



*"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower." -Albert Camus*

**A Message from President Loren Lundquist:**



The summer is ending and activity in Sun City Grand is picking up. I'd like to take this time to remind you of two things, that your membership needs renewal and that our fall term of computer education courses

will begin soon.

Grand Computers changed its membership year from a calendar year in 2010 to an October through September year, with the 9 months ending September 30, 2011 being the transition. So if you haven't renewed your membership since September 1, you need to do so. Dues are \$20 per membership year per person for the October, 2011 through September, 2012 membership year. Signing up in September will renew an existing membership or give a new member membership from the day they sign up through September, 2012.

The bottom line is don't wait till October, renew or sign up now (remember that you must be a paid up member to be able to enroll in the courses that will start in early October).

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The preferred method for membership renewal (or joining) is online through the club website [www.grandcomputers.org](http://www.grandcomputers.org) and paying through PayPal. You can also stop by the club open use room in the Chaparral Center and renew or sign up in person with the monitor on duty.

Our education department has been hard at work preparing for the courses that will be offered beginning October 12. New courses include E-book Basics Seminar, Fundamentals of Investing, Tips for the Mac User, and Slideshows Done Quickly on a Mac. PC courses on Windows 7 have been re-organized into Levels 1 through 5, and other popular software courses such as Hallmark Greeting Cards, Google Advanced Search, *("Message," con't on p. 2)*

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Facebook, Skype and iPad will be offered multiple times. The computer club owns equipment to convert VHS tapes, video cassettes and vinyl records to digital files, and seminars will be offered on the use of that equipment. Key dates are:

- Saturday, September 24. Classes posted on line. Open [www.grandcomputers.org](http://www.grandcomputers.org) then click on "Education" on the left side of the page. Then click on "Class Schedule" to see when courses are offered. There is a listing of the courses at "Course Listing" under "Education"; click on a specific course to bring up its detailed description and prerequisites.
- Tuesday, October 4. Online registration opens at 8:00 AM and will stay open until late in the term (December). (Club volunteers can register early October 3 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM.)
- Friday, October 7. There will be three FREE half-hour seminars on "How to Register Online." Members may sign up in advance at the club for seminars at 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM or 1:00 PM.
- Saturday, October 8. Anyone needing in person help in signing up for courses will be assisted from 9:00 to 10:30 AM in the club open use room in the Chaparral Center.
- Wednesday, October 12. Classes begin.

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OFFICER CANDIDATES FOR 2012  
GRAND COMPUTERS CLUB  
SUN CITY GRAND

PRESIDENT	JOYCE KLONCZ
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EDUCATION DIRECTOR	JOHN NUERENBERG
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR	JOEY DE LA CONCEPCION
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	LOREN LUNDQUIST

Nominations may be made from the floor at the November 3 General Meeting, with election being December 1st. We thank the nominating committee of **Jim Geffre, Chair**, Sharon Hoobler, Don Exner, and Ken Raske.

The Grand Computers Club is in need of a candidate for Vice-President for the December elections. The duties of the Vice-President are as follows: Vice-President: Shall perform all duties of the Club President in the event of the Club President's absence or inability to perform and shall also perform other such duties and responsibilities as may be assigned, with Club Executive Board approval, from time to time by the Club President.

CAM requires that our club must have a Vice-President in order to stay a charter club of Sun City Grand. Please consider helping fill this position. You may contact Jim Geffre, Nominations Chair, at 623-544-3394 or [geffre1949@yahoo.com](mailto:geffre1949@yahoo.com) for more information.

**An Update  
From the  
Membership  
Director.**



2011 memberships expired on Sep. 30. We are now accepting renewal payments for 2012. You can join the computer club online by filling out the Membership Application. In either case you can pay your dues, \$20 from Oct. 1, 2011 through Sep. 30, 2012, using PayPal or by visiting the Grand Computers Club Mondays through Fridays between 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM. Members who are leasing or renting need to be aware that although they pay for a year's membership it is only good to the extent of their lease.

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Don't forget our Coffee Chats the second Thursday of each month in the Hopi room of the Chaparral Center. Invite your friends; you don't have to be a club member to attend. The topics will be:

- October: Overview of the computer club, its special interest groups, classes and technical support for members.
- November: How to pick a computer. PC or Mac? Desktop, laptop, netbook, tablet? What to look for.
- December: Tech toys that make great gifts.

I hope that you have had a great summer, wherever you spent it. I am looking forward to seeing you around the club.

Loren Lundquist  
President, Grand Computers.



