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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.

We Broke Zoom!

Helping with COVID Vaccination Sign-Up
Dan Wallen

A special Tech Help session was held on Monday January 18th to demonstrate how to create an account on the Arizona Department of Health website so you could schedule your Covid-19 shot. The response was so big that we exceeded our 100- user license and several members were not able to participate.

During the session, Nancy Collins demonstrated how to create an account and Larry Laursen demonstrated how to set up an account and make an appointment. Feedback from the session was very positive and many if not all of the participants were able to make an appointment for their shot. Our thanks to Dan Wallen, Larry Laursen, Nancy Collins and all who participated in the event.

From A Satisfied Participant

I want to acknowledge the exceptional effort made by the SCG Computer Club to keep our community informed of how to use the AZ Department of Health Services Covid-19 Vaccination sign in procedures. My husband, George, and I were vaccinated in the State Farm Stadium site mid January and couldn't seem to schedule our second dose. I appreciate the efforts made by Leigh Donaldson, Larry Laursen, Dan Wallen and others during a ZOOM chat Thursday, Jan 28 helping me resolve our issue.

Thank you
Gayle

Unfortunately, this special event exceeded our expectation of participants so some members were unable to attend. This topic is being discussed in other venues offered by the club including:

- Chat with Dan & Friends on Thursdays at 9 AM (Drop in)
- Little Bytes Live on Mondays at 1 PM (Drop in)
- Tech Help every Tuesday at 12:30—3:30 (Sign up required)
- Find Zoom Links on the Website Calendar [HERE](#)

President's Corner

Bob Babicke

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What a Month It Was!!

As I write my column this month I am just recovering from a severe upper respiratory disease.

Thank goodness it was not Covid so I was able to receive an antibiotic which helped knock out the virus.

Right before my illness I received my new iPhone 12 Pro with 5G. Now, I'm sure that many of you have heard of 5G technology but really don't know what the hype is. Well, let me try and explain it in basic terms.

Fifth-generation wireless (5G) is the latest iteration of cellular technology, engineered to greatly increase the speed and responsiveness of wireless networks.

Videos, games and applications on your smartphone will run much faster over a 5G network. With 5G, data transmitted over wireless broadband connections can travel at multigigabit speeds with poten-

tial peak speeds as high as 20 gigabits per second (Gbps) by some estimates. These speeds exceed wireline network speeds and offer latency of 1 millisecond (ms) or lower, which is useful for applications that require real-time feedback. 5G will enable a sharp increase in the amount of data transmitted over wireless systems due to more available bandwidth and advanced antenna technology.

5G networks and services will be deployed in stages over the next several years to accommodate the increasing reliance on mobile and internet-enabled devices. Overall, 5G is expected to generate a variety of new applications and business cases as the technology is rolled out.

5G may not be in your area yet but all the major carriers have extensive roll-out plans for the technology.

Also, I would be remiss if I didn't mention our need for Monitors. If you are a monitor, please sign up for one day next week. We NEED you to keep the club open.

Just a reminder: the procedure for signing up is to log into grandcomputers.org, View and Schedule Monitor Sessions. Thanks to all of you.

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VIP Profiles

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Klaudia believes Older Adults can stay independent longer through understanding and using technology, and she wants to show you how. Welcome to social media and the digital world, taught by someone who knows we were not all born with cell phones in our tiny fists.

A naturally gifted teacher, Klaudia serves Club members as well as private clients. She earned a B.A. Degree in Political Science and an M.A. Degree in Management and Marketing from Kozminski University, considered to be "Poland's highest rated private university."

Working as Administrative Director of International Studies at Kozminski University prepared her to become a business consultant. Klaudia emigrated to Arizona in 2010 and became an American citizen. As she says, "I am proud of my Polish heritage, and now America is my home." Although she admits that "learning about American football might take awhile."

Guided by her belief that, "if you can -- help," Klaudia sought opportunities in her new community. She joined the Crisis Response Team of the Surprise Fire-Medical Department and volunteers at Chance Shelter, which provides animal welfare services.

Passionate about photography and video, she is constantly seeking locations to take that next amazing photo and record new videos. Her current project is building a bigger YouTube channel with more useful video tutorials under her "Hi Mom Projects" umbrella, while continuing to create videos of older Adults sharing their life stories.

Members have no doubt encountered many of Klaudia's creative efforts with her YouTube videos created for the Club as well as the frequent reminders she creates for events and classes on the Grand Computers Club Facebook Group page. She has been working with the Publicity Committee to promote Club activities utilizing videos. Her web design talents have been invaluable to the Website Committee.



We are Debuting a NEW Column in Grand Bytes !

Each month, we will profile a VIP Member - an individual who has contributed to the Club in time and talent. There are many to choose from and you will see them in coming months. Please feel free to send along your nominations for someone you feel needs to be recognized and who the club would benefit from knowing just a little bit better!

**Send nominations to
publicity@grandcomputers.org.**

Members who have taken classes from Klaudia comment on how knowledgeable she is about her subject but also about how she makes learning not just easy but fun.

Look for her classes when the classroom re-opens.

