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President's Corner—Farewell Gloria Young and WELCOME! RICH!



Rich Gorczyca

Hi! My name is Rich Gorczyca, pronounced Gor'si'ka (like in the island of Corsica but with a G). I'm your new Grand Computers Club President. Let me tell you a little about myself.

I grew up in that part of New Jersey that's part of the Philadelphia metropolitan area. You can hear my Philly accent whenever I speak. I received my engineering education from the RCA Technical Institute and Camden County College.

I went to work for a company named

Schaevitz Engineering who specialize in sensors for measuring physical parameters such as force, pressure, displacement, velocity and acceleration. After several years that corporate world. I moved to be-Connecticut cause there was an open territory and I started a manufacturers' representative business that I ran for 27 years. When microcomputers came along in the early eighties, Ι chased one and developed custom software to track prospective customer activities. I then equipped each of my employees with the same computers and soft-Over the ware.

years, I maintained and when necessary, troubleshot the computers.

My wife, Darlene, and I Moved to Sun City Grand two years ago. She almost immediately joined Stitchers. and I eventually joined Grand Computers Club (GCC). I joined GCC to be a Tech Helper about a year ago. I trust you can see from my past experience why it is that I love being on the GCC Tech Team. I'm still a newbie in the Club so this new position will be challenging but we have fabulous people on the GCC Board so I look forward to working with them to keep our Club moving forward!

New Vice President— WELCOME BOB!



Bob Babicke

Bob Babicke has joined the Computers Club Board as Vice President for 2020. He has been an active member of the club as an Instructor and an Apple SIG presenter.

Bob has lived in SCG since 2017. He calls North Ridgeville, Ohio, a Cleveland suburb, his summer home as his two chil-

dren and four grandchildren live in Ohio.

He retired from the US Army with 20 years of service, leaving with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He then worked for 30 years as a technology executive with PB/Amoco, Rockwell Automation, Baxter Healthcare, and Fannie Mae.

New Treasurer— WELCOME DEBBIE!

Debbie Meyer has accepted her new position on the Grand Computers Club Board as it's Treasurer. She has been active in the club, assisting Nancy Collins with



Debbie Meyer

this position. Debbie joined the computer club in May 2018. She had lived here for five years after moving here from Toms River, NJ. She is originally from Bedford, PA.

Debbie was a paraprofessional bookkeeper for 40 years, doing all aspects of accounting including taking clients records and turning them into tax returns and/or financial statements.

She was the treasurer for the Bocce Club for four years. Debbie and her husband have four children, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

New Membership Director— WELCOME NANCY!



Nancy Collins

Nancy has served on the Computers Club Board as its' Treasurer for 6 years. She has decided to hang up her calculator and embrace a new position for the Club in 2020 as the Membership Director. She is eminently qualified to assume this new role! We thank her for her numbers skills and know they will serve her well in her new role as well as with her continuing position on the Board.

Nancy has lived in SCG for 14 years. She was raised in Virginia, graduated from College of William and Mary, lived in Maine and settled in California for 40 years before moving to SCG. She has owned her company selling cell phones and two-radio equipment, including a contract with the US Military.

She joined the computer club in July, 20111. In addition to her Treasurer's role, she has been a valued Instructor and Tech Team member.

Computers have been part of her life from an Atari system to the latest Mac and Windows platforms.

Education's Corner



Marie Frasca

By the Numbers:

2019 Fall Session Offerings:

PC - Classes 21 Sessions 35

Mac - Classes 15 Sessions 25

Other Classes 27
Sessions 37

25 Members volunteered as Classroom Assistants

23 Members volunteered as Instructors

"Listen Everywhere" is Here!

The Computers Club has added a new hearing system in the classroom "Listen Everywhere."

If you need hearing assistance there are instructions in the club how to download the app and to connect to the system. When using the app during a class, please inform the instructor.

Winter Session Classes are Here

<u>December 30,</u> 2019

REVIEW CLASSES

Winter session lasses will be available for review.

Go to our website at www.grandcomputers.org > Education > Course Listing or Class Schedule for the class lists and the times classes will be offered.

This will give you time to plan your classes in advance.

