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Grand Computers Club Newsletter

April 2023

President's Column: Calling All Candidates for 2024 - We need you!

The executive board of our Club has been working on succession planning - considering the future plans of current board members and considering the vast talent pool of our current membership.

Barbara Vivian
President

Our term for board members is currently one year. Most of our members serve two or more years and some are dedicated well beyond two years and continue serving indefinitely in their positions. We are blessed to benefit from their commitment to our club with their specialized skills and knowledge.

Recently, the Grand Board of Directors voted to limit terms for chartered club board members to 4 consecutive years. If a club wishes to extend the terms beyond this limit, they must receive a vote of ⅔ of voting members to do so. We are in this position for our 2024 board. We have three board positions with incumbents exceeding the 4 consecutive year limit who wish to continue: Treasurer (Debbie Meyer), Education Director (Marie Frasca) and Technical Director (Ted Gray).

We have three board members who are within the 4 year limit: Membership (Kathy Cracraft), Tech Help (Clay Stephens), Secretary (Gaile Brinkman). They have indicated their intention to continue in these positions for 2024.

Remaining board positions will be open without incumbents: President, Vice President, and Monitor Director.

We will hold elections at our December General Meeting and present a slate of candidates at that time. This slate will include our incumbents noted above and additional candidates wishing to serve on the 2024 Board.

If you are interested in discussing ANY of these positions - whether there are incumbents or not - please talk to any board member. We will be creating a Nominating Committee in the near future and this group will work with those interested in pursuing a position on the board and soliciting members they feel have the potential to serve on the board.

We hope you will consider becoming more active in any of our club volunteer activities - there are many to consider.

Tech Help: Computer Support and You!

If you search on "What percent of seniors own computers", you will find that
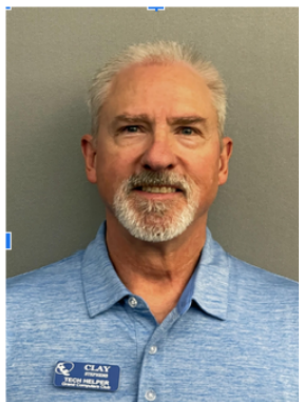
**Clay Stephens
Tech Team Director**

approximately 30 percent of computer owners are older than 55 with 23 percent of owners at 75 or older! It is also understood that seniors have a lower adoption of technology than the general public, however, the gap in technology use between seniors and the general public **has grown much smaller** over the last decade!

As an exercise in guestimation: If you take the above 30 percent and apply it to the Grand Community population of approximately 17,000 people, you get a general number of around 5000 computers in our community (NOT including smart phones which are basically handheld computers). If each of these computer owners needed

support 2 times a year (not uncommon) then you would have over 10,000 support opportunities! That is a big support demand!

The Grand residents who are members of the Computer Club are fortunate to have Tech Help on Tuesdays to get the support they need for their computers and cell phones. If you are not aware of the Computer Club and want to join, please go to this site, and look for the bright red "Membership" box: https://grandcomputers.org/Member/HomePage.php.

Now if you don't want to join the Computer Club but still need support, there are several individuals who have small businesses (called In-Home Technical Services) who can supply computer support to our fellow grand community residents in their home. To get details on these In-Home Services, come into the Computer Club any day we are open (see our website for details: https://www.grandcomputers.org/Member/HomePage.php) and ask for a business card for "In-Home Technical Services". You would need to use the business card and contact the business to inquire about costs and availability. Please note that this "in-home technical service" is NOT affiliated in any way nor endorsed by the Grand Computers Club. We just offer out the cards.

I hope this information helps you get the computer support you need.

Also remember, if you are a Computer Club Member, bring any questions you have regarding new computers, and which one might work for you to Tech Help which is every Tuesday from 12:30 to 2:30. See our Club Website for details: https://www.grandcomputers.org

New To Computers: Using Technology to make Vacation Travel better

The New to Computers group provides topics of general interest for beginning technology users. It is open to anyone in Grand, club member or not. The discussions are introductory and a place to ask questions.
Anyone can attend – no registration needed – non-members are welcome.

