

A Message from President Leon Chapman

Fall has arrived again. The weather in Surprise, AZ is starting to be more appealing to all of us.

**New hours for the Computer Club:
October 1 through April:
9:00 AM to 3:30 PM**

Please note these changes. The 3:30 PM closing will aid in the transition for our Mac classes in the open use room.

Our **Oktoberfest** Grand Computers Expo will be on Saturday, October 11, 2008, in our computer open use room and classroom. We will have overview briefings on the Grand Computer Club every hour and then have Mac demonstrations in the open use room and PC demonstrations in the classroom. If you have any ideas for demonstrations or would be willing to help during Oktoberfest, please contact Arnie Gelb, NewTech@grandcomputers.org or Joyce Kloncz, Mac@grandcomputers.org.

We will have our monthly **Computer Coffee Chat** on Oct 16th, from 8:30 - 10 AM in the Chaparral Center, Apache Room. An overview of the computer club will be presented at the beginning of the meeting. The primary focus of the meeting will be on "How to buy a Mac computer." After October, our Computer Coffee Chats will be on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 8:30-10 PM. These are free to everyone in SCG. Please try to attend and stump the experts with your computer problems.

Our Tech Director, Don Noteboom, has been very busy this summer installing and updating our software and hardware. All computers and monitors in the classroom are new and have been updated with MS Vista operating system and the latest versions of other software – thanks to our Tech Director and his assistants. Two new Macs have been purchased and installed in our open use room. Some of the Macs now have a dual boot capability with Vista or XP installed.

Early enrollment in our fall classes for "qualified club volunteers" is from 4:00 - 4:30 PM Friday, October 3rd in our classroom. Other members of the Grand

Membership Update October 2008

From the Membership Director, Gretel Coursol: As of Sept. 23, Grand Computers has 1018 members. 154 of those are Mac users. Even with our special half-year rate of \$10 for memberships beginning July 1, it has been a slow and quiet summer. With the state of our economy and pain at the pump, our computers have become an even more important part of our lives. Having the ability to stay in touch with friends and family is top priority. If you know anyone who does not yet have e-mail, please suggest they join the Club, then call me at 214-7999. We can open a new e-mail account for them absolutely free. If you are just returning, you may renew your membership now (through December 31, 2008) for \$10. In December, you may renew again at our regular rate of \$20 which will carry you through December 31, 2009. See how easy it is to log in, renew online and pay with PayPal.

Computers Club can enroll in our classes on Saturday morning, October 4th, 2008 from 9:00 - 11:30 AM in the Hopi, and Pima rooms, Chaparral Center, or by using the Internet. More detailed information on the classes and schedule can be found on our web site at:

<http://grandcomputers.org/Education.htm>

Classes are \$10 per class per 4 hours (two 2 hour sessions). Grand Computer Club membership is \$20 / year. We offer a 6 month membership from July 1 to December 31 for \$10. You must be a current member of our club to enroll and take our classes. After our October enrollment, the next class enrollment will be in January 2009.

We have modified our class offerings this fall, so check out the revisions and notice our new "Free Course" on mouse and keyboards. We have a wide variety of classes for digital cameras, scanning and editing of pictures for both the PC and Mac. We look forward to enrollment and the arrival of many of our Grand Computers members this fall.

Our Grand Computers October 1st monthly meeting in Cimarron at 1:00 PM will feature Cortney Read, LifeLock, who will be describing ways to protect against identify theft.

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 open use room and sign up. It is through our volunteers that we are able to keep the computer open use room open from 9 AM - 3:30 PM Monday-Friday.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We also are looking for volunteers for the following positions:

Cleaning of our computer rooms - 1 time / month
(Saturday)

Contact Don Exner at

Monitors@grandcomputers.org)

Education Registrar Assistant

Help Ray Hockstad with registrations

Contact Ray Hockstad at

VicePresident@grandcomputers.org

Instructors & Assistant Instructors

Contact Ken Raske at

Education@grandcomputers.org)

If you have an interest in any of these positions, send an e-mail to Leon Chapman.

