



Grand Computers Club; Sun City Grand; 19781 N. Remington Dr., Surprise, AZ

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## Welcome to the Grand Computers Club

- ◆ We are open Mon-Fri 12:30-3:30
- ◆ Reserve a Computer OR Drop in if equipment is available.
- ◆ To reserve, log in and scroll to "Reserve computer time".
- ◆ Printers & Fax and Scanners are available for use at this time.
- ◆ Members are expected to have signed the SCG Liability Waiver.

# Happy New Year 2021!!

## Introducing our New Executive Board for 2021

*President:* Bob Babicke

*Immediate Past President:* Rich Gorczyca

*Vice President:* Barbara Vivian

*Secretary:* Joan Hendricks

*Treasurer:* Debbie Meyer

*Education Director:* Marie Frasca

*Membership Director:* Nancy Collins

*Monitor Director:* Susan Lucas

*Technical Director:* Ted Gray

*Tech Help Director:* Dan Wallen

weekly activities to keep members connected: Little Bytes Live and Chat with Dan & Friends. Wow! He accomplished much during his tenure and the Club is grateful for his calm and always positive leadership. Thanks Rich!

### **Elfi Eades**

#### *Departing Secretary*

Elfie has been involved in many aspects of the Computers Club as a monitor, monitor trainer, teaching assistant and more recently, the Club Secretary. In this role, her ability to synthesize the long discussions at Board meetings was amazing. She did this with speed and accuracy and was able to quickly respond to revision requests. She was always easy to work with, kind and thoughtful. Thanks Elfie!

### **Joe Scanlon**

#### *Departing Tech Help Director*

Joe has been an active Club member since 2000, serving as Vice President and President (2004, 2005) and in his recent role of Tech Help Director since January 2019. With the challenges faced with the global pandemic he stepped up and figured out how to replace the excellent in-person Tech Help using Zoom videoconferencing. He has led a great team of Tech Helpers through the transition and made many Club Members happy by helping them solve their technical problems. Thanks Joe!

## Thank You to Departing Officers!

### **Rich Gorczyca**

#### *Departing President*

Rich spent most of 2020 in the challenging position of running our club during a global pandemic. The club shuttered and Rich worked with club members to bring it back to life via Zoom videoconferencing. Classes returned, Tech Help returned, Special Interest Group Meetings returned, General Meetings and Coffee Chat returned, and he initiated two new online,

## President's Corner

**Bob Babicke**

President@grandcomputers.org



Hi! Many of you already know me but for those who do not, my name is Bob Babicke. I am your Club President for 2021. I moved into this position from my previous role as

Club Vice President. Rich Gorczyca (our President for 2020) is not going far as he will hold the position of past President in 2021.

I grew up in Brooklyn, New York and after college, was drafted into the Army. I decided to make it a career, retiring after 20 years as a Lieutenant Colonel. I then worked for 30 years as a technology executive with BP/Amoco, Rockwell Automation, Baxter Healthcare, and Fannie Mae.

My wife Claire and I have visited the

Phoenix area for many years as my Mom, Dad and three brothers lived in the East Valley. We first came to Sun City Grand in 2016 to visit friends, fell in love with Grand, and then bought our home the following year. During the summer months we have a home in Ohio where we have 2 children and four grandchildren.

I started with the Grand Computers Club as an assistant to Joyce Klontz. I then became an instructor in my technology passion which is Apple hardware and software. I have taught Numbers for Mac, Apple Watch, Apple Music, iMessage and iPhone. I am also a Tech Helper primarily for the Apple technology.

I am excited about being your President this year. I believe that we have a great and talented Board this year and together we will make this an exciting and eventful year for our Club.

### General Meeting

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## Vice President's Corner

Barb Vivian

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I am excited and honored to serve as the Club's new Vice President.

I've been involved with the club since the Fall of 2016, when I attended an Orientation meeting.

I am from the Twin Cities in Minnesota and am married to John, with one

son, Tyler. We became Arizona residents in 2017, spending summers in Minnesota. We both golf and I love to play pickleball.

In that orientation meeting, Ira Simmons talked about what the club had to offer and also mentioned that the club was always looking for instructors and assistants for the classes they offer.

Having spent some of my career teaching, I decided I might pursue this.

My computer experience began in the mid-70's when I was a teacher in Minneapolis and was asked to run a Math Lab for Summer School and we were a test site for Apple. I'd like to say that I became an expert but was really far from it.

I left teaching for the corporate world and spent 20+ years working for 3M in St. Paul, as an employee and consultant, working in various Marketing and planning roles in several business units.

