom, Chaparral Center

## Flight Simulator SIG



*Provide a focal point for members to meet, work, and exchange ideas about flight simulators.*

**Meetings:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday (October - April)

**Time:** 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

**Place:** Apache Room, Chaparral Center

**Contact:** Bill Homewood- [flight@grandcomputers.org](mailto:flight@grandcomputers.org)

**Next Meeting:** Friday, February 19

**Topic:** (Guest) John Stewart on building his Sonex

## Genealogy SIG



*Provides members with a forum for researching family history.*

**Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday (October – April)

**Time:** 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

**Place:** Grand Computers Club Classroom, Chaparral Center

**Contact:** Leon Chapman - [genealogy@grandcomputers.org](mailto:genealogy@grandcomputers.org)

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 4

**Topic:** Step-by-Step - Finding Confederate Soldiers and Their Records,  
Guest: J. Mark Lowe .

## Graphics SIG



*Provides members a forum for discussing graphic applications.*

**Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday (October - April)

**Time:** 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

**Place:** Havasupai/Maricopa Room, Chaparral Center

**Contact:** Rita Skarbek - [graphics@grandcomputers.org](mailto:graphics@grandcomputers.org)

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 11

**Topic:** Preparing for a travel photo shoot-steps you need to take. Guest :  
Alice Cooperman.

## New Technologies SIG



*Provides members with an open discussion forum of technologically advanced ideas*

**Meetings:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month (all year long)

**Time:** 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

**Place:** Havasupai/Maricopa Room, Chaparral Center

**Contact:** Joe Parla & Arnie Gelb - [newtech@grandcomputers.org](mailto:newtech@grandcomputers.org)

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 17

**Topic:** Windows 10 Troubleshooting.

## Social Networking SIG



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

**Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday (October – April)

**Time:** 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

**Place:** Grand Computers Club Classroom, Chaparral Center

**Contact:** John Nuerenberg - [social@grandcomputers.org](mailto:social@grandcomputers.org)

**Next Meeting:** Monday, February 8

**Topic:** Sharing and Selling your Photos Online.

## Wanted

### Wanted: Old Laptops

Club member Jim Geffre donates old laptops to schools and would like the laptops to have Windows 7, Vista or Windows XP. Drop off your old laptop at the club with your name and email address so he can email you a tax deduction form, (you can deduct up to \$500.00 per laptop) with Jim's name on it. No desktops or printers please (they can be donated to Goodwill.)

You can contact Jim Geffre at 623-544-3394 or [geffre1949@yahoo.com](mailto:geffre1949@yahoo.com)

### Wanted: Old Cell Phones

Drop off your old cell phones in the open use room. A colorfully-decorated collection box is available for their deposit on the counter across from the monitor. Your donation helps our veterans.



"I'm already in love, but I *am* having trouble with this Bluetooth pairing."