THANKS KLAUDIA for all of your valuable contributions to the Club!

KLAUDIA JUREWICZ

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YouTube: <http://bit.ly/2ZDPJ47>

Instagram: @KlaudiaGPC

Podcast: <https://pod.link/1270750100>

Vice President's Corner

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"Just Google It!" I Say!

I mentioned in my first column a little bit about my background. I did not work in the tech industry and came by my knowledge of computers and all its workings and wonders in a variety of ways. Most of this required patience and time. We all learn in different ways and I'm very much a visual learner so hunting, and pecking works well for me. I prefer to see pictures, illustrations, videos etc. So, the books I've chosen to purchase to help me must have lots of pictures (like "iWork the missing manual"). I have the same preference for cookbooks - no Joy of Cooking for me.

One of my everyday activities includes visits to "Google". Did you know you can use natural language to search for information? I can ask "How do I create a screen shot in Windows" and what pops up is immediate and often illustrated. Sometimes I may have to restate my question but most of the time I get an immediate response and I'm good to go.

Typically, the first thing you'll see pop up is the actual instruction. Sometimes I'm in the mood to watch a video with step-by-step instruction so I scroll down to Videos and find a plethora of videos to choose from. I also frequently explore the section called "People also ask" where similar questions are shown.

The collage illustrates search results for the query "how do I put a photo into a document". It includes:

- A keyboard shortcut for taking a screenshot on a Mac (Command + Shift + 3).
- YouTube video results for "How To Screenshot On Mac" and "How to Take a Screenshot on Your Mac".
- A search result for "Take a screenshot on your Mac - Apple Support" with a list of instructions.
- A search result for "Insert pictures - Office Support - Microsoft Support" with a "People also ask" section containing related questions like "How do you add a picture to a document?" and "How do I insert a picture into a text document?".

We are offering a two day class February 15 & 17 that will help you become an expert Google searcher. Click [HERE](#) for the class description.

Google Advanced Search Features - Online (Prerequisite: Internet experience)

Register

Feb 15 (Mon), 17 (Wed) at 1:00 pm

Raymond Fagan

(11 seats)

Education Director

Marie Frasca
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Education Courses

Winter Classes started January 18, 2021 via Zoom. Below are classes we are offering.

PC classes:

Cybersecurity, Excel, Genealogy, Popular Games, Variety of Windows 10.

Mac classes:

Calendar Contacts, Photos, and Mac 1,2,3,4.

'Other' classes:

Android Smartphones, Tablets, Chromebook Workshop, Elements, Google, iCloud, iPad, iPhone, iPhoto, PowerPoint, Shutterfly, Cloud, Twitter.

New classes this winter session:

Android Smartphones: Camera, Photos, Apps
Android Smartphones; Contacts, Messaging
Android Smartphones: Email and Navigation
Elements Layer 1
Elements Layer 2
Elements Guided Basics

Go to **Class Registration** on our website to see the time and date of classes.

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

Overview - Welcomes you to the Education webpage, a good place to begin. Scroll down to the list of "*Links to help you get started.*"

This lets you know how to register for class, attend, join a Zoom class meeting, pay for the classes, etc.

Course Listing - Listing of classes are separated into groups: PC Courses, Mac Courses, and "Other" courses. **Red** -Classes not being offered this session. **Blue** - Classes that are being offered. Click the name of the class to read its description. 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 - You will see a brief explanation of how to register for classes. Scroll down a little further to see the classes being offered this session. Something **NEW**—to reserve a seat, click on the **Register** button to enroll.

Zoom Instructions - Guides you in how to use Zoom for online classes: getting started, joining a zoom class meeting and offering free one-on-one instruction. For members 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.

2021 Winter Session Class Statistics

	CLASSES	SESSIONS
PC	18	26
Mac	8	12
Other	33	51
TOTALS	59	89

Membership Director

Nancy Collins

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I would like to say a big thank you to Leigh Donaldson and Gretel Coursol for their aid in tracking all the participation numbers for club activities.

Since September, we have had 782 total participants in our various Zoom Meetings and that does not include our class attendance.

We welcomed our members to join us from the comfort of their own homes far away or in Grand. For those who did not know how to use Zoom, Leigh worked with those on Windows computers and I worked with those on Apple.

It is always exciting for us to see faces we helped actually join us for meetings and Zoom events.

One of our most popular Zoom events is our Tuesday Tech Help. Because safety protocols restricted us from offering help face to face, we pitched in to offer it online. We are able to join members needing help in "virtual rooms" and solve most of their problems without leaving the safety of their houses.

Why Do I Need to Renew?

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!

Tech Help is even MORE active than usual—every Tuesday! No \$100+ per hour Geek Squad visits needed!

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.

I miss my "Presentation Topics" List!!

Pre-COVID the Computers Club printed a back-to-back handout that you picked up inside the club or in the literature rack outside the club. It highlighted all of the activities going on at the club for 2 months at a time.

I used to put it on my fridge as an easy way to see if there was something I wanted to do each week. It seems there's ALWAYS something going on at the Club that is of interest to me.

