

# Grand Computers



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**President Leon Chapman addressing the Grand Computer Club February 6 meeting. This meeting featured Kathy Jacobs speaking on Microsoft OneNote.**

## **A Message from President Leon Chapman**

You can continue to enroll in our winter/spring classes on-line for classes that have openings. You must have your user name and password and log in on our web site at: [www.grandcomputers.org](http://www.grandcomputers.org).

Our Grand Computers General Meeting will be on March 5th at the Cimarron Center at 1:00 PM. Our guest speaker is Dave Whittle from MuVee, Webworking Services. They have software for making videos and burning DVDs.

### **Membership Update**



# **March 2008**

**From the Membership Director, Gretel Coursol:** As of February 24, there are 856 active members. Of those, 135 are MAC users. Do you have a secondary e-mail address for Internet purchasing or for general use when you don't wish to divulge your primary address? If you would like some help setting up such a free address, call me and I'll meet you at the Club. The process takes less than ten minutes.

As of this writing, only 26 of our active members did not provide e-mail addresses when they joined or renewed. I believe that is a record low number for this time of year.

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The Board conducted a strategic planning meeting on February 22, 2008, to review the mission and goals for the club and to set some priorities for the coming years. I will review some of these at our next General meeting in March.

See the details below for our VOLUNTEER DINNER – March 14, 2008, at which we honor our many volunteers and we thank them for their service.

**Leon Chapman, President, Grand Computer Club**

March 5 Grand Computer  
Club General Meeting  
1:00 PM Cimarron Center  
  
Dave Whittle  
MuVee  
Webworking Services

(pictured right)



**VOLUNTEER DINNER – March 14, 2008**

The Volunteer dinner for 2007 volunteers will be on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008, from 5:00-9:00 PM in the Cimarron Center. Qualified volunteers have been notified. Door prizes will be given out and the entertainment will be by the Gold Ridge Gang.



**EDUCATION UPDATE**

New class registrations have been active but are more for single classes per invoice as compared to previous registrations that had more multiple classes per each Invoice. Income from class registrations for 2008 is estimated to be 10% less compared to one year ago.

The revised Instructors Manual was distributed at our Annual Instructors Breakfast meeting and will be on the web site for instructors. There were 24 instructors who attended and participated in our discussions for improvements in the instructor and student learning process.

Student materials are being made available to the student before the class and is a very important item that we will continue to work on. Some instructors have been successful in sending the materials to the student to print out the materials on their own printer. Other instructors have used CDs to distribute materials to students.

Planning continues on ideas including courses that are not currently offered and how we plan to approach the XP-Vista combination of our education program. We also are working on other Computer Club growth ideas.

**Ken Raske, Education Director**  
[education@grandcomputers.org](mailto:education@grandcomputers.org)



Pictured on this page are some of the presenters at the February 6 Grand Computers Club general meeting, held at the Cimarron Center. Top to bottom, left to right: Kathy Jacobs speaking on Microsoft One-Note; Ken Raske, Education Director; Mary Lammert, Monitors Director; Arnie Gelb, New Technologies SIG Facilitator; David Korts, Investment Education SIG Fa-

## A LOOK AT A GRAND COMPUTER VOLUNTEER: BOB CRAWFORD

Bob is the webmaster for the Grand Computer Club and is largely responsible for the Club going on-line for membership, class registration, and all other on-line activities for the Club. He has truly made a difference for our club.

Bob is originally from the Bay area and lived in San Francisco, Berkeley, Walnut Creek and Pleasant Hill. Bob and Barbara have three children who live in the Seattle area and have provided them with 4.75 grandchildren, with one due in May.

Bob is a graduate of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA with a BS in Math. His career as a computer programmer was at IBM, United States Air Force, Xerox, some small companies, and Microsoft. He spent 30 years as a computer programmer. (That must be why he is so good at what he does for the Computer Club). He enjoyed all facets of his programming career.



Barbara and Bob moved to Grand in 2005, and the favorite part of living at Grand is the community and all of the activities available here. He loves the freedom of retirement. He and Barbara enjoy ballroom dancing and RVing with their travel trailer. Hiking is another hobby.

Bob joined the Computer Club with the intention

of teaching beginning classes, which he does do; however President Leon Chapman soon found out about his multi-talents in building web sites. Go to [grandcomputers.org](http://grandcomputers.org) and see Bob's handiwork!

Above, Membership Director Gretel Coursol and Webmaster Bob Crawford plan strategies at winter registration in January.

## Special Interest Groups (SIG) of Grand Computers

### **Compose Yourself SIG**

Provides club members a forum for writing about their family.

Meetings: Third Monday of every month 1:00–3:00 PM

March 17 Topic: To be determined

Place: Palo Verde, Sonoran Plaza (Nov–May)

Computer Club Classroom, Chaparral Center (Oct)

Contact: Jim Hale, 546–9711 [CY@grandcomputers.org](mailto:CY@grandcomputers.org)

### **Genealogy SIG**

Provides club members a forum for genealogy – the research of family history.

Meetings: First Thursday of every month (Oct–May) 3:30–5:00 PM

March 6 Topic: Census Data

Place: Computer Club Classroom, Chaparral Center

Contact: Leon Chapman, 398–8900 [Genealogy@grandcomputers.org](mailto:Genealogy@grandcomputers.org)

### **New Technologies SIG**

Provides club members a forum and experiences using the latest technologies.

Meetings: Third Wednesday of every month (Oct–May) 4:00–6:00 PM

March 19 Topic: Open Discussion

Place: Computer Club Classroom, Chaparral Center

Contact: Arnie Gelb, 544–4681 [NewTech@grandcomputers.org](mailto:NewTech@grandcomputers.org)

### **MAC SIG**

Provides club members a forum and classes on the MAC computer.

Meetings: Third Monday of every month (Oct–Apr) 5:00 PM

March 17 Topic: iChat and Mail

Place: Pima Room, Chaparral Center

Contact: Joyce Klonecz, 215–2397 [Mac@grandcomputers.org](mailto:Mac@grandcomputers.org)

### **Investment Education SIG**

Provides club members a forum for investment education.

Meetings: Second Friday of every month 1:00 PM

March 14 Topic: “Asset Allocation” by Cliff Jacobson

Place: Hopi Room, Chaparral Center

Contact: David Korts, 217–2065, Al Knoblock, 975–2222 [Investments@grandcomputers.org](mailto:Investments@grandcomputers.org)