GRAND COMPUTERS CLUB

Your Technology Resource

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WANTED: PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSON!

If you have an interest in advertising, promotion, publicity and communications, you will enjoy volunteering for this position. This is a perfect opportunity for you if you enjoy exercising your creativity. If you would like to know more or if

you know someone you'd like to suggest, please contact: publicity@grandcomputers.org.

LAST WEEK'S COVID-19 VACCINE SIGN UP PROCESS DEMO WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Our Zoom Account allows up to 100 attendees and during this demo we reached that limit. It was more than we anticipated, so we asked some who were already up-to-speed on the issue to please leave the meeting to allow others who wanted to learn the process to come in. We thank those of you who gave up your spot and we apologize to any of you who might have been denied entry when we were topped out at 100. You can see therefore that the demo was more successful than we had expected. Thank you to Dan Wallen for hosting and all of you who attended and those of you who participated in the demo.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK----------------------

Monday, January 25, 1:00-2:00pm, **Little Bytes Live**, Join in the fun conversations we have. It's not only about this E-Blast named Little Bytes, it's about becoming friends as we get to know one another better through conversation.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88237079666?pwd=bUNEc2pVM2l2eUliMTh3TGk5T01SUT09

Meeting ID: 882 3707 9666
Passcode: 349195

Monday, January 25, 6:00-8:00pm, **Digital Scrapbooking SIG**, We will show you several ways to create your own background so it can be specific to the pictures

or story you want to enhance.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89990910568?pwd=VVl2cG9MZWFJMTVjVTRjUmx6T0djUT09

Meeting ID: 899 9091 0568
Passcode: DigSB

Tuesday, January 26, 12:30-2:30pm, **Tech Help,** Fill out the form at the following link to request attendance. Be prepared to describe your device and problem. Form must be submitted no later than 11am on Monday. Sometime later that same day, you will receive an email invitation with a link to join the meeting Tuesday at 12:30pm.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScXXIioshz8UuzX6DHGYG5DfdqWsTEHAS2JQdbURuokNi1Yag/viewform

If you don't know how to connect to Zoom, please indicate on the form that you would like someone to show you how to connect to Zoom. We will call you prior to Tech Help to guide you.

Thursday, January 28, 9:00-10:30am, **Chat with Dan and Friends**, Ask any technical questions pertaining to computers or devices and get answers from Dan or one of his friends. On ZOOM. Here is the link:

https://zoom.us/j/96202293634?pwd=emRLcW5LY1MyTHBrMm5jN2FkV0NTZz09

Meeting ID: 962 0229 3634
Passcode: 207075

Thursday, January 28, 3:23-5:00pm, **Devices SIG**, All About Sports

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86916606810?pwd=VnE5bDBlY2ZFMnU0MysrWXFRNjBIUT09

Meeting ID: 869 1660 6810
Passcode: 173368

MISCELLANEOUS------------------------------

EDUCATION – ONLINE CLASSES VIA ZOOM

Winter Classes:

January 11, 2021 – Registration began

1. Click the Education Tab for the menu.
2. Click Class Registration to see the list of classes being offered.
3. Click the Register button to register for the class.
4. On the menu click Overview if you need assistance registering, paying with PayPal or your credit card and Zoom requirements to attend classes.

To keep our members safe from COVID-19 payment of classes is being accepted only by credit or debit card on our website. No checks or cash will be accepted at the computer club by a monitor.

For updated information on the classes and registering look for the e-blasts from the education director, subject: Education Classes….

Marie Frasca

Education Director
education@grandcomputers.org

We're on Facebook! If you're on Facebook, you should come join us on our group page. You will find lots of useful information there. You can ask questions for which you will get answers. There's much that you can do on our group page. If you think outside the box, you may surprise us all with the uses you will find with our FB Group page. Here is the URL (website address):

https://www.facebook.com/groups/GrandComputersClub

Come join us. You'll be glad you did!

WE NEED MONITORS TO KEEP THE CLUB OPEN

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 who respond to this need.

FREE ONE-ON-ONE HELP TO GET YOU STARTED WITH ZOOM

If you don't know how to get on Zoom, we've made it easy for you to learn how. We offer free one-on-one help. Use this link to fill out a form and someone will contact you to help you.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdRQV_bx_1dimNT4SngW6bXuVsRKslRhcm-MOccndzV9Nnzyw/viewform

COMPUTERS FOR SCHOOLKIDS

WANTED – Older laptop computers (PCs or MACs) and tablets (iPads or Androids)! Please help out by donating your older laptop or tablet to Jim Geffre. Jim repairs them, updates them, and donates them to schools. He would

like the laptops to have Windows 7, Windows 8 or already be upgraded to Windows 10. Please include the power cord with the computer and the charger for a tablet. Jim wipes the hard drives or puts new ones in if you were to leave yours out. If needed, Jim adds memory to at least 4GB and adds Microsoft Office.

Please contact Jim by phone (623-544-3394) or by email (geffre1949@yahoo.com) to arrange for a drop-off at Jim's home. Email is preferred. Jim will email you back his physical address. You can then leave the computer outside his house. Please be sure to include the password to unlock your computer or tablet and your email address with the computer and Jim will email you a tax form for taking a deduction on your tax return. (You can deduct up to $150.00 per laptop).

TECH ARTICLES -----------------------------

Laptop buying guide: 8 essential tips to know before you buy

https://www.laptopmag.com/articles/laptop-buying-guide

11 Common Laptop-Buying Mistakes You Can Easily Avoid

https://www.digitaltrends.com/computing/top-laptop-buying-mistakes/

How to See What CPU Is In Your PC (and How Fast It Is)

https://www.howtogeek.com/413942/how-to-see-what-cpu-is-in-your-pc-and-how-fast-it-is/

How to make your laptop last longer

https://www.cnet.com/how-to/how-to-make-your-laptop-last-longer-so-you-dont-have-to-buy-a-new-one-now/