Tuesday, April 11 9:30 am at the Chaparral Center, Hopi Room
Using Technology to make your Vacation Travel better - gone (for most people) are the days of using a AAA map with a yellow highlighter to plan your trip. And you may not need to carry that Rick Steves tour book with you next time you are walking around Paris. Now there are websites that really can give you a lot of information to help you make good choices when reserving flights, hotels, guides, etc. And there are also apps that work with you in real time as you explore your destination. Come hear the latest !

Please contact Tom Shepherd at NewToComputers@grandcomputers.org if any questions.

Education: April Classes are being offered

Marie Frasca
Education
Director

To register for classes, go to website:
https://www.grandcomputers.org/Member/HomePage.php

Click on the "Education" tab for the menu.
Click on "Registration for Classes"

When registering for a class, first read carefully the list of prequisites in the class description. Students are taking classes that are too difficult or too easy for them. This is troublesome not only for the instructor and your fellow classmates but you will find yourself discouraged in the classroom.   There are classes for **beginners, intermediate and advanced**. We ask that you find the right one that fits your needs.

The following classes are schedule for April

PC Classes		
PowerPoint Microsoft 365 (Windows 10 & 11 (Prerequisite: Basic PC or Mac skills)		
Register Apr 3 (Mon), 7 (Fri) at 10:30 am	Denise Wassenaar	(8 seats)
Windows 11 Basic (Class 3) (Prerequisite: Basic PC knowledge)		
Apr 3 (Mon), 6 (Thu) at 1:00 pm	Thomas Shepherd	(0 seats)
Mac Classes		
Photos for Mac (Prerequisite: Familiarity with using a Mac)		
Apr 7 (Fri), 10 (Mon) at 3:30 pm	Ira Simmons	(0 seats)
Other Classes		
Apple Watch-Almost All You Want to Know (Prerequisite: None)		
Apr 6 (Thu), 13 (Thu) at 10:30 am	Robert Babicke	(0 seats)
iMovie for Mac, iPad and iPhone (Prerequisite: Familiar using a Mac)		
Register Apr 3 (Mon) at 3:30 pm	Ira Simmons	(5 seats)
Mailchimp for Mass Email (Prerequisite: Intermediate computer skills)		
Register Apr 12 (Wed), 13 (Thu), 14 (Fri) at 1:00 pm	Maxine Kirchgessner	(4 seats)
Music and Podcast Mobile Applications (Prerequisite: Basic Smartphone Knowledge)		
Register Apr 5 (Wed) at 8:00 am	Klaudia Jurewicz	(7 seats)
Password Security and Management - The Basics (Prerequisite: Basic PC and Mac)		
Mar 30 (Thu) at 10:30 am	Denise Wassenaar	(0 seats)

It is important to pay for class when you register.
Payment is due the day you register for the class.
You will also receive access to the handout when payment is received.

Winter session ends April 15, 2023
The next education session is the fall session beginning September 2023. The club will be working over the summer getting ready for the fall session. Information will be going out when registration begins through e-blasts when finalized with the start of the classes.
If you are not receiving the club's eblast, please contact the computers club.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. We are always looking for new instructors and assistant instructors. If you are interested in teaching, but you are unsure of your abilities, consider assisting in a class. You might be surprised by your abilities. If you are interested in either teaching or assisting contact the Education Director. For more information, contact me. Marie Frasca Education Director education @grandcomputers.org

For questions on the education courses, contact Marie Frasca, Education Director at
education@grandcomputers.org.

Membership: *Videos for Joining or Renewing Club Membership*

Have you been thinking about joining the Grand Computers Club for the first time, or renewing your club membership and have not gotten around to it yet? Now is the time!

Viewing this newsletter online?
Below are two short videos that will help you complete the process.
Click on image.

