

Grand Bytes

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A Message from the President

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As I wind down in my tenure as President of the Grand Computers Club, I have some thoughts to share. But first, some housekeeping items:



1. Officially the Chaparral Center is closed at least through November 30 precipitating the move of many of our normal activities to other places and the cancelling of others. The schedule of our November events is given on Page 4.

2. Until we are up and running in Chaparral, we will continue to offer Tech Help to our members on Tuesday mornings from 9am to 12 Noon in the Card Room adjacent to the Palm Center lobby. Don't forget to bring the relevant passwords along with computers, smartphones and tablets that need attention.

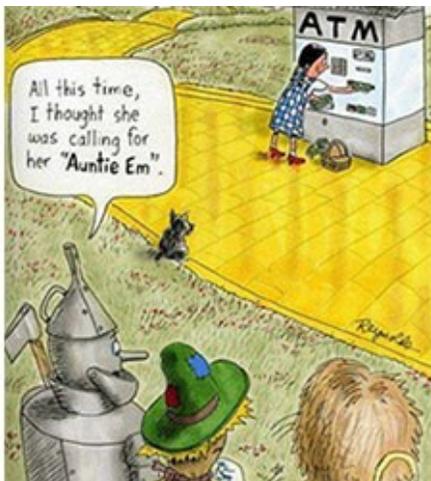
3. In order to receive Tech Help, your club membership needs to be current. You can either join or renew via PayPal on the Club website (www.grandcomputers.org) or in person during Tech Help. See the Membership Director's column (Page 2) for additional information.



Given our six-month displacement from the Chaparral Center, this has probably been the most challenging year in the history of Grand Computers. and we look forward to getting back to normal soon. We are already planning our Winter education program and the list of classes should be ready during December. Winter classes will begin on January 15, 2018 with registration commencing one week earlier on January 8. All of our Special Interest Groups will again be active in January including our newest, the Ham Radio SIG. Finally, monthly Coffee Chats and General Meetings will resume in December and our popular member orientation sessions will start up again in January.

Certainly, we have experienced a few bumps in the road along the way and there are lessons to be learned. Next month I'll discuss what we as Computers Club members and Sun City Grand residents can do as we go forward.

Ira Simmons,
President



Membership's Corner



Martha
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Membership
Director

Last year at the beginning of November we had 712 members, in stark contrast to our current active membership of 370! With the uncertainty around the timing of the Club becoming operational this comes as no surprise and is understandable. It is hoped that we will be able to offer Winter classes beginning in January and we know that many of you are looking forward to availing yourselves of the opportunity to augment your technical skills and knowledge of your various devices. When these classes are announced you will want to register right away, as they will most certainly fill up quickly. If you have not renewed your membership (it expired on Saturday, September 30, 2017) you may lose valuable time if you have forgotten to do so. We don't want any disappointments!

Yearly dues are only \$20 and allow you all the privileges that our Club offers through September 30, 2018. It's easy to renew from the comfort of your home! From our Home Page (www.grandcomputers.org) log in by selecting the "Log In" option at the top right of that page. You will be asked to enter your Member ID (7 digit CAM#) and your Password (feel free to contact me if you cannot remember your password). You will be directed to the "Members Only" page, and given the option to "Click here to renew using PayPal". If you have never established a PayPal account, you may choose just to use a credit card and that option is also listed. (For more information, log into www.grandcomputers.org > Login > View Videos > How PayPal Works.)

We understand that there are those of you who do not wish to use PayPal and/or a credit card. If this is the case and you do wish to renew your membership sooner rather than later, we will happily assist you during the Tech Help sessions held every Tuesday from 9:00 AM to Noon in the Card Room at the Palm Center.

My role is to assist you with any of the aspects of your membership that pose a problem. I am always available to help; if I don't have an answer, I will find someone who does! Please feel free to contact me for any reason and I will respond as quickly as possible. I check my email frequently and receive messages left on my voice mail in an email format so am able to respond promptly even if I am out of town or away from my phone for a period of time.

We're looking forward to seeing you all in our beautiful new digs!

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Vice President's Corner



Dan Wallen
Vice President

Greetings From Rwanda

By the time you read this, I should be in Rwanda, yes Rwanda in Africa! My cousin Kathy, a doctor from New York City, has been running clinics in Rwanda and Cameroon for years. Her clinics specialize in treating women with HIV. Cousin Kathy is the most compassionate person I have ever known.

Last November I traveled to New York City to setup some new PCs and a server bound for her clinics in Cameroon. The old PCs in Cameroon were filled with counterfeit software. I was told then when you right clicked on My Computer on the PCs in Cameroon, the dialog box was in Russian. Cousin Kathy needed me to train her IT people on keeping the clinic's PCs and servers running securely.

My phone rang this past Labor Day, it was Cousin Kathy, "I need you to go to Rwanda." I started to chuckle, the thought of me traveling to Africa for "work" just makes me laugh a little. She explained what she needed done and if I would consider going to Rwanda.

