

# Grand Bytes



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## President's Corner



Gloria Young

It is May and many members have or will be leaving for the summer. However, activities do continue at the Grand Computers Club. Please note the following:

1. On May 1, we switch to summer hours which are 12:30 to 3:30 pm.
2. Tech Help continues every Tuesday during the same hours.
3. Summer classes are in session.
4. Ham Radio SIG and New Technology SIG will meet throughout the summer.
5. Price of Club membership is \$10 through September 30.

On another note, I want to say how proud I am of our volunteers

in the Club. They are generous with their time and very dedicated to helping our members. You've often heard me say, "We welcome new volunteers. Please let us know if you have a passion for a topic or a particular skill you'd like to share."

Just a few weeks ago, Don Cacciatore spoke with Marie Frasca, Education Director, offering to teach computer classes this summer using **ASL (American Sign Language) to members who are deaf**. His classes include:

iPad/iPhone Basis Setup

The Cloud Explained

iPad/iPhone Text Messages

Mac 1, 2, 3, 4

Time Machine for Mac

In addition, while I was speaking with Don during Tech Help, he demonstrated the settings available on his iPhone to enhance the sound for those wearing hearing aids. I learned that your smartphone can tell you the remaining bat-

tery life of your hearing aid batteries. It sounded impressive. Don graciously offered to teach a class this fall on "How to Use the Smartphone Settings to Better Adjust Your Hearing Aids."

While on the same subject, the Computers Club is researching how we can improve the sound for the hearing-impaired students taking classes. We are in the process of testing a fairly new technology with those wearing hearing aids and if it's successful, we'd like to install and have it available for fall classes.

These are just some of the new things happening at the Club.

This will be our last newsletter till October 1 but do know our volunteers will be working during the summer preparing for fall. In the meantime, we wish you a pleasant and rewarding summer.

## VP's Corner



Dan Wallen  
Vice President

### A Funny Thing Happened at the Dentist

So there I was in the dental chair, practically flat on my back with that bib around my neck and the bright light in my eyes. Suddenly without warning my Dentist says, "While Jenny gets that ready, come with me."

The chair goes up, my Dentist leads me down the hallway to his office and asks, "Can you look at my computer?"

A few minutes later while I wait for the computer to reboot I have a chance to think about my situation. I'm in a glass walled office, sitting at the Doctor's desk, with patients and staff walking by looking at me still wearing my bib. I think to myself, "How ridiculous is this!"

I get calls from friends and family across the country and one friend on the other side of the world.

Notes are left on my truck. I'm stopped while walking the dog. Calls come in at all times day or night and weekends, too. People just get crazy when their computer doesn't work. It's just another day in the life of a computer geek!

The computer has been a big part of my life ever since I typed "Say Hello" into the Digital PDP-8 in my college computer lab and it responded "Hello." I have been hooked ever since.

I have traveled to all 50 states, 35 of them to work on a computer, including six trips to Puerto Rico and one trip to St. Croix. The computer brought me to the beautiful country of Rwanda, I doubt I would have traveled there on my own.

Three kids, three college tuitions, including a master's degree, a house by the lake, a house here in Grand. . . the computer helped

with all of that, I shouldn't complain.

As I walked back to the dental chair, Jenny asked "Well, did you fix the doctor's computer?"  
**"OF COURSE!"**

## Grand Computers Club

### Club Hours

May 1 through  
September 30

12:30 p.m.  
to  
3:30 p.m.

Enjoy your  
summer!

## Education's Corner



Marie Frasca

### Summer Session

Classes are from April 29 through June 28, 2019. Thank you, instructors, for teaching the summer classes. There are new classes being taught this summer:

*PC Basic Beginning Word  
2019/365*

*You Tube 101 Introduction*

*Google Sites/Create a Travelog*

Thanks to President Gloria Young's request to teach computer courses to the hearing impaired, a call went out to find an instructor. Instructor Don Cacciatore volunteered to teach the American Sign Language (ASL) computer classes. There are several ASL computer classes being offered during the summer session. You **MUST KNOW** sign language to take these classes.