President@grandcomputers.org

Leon Chapman

President, Grand Computer Club



EDUCATION UPDATE

Registration for the Fall Term 2008 begins at 9:00 AM on October 4. (Approved volunteers are able to register October 3 from 4:00-4:30). The schedule of classes and instructions for registration are available both on-line and at the Club.

New classes being for Fall Term include the following:

New for the novice:

Seminar: Introduction to Computing

New for Vista:

Vista, Levels 1 & 2

Seminar: How Word 07 differs from Word 03

MS Word 07, Levels 1 & 2

Care & Feeding Vista, Levels 1 & 2

New internet-based courses:

Important Financial Websites

Creating a Wiki

Grandparenting by Internet

Genealogy 3

New digital imagery courses

PC Scrapbooking, Level 2

Adobe Elements, Level 2

Other:

Holiday Labels & Letters

New Mac offerings:

Apple Mail & Address Book

Bento Database

iChat

Photoshop Elements 6.0

Print Shop 2.0

Almost all PC courses will be applicable for users of either XP or Vista operating systems; members can review course descriptions on-line. The Club is again offering FREE (to members) Intro to the Mouse/Keyboard for PC and Beginning Mac Skills for Mac users.

Improvements for registration include a more systematic scheduling of classes with two levels; trying to offer popular courses monthly; and leaving "openings" in the schedule to allow for adding high-demand or new courses.

Someone will be available at open registration to answer questions about courses; and assistance with registration will be available each afternoon Oct. 6-10 and Tuesday afternoons thereafter (2:00-3:30).

Improvements for instructors this year include on-line access to the Instructor Manual and to regular instructor newsletters; proposed bi-monthly meetings to discuss improvements to courses and instruction; improved projection systems in both Club rooms; a procedure for finding a substitute if needed; and abbreviating open-use access to allow better set-up time for Mac classes beginning at 3:30.

Any member who is interested in teaching is welcome to attend instructor meetings and/or to suggest new courses. (Contact Ken Raske or CJ Rainaldi for a copy describing the process for adding a new class.)

Any member who would like to assist in a course is also welcome to attend instructor meetings. (Contact Rita Skarbek to be added to the Assistant List.)

Ken Raske, Education Director
education@grandcomputers.org

Grand Computer Club Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, October 1 - 1:00 PM

Cimarron Center

LifeLock:

Identity Theft

[Cortney Read](#)

www.lifelock.com



The Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG) has scheduled a Region 9 conference for February 7-8 here in Phoenix at the University of Advancing Technology (UAT). The whole facility will be available for the conference to have workshops, seminars and vendor presentations.

Grand Computers is a member of APCUG. They are a national organization to facilitate communication among computer user groups, the community, and the technology industry. This should be a great opportunity for all members. More information later.

If anyone is interested, APCUG is looking for volunteers to serve on the organizing committee. Let Ray Hockstad know if you are interested, email: VicePresident@grandcomputers.org



Oktoberfest

Grand Computer Expo

Saturday, October 11, 2008

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Computer Open Use Room and Classroom.

Overview briefings on the GCC every hour

PC demonstrations in the classroom:

New Technologies Review, Genealogy, E-mail Etiquette, Mini-class Demos, HD video, WMVHD, Multimedia Demos, Jing

Mac demonstrations in the open use room:

Writing Family Newsletters, Comic Life & Preview Fun, Making Greeting Cards, Making Business Cards, Making a Photo Collage, Making a Scrapbook Page, Mac Maintenance, Photo Corrections

We encourage you to join us!

Cell Phones for Soldiers

The GCC under Joe Scanlon's leadership continues to collect cell phones for soldiers. Please bring your old cell phones to the Grand Computer Club during normal hours of 9 AM - 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

Thanks Joe, for your work and Sun City Grand residents for your cell phone donations!