Kathy Cracraft
Membership Director

See you at the club!

If not viewing the newsletter online, then scan the QR code.
Or go to www.grandcomputers.org > Membership
Or YouTube.com/@GrandComputersClub to view videos.

New Technologies SIG: April Topic: The Network in Your Home

The New Technologies Special Interest Group (SIG) is the place to go to keep abreast of the latest in technology. The SIG shares ideas and information about leading edge devices, technologies, and innovations.

Thursday, April 20 at 3:30 – **Chaparral Center, Grand Computers Club Classroom Anyone can attend – no registration needed – non-members are welcome.**

Topic – The Network in your Home- talk about how to organize and manage your home network. Discuss what download speeds are needed for what usage. Explore what tools are available to monitor speeds and activities. Review advanced topics including Mesh WiFi routers and network security.

Please contact Tom Shepherd – tomshepherdaz@gmail.com if any questions.

Did You Miss A Recent Club Presentation?

From October - April, there are 3 presentations per month via Coffee Chat, our General Meeting and New To Computers events which are open to the public. Club membership is not required.
Below are some of the recent presentations. Click on link to see the presentation
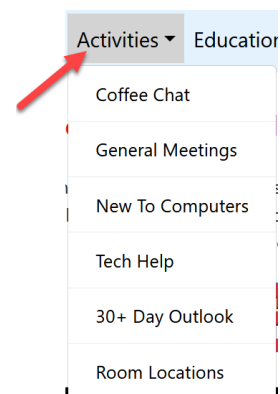Or visit the respective pages by going to www.grandcomputers.org > Activities

General Meetings

- Evernote Presentation March 2-23.pdf

- Web Browsing Made Easier Feb 2023 Tom Shepherd.pdf
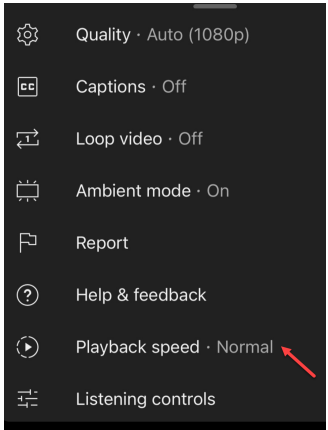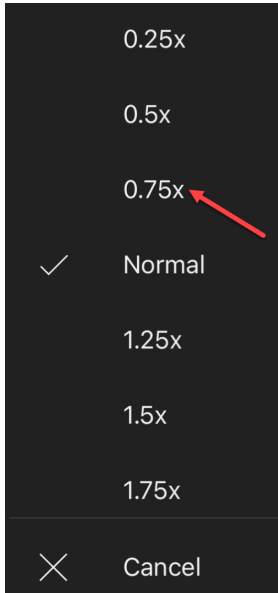
- iPad Panel presentation.pdf

Coffee Chats

- How to clean up your iPhone March 2023.pdf
- Cleaning up for a faster phone.pdf

- Top Ten Great Websites for Seniors Feb 2023 v4.0.pdf

- Coffee chat podcasts 2023.pdf
- Description of Podcasts.pdf

New To Computers

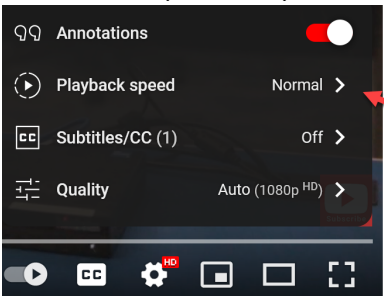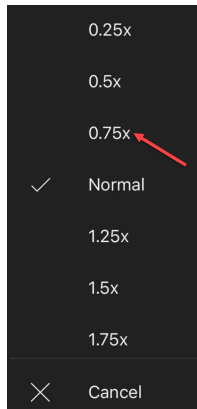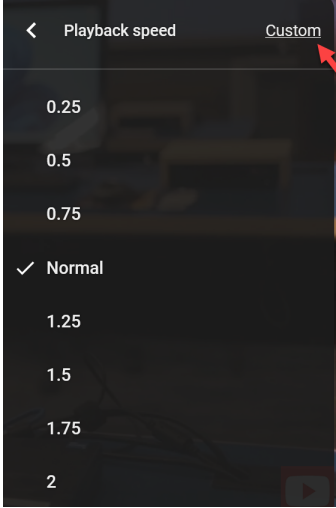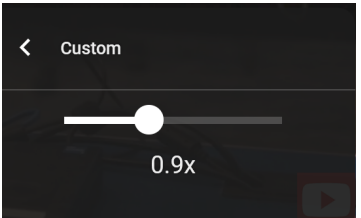- Feb 2023 Music Streaming Presentation.pdf