Prepare your class wish list. This will speed up your registration time and will save a lot of frustration when you start registering.

<u>January 6, 2020</u>

REGISTRATION BE-GINS

Registration begins. 8:00 a.m. online or: Come to the club for help starting Monday, January 6 at 9:00 a.m. Or Come to Tech Help between 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7 and our capable tech team members will guide you through the process.

January 13, 2020

CLASSES BEGIN PRACTICE LOGGING IN to GRAND COMPUTERS WEBSITE from the Grand Computers Club home page (grandcomputers.org), MAKE SURE YOUR PASSWORD WORKS!

If you do not know or remember your password, now is the time to contact the Membership Director - member-ship@grandcomputers.

ship@grandcomputers.
org - to have your
password reset. Please
write down your new
password so you have
it ready when it is time
to register. You may
choose to go with no
password, which makes
it easier for you.

Some new classes winter session:

- PC Cyber Security
- Mac Cyber Security
- 2020 Elements
- Chromebook Workshop
- Windows 10 How to Personalize PC Laptop
- Ways to Create Amazing Videos

Some returning classes winter session:

- Quicken Bookkeeping Program
- Word
- Publisher
- Excel
- Power Point
- Genealogy
- PC Basic Beginning Courses
- Mac Basic Beginning Course

Before registering for a class remember to read the <u>Class</u> <u>Description</u> to make sure the class is right for you.

For questions, email education@grandcom puters.org

Enjoy the classes!

New Monitor Director — WELCOME SUSAN!



Susan Lucas

Susan Lucas will join the Computers Club Board as the Monitor Director for 2020. She currently is the Chairperson for the "New to Computers" Group and has been instrumental in getting this initative off

the ground in 2019. She is also an Instructor and Assistant for both PC and Mac classes and a volunteer monitor.

Susan moved to SCG in June 2017. She is originally from Wisconsin and lived in several other states, including Ohio, Virginia, and New Jersey. She has a Bachelors and Master's Degree in rehabilitation counseling.

She is self-taught in computers. She likes organization and her career path provided this for others to use.

Susan's interest in ongoing learning brought her to the computers club. She uses Apple products for personal use and PCs at the club.

Susan is interested in expanding the Monitor Group and would LOVE to see more members get involved with this great group of volunteers.

BECOME A MONITOR!

Meet People!
Choose your Own Schedule!
No Need to be a "Techie"!
Earn Points to Qualify for the Volunteer Dinner!
Great Training!
Have Fun!

Contact Susan at: monitor@grandcomputers.org or 732-890-6807

Ideas and Compliments

By Gloria Young Past President

Suggestions and Comments continue to arrive, and I'd like to give an update.

It was suggested that the club consider purchasing a special track Pad to be used by students having hand pain when using a regular mouse. The subject was discussed at the Dec 19 board meeting and it just so happens the club has a track pad for a Mac. It will be tested to see if it's also compatible with PCs in the classroom.

An individual suggested we have occasional classes after 4 PM to accommodate those members who are employed. The class specifically requested was iPhone. The Club would be happy to offer this class late afternoon or early evening, but we first must have an instructor willing to teach during these hours.

Is there anyone knowledgeable on iPhones who would be willing to teach this class? If so, please email Marie Frasca at: education@grandcomputers.org.

It was suggested that space be provided for monitors to place their coats and purses while working at the club. Our first recourse will be to empty a nearby cabinet and should that not work, hooks will be considered.

I am proud to report that compliments were received this past month for three Tech Team Members. Member Nancy Uselman was very happy with Greg Robinson's Help at a Tech Help session; a thank you card from Marica indicating appreciation for the help of Ove Jakobson; and a call from Cheryl Ross letting me know she was pleased with service from Paul Scherer. All nice testimonials for our Tech Team who work diligently to help members with technology issues

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Membership Corner Happy New Year!

By Martha McGill Outgoing Membership Director

resolutions for the upcoming year. Typically these are related to shedding a few pounds, eating more veggies and fruits, shunning the carbs, spending more time exercising and in general making changes beneficial to your overall wellbeing and happiness.