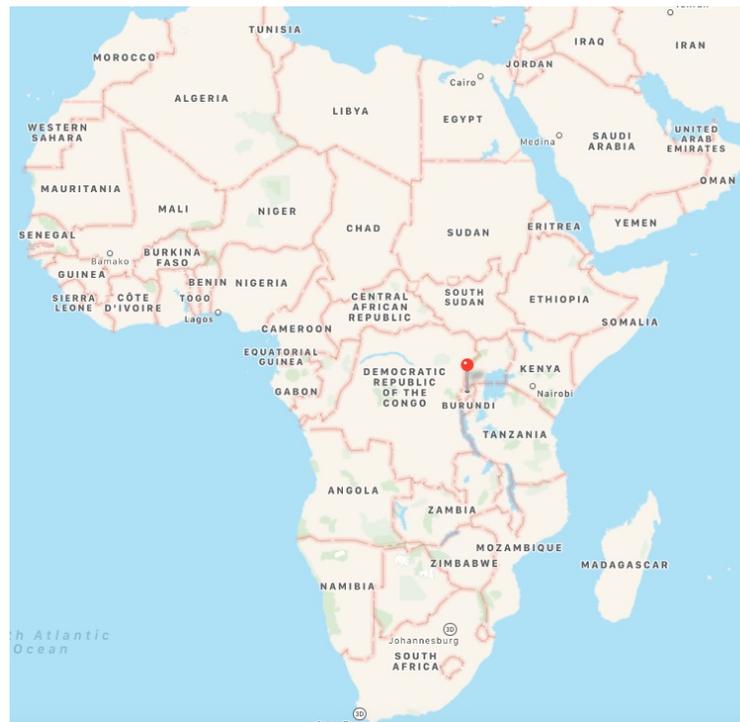
YOU DON'T SAY NO TO COUSIN KATHY!

I have never been to Africa so the first stop was to a travel clinic in Glendale. I needed shots and lots of them. A Polio and Tetanus booster, a shots for every version of Hepatitis and Yellow Fever, the list kept growing and of course pills for Malaria. Both of my arms ached for days.

Last Sunday I left Sky Harbor in the morning for JFK in New York. At JFK I met my cousin Jonny, Kathy's husband. Jonny is an incredible photographer and has been to Rwanda many times. He would go with me eventually heading to Uganda to take pictures. Then off to Amsterdam and then onto Kigali in Rwanda, 26 hours total.

I still remember when the first IBM PC arrived in our office. I read the manuals (this is back when computers came with manuals) from cover to cover. I would play with that computer every chance I got.

I never thought that computers would someday take me to Africa.

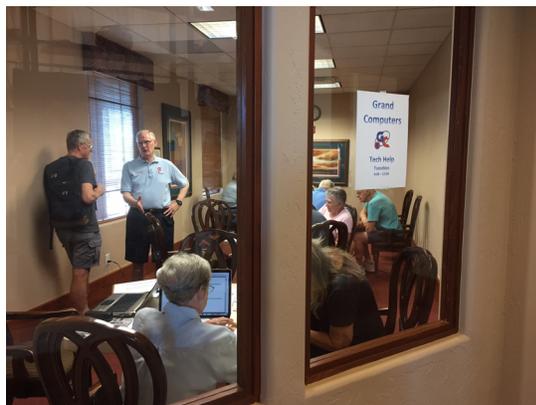


Computers Club Events Schedule - November 2017

What follows is the schedule and the locations of our Special Interest Groups and Executive Board meeting(s) for November. Note that not all regular SIG meetings will be held, but all will resume after the Chaparral Center reopens. Please consult either your email or the club website (www.grandcomputers.org) for the topics to be discussed. As always, we apologize for the inconvenience.

Financial SIG Investing	Monday, November 6	8-10 AM	Mesquite (Sonoran Plaza)
Compose Yourself SIG	Tuesday, November 7	1- 3 PM	Phoenix Room (Palm Center)
Financial Education SIG	Friday, November 10	1- 3 PM	Palms/Mesquite (Sonoran Plaza)
Apple SIG	Monday, November 13	3- 4:30 PM	Mediterranean Room (Palm Center)
Financial SIG Investing	Monday, November 20	8- 10 AM	Cimarron Club Room
Compose Yourself SIG Workshop	Monday, November 20	1- 3 PM	Phoenix Room (Palm Center)
Executive Board Meeting	Thursday, November 30	1- 3 PM	Mediterranean Room (Palm Center)

Tech Help at the Palm Center



Tuesday Mornings: 9 am - 12 Noon
Card Room, adjacent to lobby.

Election of Officers - 2018

What follows are the name of our members who have agreed to be nominated to serve on the Executive Board of the Computers Club in the following positions:

President Gloria Young
 Vice President Dan Wallen*
 Secretary Maryjon Endicott
 Treasurer Nancy Collins*
 Technical Director Ted Gray*
 Education Director Marie Frasca
 Membership Martha McGill*
 Monitor Director Joey dela Concepcion*
 Immediate Past President Ira Simmons*
 * Returning Board members



The formal election of officers will occur at the annual General Membership Meeting at 1:00 pm. December 6 in the Gila Room, Cimarron Center. Thanks to all who have volunteered to serve on the Board and special kudos to Pam Kostel, Nancy Nelson and Sandy Acocella of the nominating committee for their hard work and diligence.

General Meeting - December 6



As noted above, the next General Meeting of the Club is scheduled for December 6, 1PM in the Gila Room of the Cimarron Center. In addition to voting on the 2018 slate of officers and the Club budget, Arnie Gelb will provide a summary of the latest happenings for Windows 10. We'll also award prizes. Hope to see you there.

Volunteer Dinner - February 16, 2018

Mark the date: our annual Volunteer Dinner is scheduled for Friday night, February 16, 2018 in the Agua Fria Room, Cimarron Center. Eligible volunteers will be notified at a later date.

If you would like to help in the preparations for the dinner, contact Joe Scanlon (joe@scanlonmail.com) and for any questions or additional information, contact Ira Simmons (President@grandcomputers.org).

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!