After retiring, I returned to teaching, which has always been my passion. When the recession hit, I was last hired, first laid off so decided to hang up my "formal" work life.

After assisting for Joyce Klonz I was asked to take on some of the classes that she was teaching and decided to give it a try and picked up several classes beginning the Fall of 2017. I LOVE teaching and get a

great deal of satisfaction from being able to help out fellow members.

I have gotten more involved with the club over these last couple of years—getting to know so many members who have become close friends. I am currently the Chair of the Publicity Committee (editor of this newsletter) and continue serving on other committees.

We are looking for a person to replace me as chair of the Publicity Committee (GREAT people to work with!) so I can devote my club time to this new position. If you or someone you know is interested, please let me know!

I look forward to working with all of you and resuming my teaching role after the club opens the classroom!



### Join the Grand Computers Club Facebook Group!

You will find friends, fun and information!

This is a Private Group so you will only interact with other club members and only see what others share on this site—or what you share ONLY on this site—so it can be separate from your PERSONAL Facebook activity.

#### Don't have a Facebook account?

Easy! Click [HERE](#) for information about signing up.

#### How to join the Grand Computers Club Facebook Group?

Easy! Click [HERE](#) for information.

OR—ask a Tech Helper on Tech Tuesdays!

## Education Director

Marie Frasca

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The fall session has ended and thank you to all the instructors and classroom assistants who made the online classes a success. To the members who attended the classes, thanks for your leap into a new adventure.

The instructors are now working to bring you the classes for the **winter session**. There are some brand new classes being offered as well as classes we are bringing back that were not offered in the fall session.

Grand Computers Club Website Committee has updated our website with a new look and has made some wonderful changes to the website including creating an Education Tab on the homepage to find all of the information on courses in one area of the website.

Click the **Education** tab for a dropdown menu of:

*Overview* - Welcome to the Education webpage, a wealth of information. A good way to catch up on all the changes is to scroll down to the list of "[Links to help you get started.](#)" This lets you know how to register for class, attend and join a Zoom class meeting, pay for the classes, and a lot more. One important change is to reserve a seat—click the **Register** button to enroll in that class.

*Course Listing\** - Listing of classes are separated into **groups: PC Courses, Mac Courses, and "Other"** courses. This is where you click the name of the class to read the description of the class. Pay special attention to prerequisites of classes. You don't want to be in a class that is too easy or too difficult for you.

*Class Registration* - A brief explanation of how to register and on January 4 will include the classes being offered for the winter session.

*Classes for Windows 10\** - Here you will find a chart of all the Windows 10 classes divided into beginner, intermediate, and advanced courses. Click the name of the class to read the class descriptions to find the right class for you.

*Zoom Instructions* - Helps you to use Zoom for online classes from getting started. Covers joining a zoom class meeting and offering free one-on-one instruction to those who are interested in taking a class and need some encouragement and assistance. Click "[Zoom Help](#)" fill out the form and you will be contacted by a Tech Team Member.

*\*This is a listing of POSSIBLE class offerings—Check in "Class Registration" on January 4th for classes offered for the Winter Session.*

### 2021 WINTER SESSION DATES

**January 4, 2021** - Schedule released for review.

**January 11, 2021** - Registration begins at 8:00 am .

**January 18, 2021** - Classes begin.

### Need Zoom Help?

If you are new to Zoom or skeptical about taking a class using Zoom, click [HERE](#) to complete a form to receive One-on-One Zoom Training—free to our members.

## Membership Director

Nancy Collins

Membership@grandcomputers.org



The holidays are over and we did not get what we wanted!

### We want you!

It's that time of year again. We've made it so easy to join or re-join our Club. Log in to our newly designed Website to see all the fun we are having including our upcoming class list. To renew or join click:

[grandcomputers.org](http://grandcomputers.org)

Renew your membership or become a member for only \$20 a year!

We use Zoom for all our meetings, classes, and Tech Help. We are live with you no matter where you are, here in Grand, or even in another state.

**Come join us!**

Don't know how to use Zoom? No problem. We can teach you over the phone or on your computer. We then invite you to join us on your first time ever Zoom screen meeting between you on your computer and us on ours. After that you can join a friend or friends, make new friends, and join us in all our meetings, classes, and Tech Help. It is soooooo easy!

## It's time to Renew

What a Bargain! Zoom video conferencing has created a VIRTUAL Grand Computers Club so you can utilize your Membership Benefits. We are also open daily—check the calendar!

ALL YEAR and FROM ANYWHERE!

Club dues are still only \$20 for a year. We offer PayPal through our Website OR stop in the club when it's open and pay the Monitor directly.