Please consider making a few Membership resolutions. Executing them won't take much time, be difficult to achieve or require any will power!

<u>Update Your Membership Data:</u> do so. Perhaps you have changed your email address or phone number. You can correct that information and be assured that you will receive important notifications.

Change Your Password: If you have experienced As I write this, I cannot help but contemplate password problems (and you are not alone) you may select this option which is also on the "Members Only" page. Here you may opt to have no password and we encourage our members to choose to do so. There is an exception to this: if you volunteer as a monitor, It's been my pleasure to have met and assisted tech helper, officer of the club, instructor or assistant to an instructor or are in any

other position where volunteer hours are recorded you must have a password.

This is the time that it is traditional to make If You have moved: Please let us know! If you have a new address and are an active member (or have been a member in the past at a different address) your new CAM card will not work. If you are signing in at the Club or trying to register for a class there will be a message that you are not a member. Changing your data record to reflect your new CAM# can only be accomplished by my assistant or myself and may cost you valuable time if you are registering for a class or desiring assistance at Tech Help Tuesday.

'Members Only" page you will see an option to $\,$ Go for it! $\,$ It will be considerably easier than the more common vows most of us compile and will be of tremendous help in maintaining our data base with information that is current.

> the wonderful and gratifying experience being a part of the Grand Computers Club has been. I will no longer be serving as the Membership Director and am handing the reins into the capable hands of Nancy Collins.

> so many of you over the last several years. I wish each and every one of you happiness and good health in 2020 and beyond!

NEW - Photoshop Elements Seminar 2020

By Rita Skarbek

The Grand Computers club is offering a free seminar on organizing and improving your photos entitled "What's New with Photoshop Elements 2020."

The event will happen on **Wednesday**, **January 8 at 4 PM** in the Open Use Room at the Grand Computers Club.

All members are invited to attend and see how this new version of the app can improve, add exciting sparkle, and new fun edits to your photos. The new update is easy and intuitive - with great improvements over previous versions. We will show you some of the newest and greatest features that were added and announce the rollout of a series of new classes that will teach all six guided edit modules and additional advanced classes to meet all your photo editing and organizing needs - whether you are a beginner, intermediate, or advanced photographer. Join us and meet the Photoshop Elements instructors, ask questions, and decide if this program is right for you.



Joe Scanlon

Members Served by Tech Team Sees Dramatic Increase

The Tech Team saw a 21% increase in members served in 2019 compared to 2018 - 1822 members versus 1,432. Part of the increase is due to

the extra marketing and promotion this fall of the Tech Team and additional Thursday evening Tech Help session.

With the many "snowbirds" returning in January, we expect these numbers to continue to exceed prior years.

ATTENTION Windows 7 USERS!

End of Life-JANUARY 14th!!!

Microsoft will stop doing updates for the windows 7 operating system January 14, 2020. After that date the GCC Tech Team will no longer <u>repair</u> Windows 7 computers.

Any computer club member, with a Windows 7 computer, who would like assistance backing up their data (pictures, documents, favorites, contacts etc.) so it can be transferred to a new computer should do so ASAP.

The Computers Club Wants YOU!!!

The Computers Club needs your time and talents in several areas to continue making our club the **best** in Sun City Grand!

If you have some **Time**, some **Tech** skills, some **Teaching** skills, some **Graphic** skills, some **Writing** skills, some **Organization** skills, some **Helping** skills or just want to get to know great people and have fun, the Computers Club has a place for you.

Please let us know by contacting Rich Gorczyca at: President@grandcomputers.org.

New to Investing Group By Cliff Jacobson

Upcoming meetings are scheduled January 17, February 14, March 10 and April 10 from 10:00 - 11:30 AM in the Palm Center - Mediterranean Room.

The focus of these sessions is to help an individual in meeting his or her overall investment objectives. The foundation for successfully meeting your objectives include the following:

- * Clearly stating your investment objectives. It may be something like funding college opportunities for my 3 grandchildren in 10 years.
- * Defining the investment time horizon to meet my investment objective.
- * Determining your risk tolerance in the management of my investment funds.

