

To: Grand Computers Members, Sun City Grand
From: Leon D. Chapman, President, Grand Computers
Subject: November 2006 Newsletter

Our Fall Class enrollment went very smoothly on October 6-7, 2006. In addition, we had late enrollments on Oct 11th & 18th to meet some of the demands of our members. Our next class enrollment will be in January 2007. Classes are \$10 per class per 4 hours (two 2 hr sessions).

We have added some new classes for the fall that were very popular. They include:

- Care & Feeding of Your PC
- Digital Camera/Computer Workshop
- Greeting-Business Cards
- Using the Internet Level 2

*****DUES INCREASE*****

In the past few months, the Board performed a life-cycle cost analysis on our classroom and open use room. This analysis included a 3 year life estimate on computers and all software. The classroom revenue is roughly breaking even on student class fees to maintain and replace our classroom equipment and software in about three years. The open use room cost replacement to break even assuming 1359 members was \$16.92. Our current annual membership was \$10. The Board voted and approved the raising of the Grand Computer annual fees to \$20 based upon this life-cycle cost analysis. The details of this life-cycle cost analysis were presented at our General meeting on November 1. A motion was made and seconded to raise our annual dues to \$20 starting December 1, 2006. The motion passed unanimously. The class fees remain the same, \$5 / two hours of class.

If you have experience or talents to offer to Grand Computers, please consider volunteering.

Digital Photo instructors needed. If you have skill in processing digital photographs on a computer, please consider volunteering as an instructor. The club would like to offer more classes in digital photo processing on both PCs and Macs. Contact Ken Raske, krask@cox.net, if you are interested.

*****NEW TECHNOLOGIES SIG*****

Be sure to check out the New Technologies SIG at:

http://grandcomputers.org/NewTechnologies_SIG.htm

They have some interesting topics this year and meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 4-6pm in the computer classroom.

PERKS FOR CLUB VOLUNTEERS:

Able to enroll early to obtain the classes they desire.

Qualifications:

- * Monitors who have served 3 times since last registration
- * Class assistants
- * Instructors
- * SIG facilitators
- * Board Members

Attend the Volunteer Dinner in March (Free dinner & door prizes).

Qualifications:

- * Monitors who have served 5 times in previous calendar year
- * Class assistants for 3 classes in previous calendar year
- * Class registration assistants
- * Instructors
- * SIG facilitators
- * Board Members
- * Past Presidents

If you haven't volunteered as a monitor, class assistant, or instructor, we are looking for a few select people just like you to help us at Grand Computers. Please stop by our general use room and sign up. It is through our volunteers that we are able to keep the computer general use room open from 9am-4pm Monday-Friday.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We also are looking for volunteers for the following positions:

Cleaning of our computer rooms - 1 time / month (Saturday)
 (Contact Edward Jones at cadillac6721@yahoo.com)

Instructors & Assistant Instructors
 (Contact Ken Raske at kcrask@cox.net)

*****NOTES FROM CAM*****

CAM is sponsoring two food drives for the St. Mary's/Westside Food Bank.

1. 20 November - Turkey drive - drop off your turkey in front of Sonoran plaza between 9am-4pm.
2. 11-15 December - drop off non-perishable food or a check at CAM office.

***** THERE ARE ENROLLMENT CHANGES COMING *****

We are in the process of moving our entire enrollment and calendar to a Web based system. We have made the initial changes this weekend that will provide the monitors with a calendar on the Web and the ability to sign up for their monitoring times over the Web. Stay tuned for more information on enrollment.

Leon Chapman, President, Grand Computers