#### List of Summer Classes

Go to [www.grandcomputers.org](http://www.grandcomputers.org) > Education > Course Offerings or Class Schedule to learn about all the summer classes. Be sure to read the descriptions of our classes under Course Offerings so you will know just what is covered in the class, what the prerequisites are, and whether this class will be too easy or too difficult for you. Click on the name of the class to read about the class, click on the date to register for the class. **All classes will be taught on the classroom computers.**

#### Handouts

The handout may be downloaded off the Grand Computers Club

website on the welcome page when you sign in.

The handout is available when you pay for the class and up to 24 hours after class ends.

The handout may be downloaded to personal devices. The personal devices (laptops, iPad, tablets) with the handout on it, may be used in the computer classroom to follow along with the instructor. The course itself will be taught on the classroom computers.

The handout may be printed at home or printed at the computers club.

If printed at the club:

The cost is 5 cents per page for black and white and 25 cents per page for color.

Come to the club at least a day before the class to print the handout.

Due to time constraints, it is **not** recommended that copies be made 30 minutes or less prior to class as instructors and assistants are not available to assist as they are setting up for class.

If you need assistance to print the handout, come to Tech Help on Tuesdays between 12:30 pm and 3:30 pm.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We are always looking for new instructors and class assistants. If you are interested in teaching, but you are unsure of your abilities, consider assisting in the class. You might be surprised by your abilities.

If you are interested in either teaching, assisting or for more information contact the education director at [education@grandcomputers.org](mailto:education@grandcomputers.org)

#### By the numbers:

Summer Session  
Stats:

Total number of  
Classes:

PC - 11

Sessions - 15

Mac - 7

Sessions - 13

Other—9

Sessions - 12

Totals

Classes - 17

Sessions - 40

## Membership's Corner



**Martha McGill**

Impossible! It's already May and there now comes a brief hiatus until October when the monthly publications of Grand Bytes will resume.

The Grand Computers Club now boasts 1,463 active members. We expect that number will grow over the summer months as those who did not renew their memberships take advantage of a vast array of the summer classes offered and/or who need to attend Tech Help on Tuesdays (12:30 - 3:30) for help with various technical issues related to devices that rely on technology!

And don't forget - renewal for your membership is now just \$10 until September 30, 2019. On October 1<sup>st</sup> the regular fee of \$20 will take effect. Still a bargain! When you renew for 2019-2020 you will be able to enjoy all the privileges of membership from October 1, 2019 thru September 30, 2020. Plans are already in the works for fall classes and a myriad of other activities as Grand Computers will

kick back into high gear.

Just because there is a summer lull ahead does not mean that I will be unavailable to assist you with any of the problems you may experience with your membership! My duties as Membership Director don't go away! I'll still be available to help solve any problems you may have. My computer and phone accompany me wherever I may be and thus enable me to respond to you in a timely fashion.

I hope all of you have a wonderful summer wherever you are!

## Scent-Free Zones

Attention: In keeping with a policy that is making its way into businesses throughout the United States, the Grand Computers Club is declaring all facilities used by the club to be Scent-Free Zones. We are asking our membership to be considerate of those with allergies that use our facilities and not wear perfume, cologne, after shave, and other scented products when attending any of our functions.

## Wanted - Older Laptop Computers!

WANTED - Older laptop computers! Please help out by donating your older laptop to Jim Geffre as you purchase a new one. Jim repairs them, updates them, and donates them to schools and St. Vincent DePaul. He would like the laptops to have Windows 7, Windows 8 or already be upgraded to Windows 10. Include the power cord with the computer. Jim wipes the hard drives or puts new ones in, and if needed, adds memory to at least 4GB and adds Office. Jim will also accept Mac laptops. You may drop them off at the computer club with his name on it. Please include your email address on the computer, the password to unlock the computer and Jim will email you a tax form for deducting from taxes. (You can deduct up to \$150.00 per laptop). You may contact Jim by phone - 623-544-3394 or by email at [geffre1949@yahoo.com](mailto:geffre1949@yahoo.com)

## Monitor's Corner



Nancy Nelson

Since this is our last Grand Bytes until October, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and healthy Summer Season either here or wherever you travel.