One may have engaged a professional investment advisor to have discretion in the management of one's investment funds. The investment advisor needs to fully understand the 3 elements above, so they know what you are expecting.

Topics include the following in the January 17th session:

- * HOW TO START INVESTING
- * WHY HIRE A FINANCIAL ADVISOR
- * THE GUIDE TO DIVERSIFICATION

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Volunteers - Mark Your Calendars & Check Your Earned Points

Feb 7, 2020 from 5 - 9 PM

(Cash Bar, Dinner & Entertainment) in the

Gila Room at Cimarron

Saturday Club Events Recap

By Gloria Young

Our first workshop on how to download Uber and Lyft was quite successful with 34 in attendance. Many thanks to Dan Wallen, Vice President and Tech Team Member for his fine presentation and to Tech Team members who assisted: Bob Crawford, Leigh Donaldson, Ted Gray, Joe Scanlon, Greg Robinson, Ira Simmons and Barb Vivian

Our goal was to provide knowledge on how the apps worked followed by downloading the apps to everyone's smartphone and members leaving ready to request, at their convenience, a ride from either Uber or Lyft.

A week later our second workshop, Listen Everywhere, was held in the Computer Club classroom with nineteen attending. Joe Parla, an instructor, a Tech Team member and New Technology SIG Leader, conducted the Workshop. Assisting was Tech Team Member, Leigh Don-Members downloaded the aldson. app and experimented using it. They will be able to use the app when attending GCC classes in addition to the General Meeting and Coffee Chats.

Saturday Club Events

Mark your calendars! Learn more about the Grand Computers Club and Technology and how they may benefit you, through open house events, SIG (Special Interest Group) demonstrations and New Workshops.

January 11, 2020

Financial Ed and Digital Scrapbooking SIGs

January 18, 2020

New Technology and Genealogy SIGs

February 8, 2020

Compose Yourself and Graphics SIGs

February 29, 2020

Flight Simulator and Ham SIs

March 14, 2020

SCG Arts and Crafts Faire and Club Open House

Mar 21, 2020s

Learn How to Wipe Out all Info From Your Old Computers, Smartphone and Kindles before Donating or Tossing

Our January Saturday Events will be conducted by four of our Special Interest Groups: Financial Ed SIG and Digital Scrapbooking SIG on January 11; New Technology SIG and Genealogy SIG on Jan 18. Workshops run from 10 AM - 11:30 AM at the Club. These workshops are designed to help you know just what it is that each SIG does and how members may benefit by participating. This is a perfect opportunity to "get to know" our SIGS.

"New to Computers" News Susan Lucas

Forget about a doctor or dentist appointment or other important event...?

The New To Computers "How To" Use Your Calendar to Get and Stay Organized Presentation is for you.

This presentation will demonstrate how to access your calendar, enter appointments and events, set reminders, and share your calendar with others. Several kinds of calendars will be presented for both Android/PC and Apple devices.

This presentation is **free**, and **no reserva- tion** required. All you have to do is show up on:

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 10:00 - 11:30 am Aqua Fria Room, Cimarron Bring your Friends and Neighbors!

UPCOMING GRAND HAMS SIG EVENT! ALL INVITED!

The Computers Club Amateur Radio SIG is presenting an outdoor demonstration of emergency communication operations to be held in conjunction with a nationwide emergency communications exercise. In addition to radio communications, the demonstration will include a number of emergency power solutions such as batteries, solar panels, and generators to power our operations. The public is invited to attend.

Saturday, January 25th, 2020 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Palm Center parking lot at 19726 Remington Dr. For more information, please contact Mark Heroux at N1MAE@ARRL.net.

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 De-Paul.

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 except 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 ge-

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.

Back to

General Meeting

NOTE Different Time!

After the business side of the January General Meeting, we will have a presentation on "Cyber Security Approach to Protect Devices" by Ray Fagen

General Meeting

Date: January 8, Time: 10 - 11:30 a.m. Place: Agua Fria Room, Cimarron Center

Coffee Chat

The January Coffee Chat's topic will be: "VPN - Virtual Private Networks - Explained"

Coffee Chat

Date: January 9, Time: 8:30—10:00 a.m.