Course prerequisites have been implemented so as to allow a student to determine their own abilities, skill levels, and other classes they have taken before registering for a class. Too often a student enrolls in a class and is totally unprepared to participate due to lack of previous training. This not only slows the progress of the class, makes the class less interesting to those that are properly trained, but also causes frustration for our instructors. Please review the prerequisites carefully before registering for a class. If attending a class in which you may be ill-prepared, we may need to dismiss you from the class and apply your *fee* toward *("From the Education Department," con't in column 2)*



### October Coffee Chat

Oct. 11, 8:30 AM  
Hopi Room,  
Chaparral Center

This meeting will provide an overview of the Computer Club and it's Special Interest Groups: Compose Yourself, Genealogy, New Technologies, Mac, Financial Education, & Graphics. Class offerings and on-line enrollment procedures will be explained. Find out how our weekly Tech Help Desk can assist you with your computer problem. More information will be obtained in our Q & A session to kick off the new session. Leading edge equipment/software available in the club will be reviewed.



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another class that would be more appropriate or refund your fee. This is not intended to be punishment, only to assist you accomplish your ultimate computer experience and training which can't be done if you are lost throughout the class.

One last very important reminder: our membership period has shifted to October 1 ^ September 30. If you are currently a member but you let your membership lapse by the end of September, you will not be able to enroll in classes of your choice. Suggestion: renew your membership before expiration. To do this, login to by entering your CAM number in the Member ID field, all seven digits, then your password, which is your first name and the first four numbers of your CAM number, such as John1234, with no space or dash between the name and numbers. One of the first links is to renew your membership. You cannot do this prior to login in.

## **Oh, the Changes You Will See**

While the rest of us have been enjoying our summer, the tech folks have been busy making changes in the classroom. One computer has been added to each of the two front rows. So we now have 11 student computers, and an instructor computer.

More improvements are to come, one being a new projector with WiFi capability allowing us to use an Apple TV to connect wirelessly to the projector for iPad and iPhone classes. So keep checking the Classroom and watch for those changes to appear.

The photos below, taken by Leon Chapmen, will give you a "sneak peak" at changes made thus far.



## **Hewlett Packard to Present at Selected Clubs**

Through the Arizona Alliance of Computer Clubs Hewlett Packard will be giving the program at the October 5th Grand Computer Club General meeting in the Gila room of the Cimarron Center at 1:00 P.M. Below is information sent out by Hewlett Packard as to the content of the program:

"We welcome you to join us for our latest HP Holiday Training Event! We will share exciting new HP updates on our latest HP notebooks, printers, accessories and new HP Touchpads! We will raffle off prizes at select events and have fun incentives for asking/answering questions. HP is honored to have the opportunity to share our latest products and the great life impactful benefits. We will also include Social Networking to help you stay in touch with your friends and family (Facebook, etc). We will bring in snacks/ desserts to make our trainings even more exciting! HP has a lot of great new product benefits such as ePrint, Simple Pass (launch a site and passwords with a swipe of a finger), Cool Sense (notebooks adjust to temperatures), and the latest Beats Audio feature and we look forward to helping you learn about the entire HP experience to enhance lives!"

Mark your calendars, and be sure to attend this informational program.

### **MONITORS' CORNER**

Bill Remling, Monitor Director

As Monitor Director, I want to thank all those monitors who worked through the long hot summer months to keep the "Open" room open for our members. Without your service we would have had to close. I am happy to report that did not happen ... not even once. Many of you put in more than one session a month ... a special thanks to you for going above and beyond in service. Some of you switched to cover for unexpected events ... thank you for that as well.

With the start of October we are now open for both the morning session and the afternoon session. More are needed. If you know anyone who is a member of the club and frequents the computer room see if you can encourage them to volunteer as a monitor. We will do our best to get them trained and at the desk as easily as possible.

As our winter residents return to Grand, we will also see an influx of renters as well. I have been informed by Joey de la Concepcion, our Membership Director that their membership lasts only as long as their lease which may not be a full year's membership. We will have to inform them of this at the desk. Their end of lease date is on their blue CAM card.

October is a busy month for us with membership renewals, new member registrations, a new class schedule and registration for classes. It is an exciting time as well. At times we may have to take a deep breath, calm down and simply do the best we can with the challenges we will be presented with. If you feel you need help, just ask ... I am sure it will be closer than you think. I have no doubt, knowing the quality of our monitors, that we are up for this task.

Monitors of the Month for September:

**Jack Gossett and Dick Meyer**

### **Summer Monitors of the Month**

May - Nora Spencer

June - Aleta Basso

Robert Conover

Charles Lang

Sam Valenti

July - Edward Jones

August - Jack Gossett

Herb Meyerovitz

Dick Meyer

### **Request for Laptops**



Jim Geffre is still in need of your old XP laptop that you may have tucked away somewhere in your home collecting dust. To date Jim has rebuilt and given to students in area schools 49 computers, but more are needed as Jim would like to finish installing laptops in the classroom. To accomplish this he needs 15 more laptops. He would like the laptops to have windows XP on them. Please include the restore disks if you have them. The power cord is also very important to have with the laptop. Jim puts in new hard drives if needed, adds memory to at least 1GB, adds Word or Open Office and sets them up with Juno, 10 hours free for a dial up service. If your old laptop works or not PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING IT!!! You can contact Jim at: [623-544-3394](tel:623-544-3394) or [geffre1949@yahoo.com](mailto:geffre1949@yahoo.com)  
NOTE: Jim will accept Macs as well.