MAC MANIA!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 - 9AM-4PM

COMPUTER CLUB OPEN SPACE ROOM

JOIN THE GRAND MAC SIG MAC MANIA! THIS ALL-DAY EVENT SHOWCASES APPLE SOFTWARE. YOU'RE INVITED TO COME FOR ALL SESSIONS OR COME FOR THOSE THAT INTEREST YOU. SESSIONS RUN 30 MINUTES WITH 15 MINUTES FOR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. THE TOPICS CHOSEN FOR THE EVENT INCLUDE:

9:00AM: LEOPARD: MANAGING MAC ACCOUNTS

10:00AM: APPLE ADDRESS BOOK

11:00AM: APPLE MAIL

12:00: IWORK: PAGES, KEYNOTE, NUMBERS

1:00PM: ITUNES

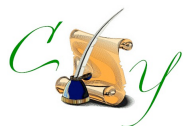
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3:00: IWEB



Special Interest Groups (GCC SIGs) Fall Schedules

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



Compose Yourself SIG

Provides club members a forum for writing about their family.

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

October 20 Topic: TBD

Place: Palo Verde Room
Sonoran Plaza (Oct–May)
Computer Club Classroom
Chaparral Center (June–Sept)
Contact: Jim Hale, 546–9711
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

October 2 Topic:

**DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Genealogy Preservation Project,
Presented by Fran Morris**

Place: Computer Club Classroom
Chaparral Center
Contact: Leon Chapman, 398–8900
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

October 15 Topic: TBD

Place: Computer Club Classroom
Chaparral Center

Contact: Arnie Gelb, 544–4681
NewTech@grandcomputers.org



GRAND MAC SIG

Provides club members a forum and classes on MAC computers.

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

**October 20 Topic:
Telephoning with Skype
by Art & Gale McCall**

Place: Pima Room, Chaparral Center
Contact: Joyce Klonecz, 215–2397
Mac@grandcomputers.org

Investment Education SIG

Provides club members a forum for investment education.

Meetings: Second and fourth Friday of every month 1:00 PM

October 24 Topic:

Important Investment Web Sites
Place: Hopi Room, Chaparral Center
Contact: David Korts, 217–2065
Investments@grandcomputers.org



Computer Coffee Chat

For All Sun City Grand Residents

Thursday – October 16: 8:30-10AM

Apache Room, Chaparral Center

“How to Buy a Mac”



Join members of the Computer Club in an informal get together over coffee, tea and nibbles to discuss the many uses of a computer in all of our homes. This month's topic will be **“How to Buy a Mac,”** presented by the Grand Macs SIG, the Grand Computer Club's Special Interest Group for Macs.

Have you ever wondered about the mystique of owning a Mac? Have you seen Apple's commercials and wondered if their claims of ease of use are true?

We will discuss the following strategies for buying a Mac computer:

1. What to buy, what you'll need, plus other interesting tidbits about owning a Mac, whether it's an iMac all-in-one or a laptop
2. How to set up your new Mac with lots of support for you
3. Leopard, the latest release of Mac OS X, which is loaded with features, i.e.
 - Safari - Apple's web browser
 - Mail & Address Book - Apple's easy-to-use email system
 - iCal - Apple's calendar program
 - Time Machine - Apple's backup system
 - iChat - Apple's video conferencing & instant messaging
 - Boot Camp - Apple's system for allowing you to run Windows on a Mac
4. Apple's built-in software, iLife, which includes iPhoto, iMovie, iDVD, iWeb
5. We'll also discuss support for learning about your Mac, from Grand Macs SIG classes, to one-to-one instruction from our own Mac SIG members, to Apple's 123 on-line tutorials, to “one-to-one” (personal training at the Apple Store)
6. Plus plenty of time for your questions

Grand Computers Coffee Chat
Thursday, October 16: 8:30-10 AM
Apache Room, Chaparral Center



GRAND COMPUTER CLUB

Class Schedules are on the website – www.grandcomputers.org
Or in the Grand Computer Club Open Space Room

CLASS REGISTRATION OPENS 9:00 AM October 4, 2008

Members register for classes in one of four ways:

1. Off-site, members may register on line by following the instructions on page 9 of this newsletter or on our website. This may be done ANY TIME after 9:00 AM on Saturday, October 4.
2. On-site, members may register at the Club between 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM on Saturday, October 4.
 - a. A schedule of classes is available online or at the Club.
 - b. Make your selections using the form online or at the Club.
 - c. Bring the registration form to the Club on Saturday morning, October 4.
 - d. Six-to-nine registrars will be available to help you register at the club. You may pay by Paypal, check or cash.
3. From Monday, October 6, to Friday, October 10, a SINGLE registrar will be available every afternoon to help members register for classes.
4. Throughout the rest of the class term, members may get personal help with registration on Tuesday afternoons from 2:00 to 3:30.

**Remember: On-line registration is always available
AFTER 9:00 am on October 4.**

**[Friday, October 3: Monitors, Instructors, Assistants & other Volunteers
May register at the Club 4:00-4:30]**



Fall 2008 GRAND COMPUTERS CLASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 4 – 9:00 – 11:30 AM – Member Class Registration

Friday, October 3-- 4:00-4:30 PM – Volunteers only Registration

Please print this form, fill it out (with class choices) and bring it to registration.

1. Choose at least 3 alternative dates for each class choice. Mark 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice.
2. Please fill in your name, CAM and phone # on lines provided. This helps expedite data entry.

Class Cost – 1 session: \$5; 2 sessions: \$10; 3 sessions: \$15; 4 sessions: \$20

Registration in class is FINAL. Changes are only made for bereavement, serious illness, and jury duty.

NAME _____ **Phone** _____

CAM Number _____

M=Monday, T=Tuesday, W=Wednesday, Th=Thursday, F=Friday, S=Saturday

<u>Name of Class</u>	<u>Date of Class</u>	<u>Time of Class</u>

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Instructions for On-line Registration

Off-site [from a location other than the Computer Club]

Follow the instructions on-line at www.grandcomputers.org

Registration opens at 9:00 AM on Saturday, October 4

Off-site registration requires payment by PayPal

On-site

Open-use computers at the Club may be used independently at any time.

Oct. 4: Register at the Club 9:00-11:30 AM with assistance from a registrar

Oct. 6-10: Register 12:30-3:30 PM with assistance from a registrar

Oct. 14 and Tuesdays thereafter: Assistance is available 2:00-3:30 PM

Members registering at the Club may use PayPal, check or cash.

You can register for classes using any computer with Internet access.

1. Click the [Member Login](#) button on the Home page.
2. Enter your user id and password.
3. Click on the "Register for classes" link.
4. Select the course you want to take from the list at the lower left. You may need to scroll down to find the course.
5. Read the list of prerequisite skills necessary for the class.
6. Select the class by date and time from the list of available classes. Only classes with open seats are listed.
7. Click the Regular or Laptop box (showing available seats, "0" means none available) to register for the class.
8. For additional courses, continue to scroll and click on those you want. The maximum you may register in is 5.
9. The list at the top of the page shows the classes you are enrolled in. You may need to scroll up to view the list.
10. If you want to change or cancel a class, simply click on the class you are enrolled in to automatically withdraw from it.
11. When you have registered for all classes you want, click the "View Invoice" button.
12. Verify the classes are correct print your invoice.
13. You may pay with PayPal (you do have to belong) or by check or cash at the club room. By PayPal, click the "Pay using PayPal" button and follow the PayPal instructions. Print or save a copy of your PayPal invoice and click the "Return to Merchant".
14. To pay for your classes at the club room click "Done" and do that.

Your seat in the class will not be guaranteed until you pay for it. PayPal lets you pay immediately which will guarantee your seat. If you choose not to pay using PayPal, come to the club room as soon as possible and make your payment to the monitor (bring your invoice number or a copy of the invoice).

*** You can register for a laptop seat if you have a laptop and are willing to bring it to the class. Your laptop must have all necessary software installed on it.**