- Jan 2023 Texting Presentation.pdf

Activities ▾ Education

Coffee Chat

General Meetings

New To Computers

Tech Help

30+ Day Outlook

Room Locations

YouTube Tip: Person in Video Talking Too Fast? Slow down the video!

On your phone
Tap video
In upper right corner,

Click gear icon ⚙
Click on Playback Speed

⚙ Quality · Auto (1080p)

▭ Captions · Off

⇄ Loop video · Off

▱ Ambient mode · On

⚑ Report

⊘ Help & feedback

▷ Playback speed · Normal

⇌ Listening controls

Choose 0.75x to slow down to 75% of normal speed.

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✕ Cancel

Then hit the play icon to resume the video.

On Your Computer

In lower right corner of video, Click gear icon ⚙

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Click on Playback Speed

🎧 Annotations ⬤

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Or click 'custom'

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✓ Normal

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Use the slide bar to choose speed.

‹ Custom

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Then hit the play icon to resume the video.

Here are some other desktop keyboard shortcuts that you may find useful

J go back 10s   K pause   L go forward 10s

0 go to start   5 go halfway   9 go to end

Volume control: M Mute/unmute the video   Page Up/Raise Volume   Page Down/Lower Volume

Upcoming Events

Please visit our website at www.grandcomputers.org

Education - Register for classes.
Go to www.grandcomputers.org and visit the Education Overview Page.

Membership - Membership in our Computer Club offers so many opportunities!
Credit/Debit Card payment ONLY! For more information, click HERE
For additional information, contact Membership@grandcomputers.org

Tech Help for members EVERY TUESDAY from 12:30 - 2:30 pm In Person at the club.
More information at www.grandcomputers.org > Tech Help
Must be a Club Member to participate. Bring your device, passwords, & power supply for in person help.

SCAN ME

Computers Club Meetings Open to ALL SCG Residents:

General Meeting - 1st Wednesday Oct-Apr
            Contact Barb Vivian for additional information at president@grandcomputers.org
Wednesday,   April 5, 2023   2:00 PM   Chaparral Center, Pima Room
        Topic: Navigating Shutterfly: The Essentials presented by Pam Kostel, Club Instructor and Historian.
        Pam will share her expertise about Shutterfly and how to use many of the features it offers.

Coffee Chat - 2nd Thursday Oct-Apr   Coffee & Donuts Provided!
            Contact Susan Lucas for additional information at vicepresident@grandcomputers.org.
Thursday, April 13, 2023   8:30 AM   Chaparral, Pima
                    Topic: **What to do if your phone is lost, stolen or broken**

Orientation - New to the Club or need a refresher about what it has to offer?
            Contact Susan Lucas for additional information at vicepresident@grandcomputers.org.
        Join us for a detailed Club overview followed by a tour of the Club facilities.
Friday, April 21   3:30-5:00 pm Chaparral Center, Apache Room

Special Interest Group Activities (SIGs) Non-Members may attend 3 meetings before joining the Club.
For Special Interest Group Activities (SIGs), go to http://www.grandcomputers.org > SIGs
Or if viewing online, click HERE or on a logo below.

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