We have had a busy season, keeping our Monitors busy. In March we had our "thank-you" breakfast for all those who volunteered at least 9 hours during the last year.

We also hosted an open house March 9th during the Craft Faire, giving tours and hosting a welcome table. Our guests enjoyed a complimentary ice cream cone for taking a tour.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you, as a member of our great club, to volunteer to be a Monitor. It is really an easy job, and an opportunity to meet many great people. If you think you would like to volunteer your time a few hours a month or so, please contact me, Nancy Nelson, your Monitor Director. 623-544-5930 or [nnelsongolf@gmail.com](mailto:nnelsongolf@gmail.com). Your training will be done, one on one with one of our experienced monitors. Join us; it's fun!!!

Thanks to all of our active volunteers, it has been a great year.

## New To Computers "How To" Series

The April New To Computers "How To" presentation on "How To Use Netflix and Prime Video (Amazon Prime) to Watch Movies" was a successful gathering. Information comparing the two streaming services, which are #1 & #2 globally was provided including a demonstration of the shows and movies and channels offered on each, the subscription costs, and how to get set up. A panel of 7 Computer Club members with varying degrees of experience using the services provided those attending the presentation with a range of "How To's" from novice to highly skilled users. The participants responded with excellent questions and examples of their experiences. It was a win-win for all in attendance. Later in the day, at the Apple SIG, Joe Parla did a presentation on Apple TV. This meeting was attended by some of the people who attended the New To Computers presentation earlier in the day and were seeking more info. They provided positive feedback from the earlier presentation and left the Apple SIG with even more helpful info. Another great example of the cross over that goes on within our club on a regular basis. We all help and learn from each other.

Our next "How To" presentation and last for this season will be on May 20th, 2019 from 10:00 am - 11:30 am in the Mesquite/Palms rooms in Sonoran Plaza.

The topic is "How To Bank Online Safely and Securely". The manager and a banker from the SCG Wells Fargo branch will do a presentation and there will be a panel discussion as well; and always time for questions. We look forward to seeing many of you on May 20th. Bring your friends and neighbors.

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## General Meeting

After the business side of the meeting at the May General Meeting, there will be a presentation "Uber and Lyft: What Are They and How to Use Them"

### General Meeting

Date: May 1

Time: 2:00—3:30 p.m.

Place: Agua Fria Room, Cimarron Center

Door Prizes!

## New to Computers Group

In keeping with the Grand Computers Club's and this group's "How to" mission, we are offering a presentation on "How to Safely Bank Online."

### New to Computers Group

Date: May 20

Time: 10:00—11:30 a.m.

Place: Mesquite/Palms Room, Sonoran Plaza

iToons

Sunil Agarwal & Ajit Ninan



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## Special Interest Groups (SIGs) Pages

### 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 p.m.

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

**Next Meetings:** Tuesday, May 7 and Monday, May 20; both meetings in the Phoenix Room, Palm Center

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

### Financial Education SIG



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

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

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

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

### Ham Radio SIG



Provides members a forum for learning the many facets of ham radio including emergency communications.

**Meetings:** 4th Friday (October - April)

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

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

**Contact:** Mark Heroux - [hamsig@grandcomputers.org](mailto:hamsig@grandcomputers.org)

**Next Meeting:** May 24

**Topic:** "Tracy Montgomery, City of Surprise Emergency Manager, will speak on "Emergency Communications".

### New Technologies SIG



Provides members with an open discussion forum of technologically advanced ideas

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

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

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

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

**Next Meeting:** May 16

**Topic:** Vehicle Automation - Planes, Trains, Automobiles

**Grand Computers Club In Conjunction With  
Your Community Association Management  
Present A New Series Of "HOW TO" Workshops**

# **"How To Safely Bank Online"**

**Monday, May 20, 10 AM to 11:30 AM  
Mesquite/Palms, Sonoran Plaza**



**Free To All Sun City Grand Residents**

**Contact Susan Lucas for additional information at  
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