All is not lost dear reader!! It has a new home on the grandcomputers.org webpage under the "Activities" tab. It's now called "30+ Day Outlook" and you can print it or just reference it online to see what's going on at the club.

Of course, all of the Club activities are reviewed each week in Little Bytes E-Blast too but some of us like to have that printed sheet handy to look at.

So, enjoy reviewing all the activities STILL taking place at the Club—even during this strange COVID time!

Grand Computers

The screenshot shows the website navigation menu with the following items: Calendars, Activities, Education, Documents. The 'Activities' dropdown menu is open, listing the following options: Chat with Dan and Friends, Coffee Chat, General Meetings, Little Bytes Live, New To Computers, Tech Help, and 30+ Day Outlook. The '30+ Day Outlook' option is highlighted in grey. A black arrow points from the 'Activities' tab to the '30+ Day Outlook' option.

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.

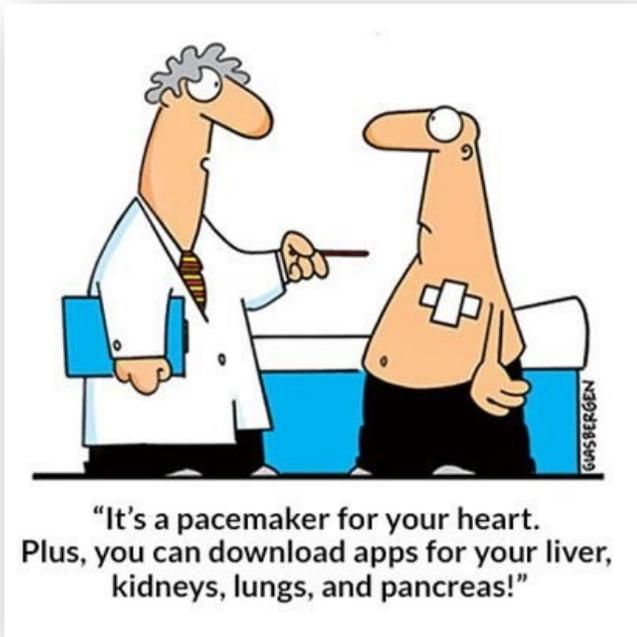
You need to sign up before **Monday at 11:00AM** to be on Tuesday's schedule. To sign up for Tech Help click [HERE](#).

FREE for Computers
Club Members!

We can HELP!!

**Join us via
Zoom!**

Feel free to join us during Tech Help even if you do not have a problem. We love having observers and you may be able to help one of our members.



Join the Grand Computers Club Facebook Group!

You will also find many of the Tech Team Members will respond to questions posed on Facebook within this group!

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! See you on Facebook!

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**

Chat with Dan and (really smart) Friends continues on Thursdays where we discuss current technology topics and trends.

Recent topics included password recovery settings, password managers, the new Google storage policy, and what type of drive to buy for your backups.

It's an hour of great discussion and you never know where the conversation will go.

If you have topic you would like for the group to discuss, you can email me at:

chatwithdanandfriends@gmail.com

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

See Video: https://youtu.be/4IMirrSrv_U

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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.



**"Moonrise
Over**

Angela's"

Created with
PSCamera—a
Free Photos App
for
iPhone and An-
droid Deices.
Have Fun!

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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New to Computers Group

February 9 10:00 - 11:30 AM Via Zoom Videoconferencing.

"The Cloud—Too Embarrassed to Ask: What is "The Cloud" and How Does it Work?"
Presented by Tome Shepherd

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

Next Meeting: February 15

Topic: "Apple Fitness+ App".

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: 1st Tuesday and 3rd 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

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: 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

Next Meeting: February 25

Topic: "Listen Up: Music, Talk, Everything Audio".

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

Next Meetings/Topics:

February 1 6 - 8 PM Make a 2 page spread, tying the pages together.

February 8 6 - 8 PM Build clusters of elements to enhance your work.

February 15 6 - 8 PM Make a banner that can be used in 2 page spread or for a title.

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

Next Meeting: February 26

Topic: "2021 Outlook" presented by Wells Fargo.

Other Meetings:

February 19 - 10:30 AM Financial Workshop.

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.

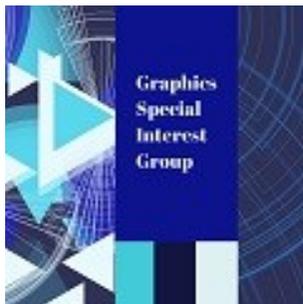
Place: Check Online Calendar for Zoom Links or Little Bytes E-Blast.

Contact: Linda Etherton - genealogy@grandcomputers.org

Next Meeting: February 4

Topic: "General Workshop on Ancestry.com, MyHeritage.com, FamilySearch.org" Scott Wallack & Dr. Leon Chapman.

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

Next Meeting: February 11

Topic: "Creating/Editing Short Videos Part III—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

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

Contact: Tom Shepherd - newtech@grandcomputers.org

Next Meeting: February 18

Topic: "Top Technology Trends that will transform the automotive industry in 2021".

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

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