Place: Pima Room, Chaparral Center

Coffee and Donuts Provided!

Saturday Special Club Events

January 11; Find out about two of our informative Special Interest Groups (SIG)

the Financial Education SIG and the Digital Scrapbooking SIG

January 18; Find out about two of our informative Special Interest Groups:

the New Technology SIG and the Genealogy SIG

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

New to Computers Group

January 14; "How to Use Your Calendar to Get & Stay Organized"

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Place: Agua Fria Room, Cimarron Center

New to Investing Group

January 17; "Key Steps to Successful investing and Potential Investment"

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Place: Mediterranean Room, Palm Center

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Apple SIG

Provides an opportunity to gather with Apple/Mac users for classes

and informational sessions.

Meetings: 3rd Monday (October—April)

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

Place: Hopi Room, Chaparral Center

Contact: Ira Simmons - apple@grandcomputers.org

Next Meeting: January 20

Topic: "Our Favorite Programs and Apps" presented by Ira Simmons

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.

NOTE Different

Location and Time!

Meetings: Ĭst Tuesday and 3rd Monday (October - May)

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

Place: Phoenix Room, Palm Center

Contact: Gloria Young - CY@grandcomputers.org

Next Meetings: Tuesday, January 7 and Monday, January 20

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: 4th Thursday (October—April)

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

Place: Gila Room, Cimarron Center

Contact: Ira Simmons - devices@grandcomputers.org

Next Meeting: January 23 Topic: "Streaming and TV"

Digital Scrapbooking SIG



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

Meetings: 2nd & 4th Monday (October, November, January - April)

Time: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Place: Grand Computers Club Classroom, Chaparral Center Contact: Jane Connors - <u>scrapbook@grandcomputers.org</u> Next Meetings January 13 Continue Exploring the Tool Bar January 27 Continue Exploring Tool Bar and Draw Tools



Financial Education SIG



The Financial Education SIG's focus is education and sharing of

knowledge in the area of financial investments.

Meetings: 4th Friday (Jan., Feb., Mar., Oct.) and 2nd Friday (Apr., Nov.,

Dec.)

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

Place: Mediterranean Room, Palm Center

Contact: Richard Gabel - financial@grandcomputers.org

Next Meeting: January 24

Topic: Presentation by Charles Schwab, Corp.

Technical Analysis Subgroup, Grand Computers Club

January 2 and January 16, 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Income Investing Subgroup: 1st and 3rd Mondays, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

January 6 in the Apache Room, Chaparral Center January 20 in the Mediterranean Room, Palm Center

Flight Simulator SIG



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

Meetings: 3rd Friday (October—March)

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

Place: Apache Room, Chaparral Center

Contact: Bill Homewood - flight@grandcomputers.org

Next Meeting: January 17

Topic: "Power Settings & Cruise Control"

Genealogy SIG



Provides members with a forum for researching family history.

Meetings: 1st Thursday (October—April)

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

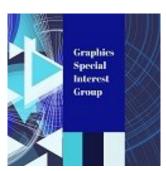
Place: Grand Computers Club Classroom, Chaparral Center Contact: Leon Chapman - genealogy@grandcomputers.org

Next Meeting: January 2

Topic: "What's in a Surname: The History of Surnames and How They Help in Family History Research" presented by Alejandro T

Rubinstein

Graphics SIG



Provides members a forum for discussing graphic applications.

Meetings: 2nd Thursday (October - March)

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

Place: Grand Computers Club Classroom, Chaparral Center Contact: Rita Skarbek - grandcomputers.org

Next Meeting: January 9

Topic: "Windows Photo App--How does it work?" Overview of the newest updates on album creation, collections, identifying faces,

creating videos, and more, presented by Larry Laursen

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: Agua Fria Room, Cimarron Center

Contact: Gordon Bousman - hamsig@grandcomputers.org

Next Meeting: January 24

Topic: "Final Preparation: Emergency Power and Communications"

New Technologies SIG



Provides members with an open discussion forum of technologically advanced ideas

Meetings: 3rd 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

Next Meeting: January 16 Topic: "56 Cellular Services"



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