## Bombarded with ads, videos, and other distractions that are unrelated to what you want to read?

Most browsers now offer a way to eliminate these distractions with a "Reader View" of a webpage. Each browser is a little different—whether it's Apple Safari, Firefox or Microsoft Edge. Google Chrome seems to have discontinued it's "Reader view" option.

Microsoft EDGE—Find an icon in the far right of the address bar—it looks like a book with a speaker on it. Click this and you will have a nice, clean view.



If these icons are not there, it is NOT available for that particular website/webpage.

Safari— Look to the left edge of the address bar—it is several horizontal lines. Click this and you will have a nice, clean view.



Firefox—Find a book icon to the immediate right of the address in the address bar and click on this to have a nice, clean view.



## Tech Help Director

Dan Wallen

Techhelp@grandcomputers.org



### We're Zooming!

Tech Help is still going strong and held weekly on Tuesdays - 12:30 - 3:30 PM via a virtual meeting using Zoom Videoconferencing.

Click [HERE](#) for directions for signing up to participate.

FREE for Computers Club Members!

**We can HELP!!**

**Join us via Zoom!**

**Tech Tuesdays**

**12:30—3:30**

### TIPS FOR TECH HELP!

- Participating in Tech Help works MUCH BETTER on a computer vs. a tablet or phone.
- Have your ID, passwords ready (Apple Users may have multiple IDs & Passwords).
- There are no appointments—it's first come/first served entering the Zoom Meeting.
- We can't help with pre-Windows 10, early iPhones, iPads or Macs.

## New to Computers & Devices

Tom Shepherd

newtocomputers@grandcomputers.org



The New to Computers Group meets monthly and is open to all Sun City Grand residents. It was started in conjunction with CAM in order to reach out to those who may need some encouragement to use a computer, tablet, or smart phone.

Topics cover a range of technology issues and introductory subjects that may help people feel more comfortable with their skill set in using these tools.

Our topic for January:

### "Top Technology Trends for 2021 That Everyone Needs to Get Ready For"

Learn why 5G is set to take off in 2021, why augmented reality is now ready for prime time, and several other key technologies for 2021 that will affect each of us.

**Tuesday January 12 - 10-11:30am**

Check [HERE](#) to go to the Computers Club calendar or go to grandcomputers.org /Calendars, or Little Bytes E-Blast for Zoom link information.

## Weekly at Grand Computers Club



### Chat with Dan & Friends via ZOOM!

Every **Thursday** except the second Thursday (Go to Coffee Chat!)  
at **9:00 AM**

Ask Dan and anyone of his visiting friends your questions on technology, whether they have to do with your PC, Mac, Chromebook, Android phone, iPhone, Android tablet, iPad, or other technology products.

Look for the Zoom Link in the Weekly Little Bytes E-Blast OR click [HERE](#) for the calendar where you will find it.

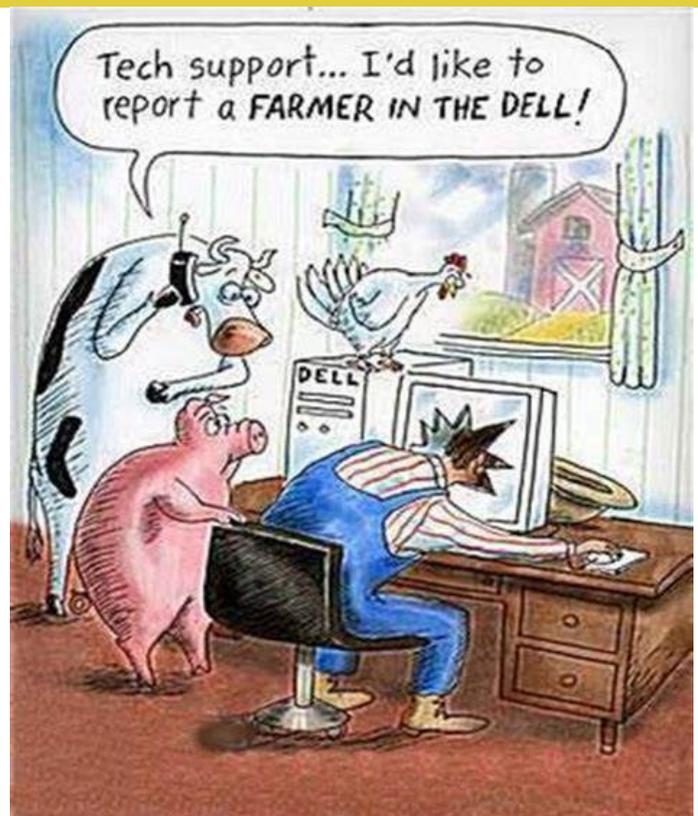
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**Little Bytes Live**  
via ZOOM!