# Bits and Pieces

## A Mouse's Revenge!



- Sept. 24 - Classes Posted Online
- Oct. 3 - Volunteers Register Early 3:00-6:00 PM
- Oct. 4 - Online Registration Opens 8:00AM
- Oct. 5 - Grand Computers General Meeting  
1:00 PM
- Oct. 7 - FREE 1/2 Hour Seminars, "How to  
Register Online" 9:00, 10:00 AM, 1:00  
PM
- Oct. 8 - Assistance Available for Those Needing  
Help Registering for Classes 9:00-1-:30  
Computer Room
- Oct. 12 - Classes Begin
- Oct. 13 - Coffee Chat 8:30 AM
- Oct. 15 - Oktoberfest

## Hidden Treasures

In the back of that closet you seldom open do you have a box (or boxes) of vinyl records that you can't bear to throw away because they hold the music of your favorite bands, vocalist, pianist. etc.? As they are, these recordings are of no use to you.

**But**, the Computer Club has a solution for you. Bring those vinyls and some CDs to the club room and use the piece of equipment that sits at the end of the counter along the left wall.

Or maybe in that closet you find the VHS tapes or video cassettes that hold precious memories that you can't unlock. you will find the piece of equipment that will release those precious memories for you. It sits on the small table at the end of the counter, and transfer the contents of your tapes or cassettes to DVDs.

And then there are all those slides! The old slide scanner has been replaced by a high powered flatbed scanner that will retrieve those pictures for you and save them to a CD or DVD. This piece of equipment is located in the far right corner of the clubroom on the counter against the front wall.

There is a set of instructions to follow with each piece of equipment, or better yet come to the seminar that will be held on the use of the equipment. The seminar "Analog to Digital" will be held in the Computer Club room on Monday, November 14th at 4:00 PM. If you can't make the first session, another session will be held on Monday, December 5th at 4:00 PM. You will need to register for the class, and there is a fee of \$5.00.

So there you are. You now have a way to learn how to save those hidden treasures. Don't let them fade into the past!





## Special Interest Groups (SIG) of Grand Computers

If you are a member of the GCC, you may attend any of these SIG meetings.



### Compose Yourself SIG

Provides club members a forum for writing about their family memoirs

**Meetings:** 3rd Monday of each month **Time:**  
1:00-3:00 PM

October 17

Topic: Memoir Writing

**Place:** Aqua Fria Room, Cimarron (Oct.-May)  
Computer Classroom, Chaparral (Jun-Sep)

**Contact:** Robert Heskin, 975-4035

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



### New Technologies SIG

Provides members with a forum for the open discussion of technologically advanced ideas

**Meetings:** 3rd Wednesday of each month  
**Time:** 2:30 - 4:00 PM

October 19

Topic: Windows 8 Preview

**Place:** Grand Computers Club Classroom

**Contact:** Joe Parla

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



### Genealogy SIG

Provides club members a forum for researching family history

**Meetings:** 1st Thursday of each month (Oct-May)

**Time:** 3:30 - 5:00 PM

October 6

Topic: More Blogging for Beginners -  
DearMYRTLE

**Place:** Computer Classroom, Chaparral Center

**Contact:** Leon Chapman, 398-8900

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



### Grand Mac SIG

Provides members a forum for Mac users and for classes on the Mac computer

**Meetings:** 3rd Monday of each month (Oct-Apr)  
**Time:** 4:30 - 6:30 PM

October 17

Topic: An Introduction to Lion  
by Ted Gray

**Place:** Pima Room, Chaparral Center

**Contact:** Joyce Kloncz, 215-2397

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



### Graphics SIG

Provides club members a forum to discuss graphic applications

**Meetings:** 2nd Thursday of each month  
**Time:** 2:30 - 4:30 PM

October 13

Topic: How to Design a Layout  
Using Graphics in Powerpoint & Word

**Place:** Hopi Room, Chaparral Center

**Contact:** Rita Scarbeck, 748-8992

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



### Financial Education SIG

Provides club members a forum for financial education

**Meetings:** 4th Friday of each month (Oct - May)  
**Time:** 1:00 - 3:00 PM

**10:00 AM, November 2**

Topic: Estate Planning

**Place:** Hopi Room, Chaparral Center

**Contact:** Cliff Jacobson, 466-8700

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

\* Note time change