Every **Monday** at **1:00 PM**

Join the Grand Computers Club President on ZOOM for the fun conversations we have. It's not only about the current E-blast named Little Bytes. It's about becoming friends as we get to know each other better through conversation. Little Bytes E-blast is usually emailed out Friday evening.



All Grand Computers Club meetings are being held VIRTUALLY!

Via ZOOM Videoconferencing

Find Links in:

Weekly Little Bytes E-Blast

OR in the Activities Calendar on the Home Page or "Calendar" tab [HERE](#).



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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:** Check Online Calendar for Zoom Links or Little Bytes E-Blast

**Contact:** Don Cacciatore - [apple@grandcomputers.org](mailto:apple@grandcomputers.org)

**Next Meeting:** January 18

**Topic:** "Apple Watch 2021".

## 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.

**Place:** Check Online Calendar for Zoom Links or Little Bytes E-Blast.

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

**Next Meetings:** Tuesday, January 5 and Monday, January 18.

**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:** Check Online Calendar for Zoom Links or Little Bytes E-Blast

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

**Next Meeting:** January 28

**Topic:** "All About Sports".

## Digital Scrapbooking SIG

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

**Meetings:** Every Monday (November, January - April)

**Time:** 6:00–8:00 p.m.

**Place:** Check Online Calendar for Zoom Links or Little Bytes E-Blast

**Contact:** Jane Connors - [scrapbook@grandcomputers.org](mailto:scrapbook@grandcomputers.org)

**Next Meetings/Topics:**

January 4 — Bring a picture & the group will make improvement suggestions.

January 11— Download a template & use it to create a page.

January 18—Explore the Styles available to you in Expert Mode.

January 26—Different ways to create your own backgrounds.



## Financial Education SIG



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

**Meetings:** 2nd Friday

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

**Place:** Check Online Calendar for Zoom Links or Little Bytes E-Blast

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

**Next Meeting:** January 22

**Topic:** TBA

**Other Meetings:**

January 4 9—11:30 AM Financial Workshop.

January 8 10—11:30 AM New to Investing Support Group.

## Flight Simulator SIG



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

Meetings are suspended until further notice. Watch for announcement on grandcomputers.org.

## Genealogy SIG



Provides members with a forum for researching family history.

**Meetings:** 1st Thursday (October—April)

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

**Place:** Check Online Calendar for Zoom Links or Little Bytes E-Blast.

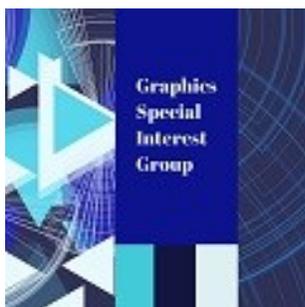
**Contact:** Linda Etherton - [genealogy@grandcomputers.org](mailto:genealogy@grandcomputers.org)

**Next Meeting:** January 7

**Topic:** "General Genealogy Workshop & Questions".

See Video—<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNEAfLhgVL4>

## Graphics SIG



Provides members a forum for discussing graphic applications.

**Meetings:** 2nd Thursday (October - March)

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

**Place:** Check Online Calendar for Zoom Links or Little Bytes E-Blast.

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

**Next Meeting:** January 14

**Topic:** "Creating/Editing Short Videos Part II—Simple Editing Programs".

## Ham Radio SIG



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

**Meetings:** 3rd Friday (October - April)

**Time:** 10–11:00 a.m.

**Place:** Check Online Calendar for Zoom Links or Little Bytes E-Blast.

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

**Next Meeting:** January 15

**Topic:** "EmComm Training & Tests".

## 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:** Check Online Calendar for Zoom Links or Little Bytes E-Blast.

**Contact:** Tom Shepherd - [newtech@grandcomputers.org](mailto:newtech@grandcomputers.org)

**Next Meeting:** TBA

### ASK CAPPIE is looking for you!



Got a computer question you would like answered?

**Ask Cappie The Computer Cat.**

Your answer may appear in a future edition of the *Grand Lifestyles Magazine*.

Submit your inquiry about PCs, Macs, smart devices, the internet, the latest and best apps, or any technology question in general to:

[cappie@grandcomputers.org](mailto:cappie@grandcomputers.org)

Do you have a pet you would like featured in a future Cappie Column of Grand Lifestyles Mag? Send a digital photo of your pet with a description (its name, age, breed, or other pertinent info) to

[cappie@grandcomputers.org](mailto:cappie@grandcomputers.org)